

**MINUTES
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Ricco, Alita Bagley and Eva-Jean Dalton.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Chief of Police Claudine O'Carroll, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, CVB Director Ed Caum, Planning Director Aaron Hanley, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Public Information Officer Angelique Soto and City Secretary Susan Manning.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McNulty led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- A. PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF THE TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TEHA) AWARD RECIPIENT**

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

- A. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2020 REGULAR MEETING. (MANNING)**
- B. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 146187 through 146361 and EFT payments totaling \$898,251.20.

- C. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02 FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HIGHWAY 100 FOR THE SPI FITREC 5K COLOR RUN ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS**

- E. APPROVE THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-03 THAT UPDATES THE MASTER FLOOD HAZARD PREVENTION ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP). (SANCHEZ)**

A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Ordinance No. 20-01, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- VI. PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2018/2019 TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) ANNUAL REPORT. (HANLEY)**

After a brief presentation by Planning Director Aaron Hanley on the 2018/2019 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Annual Report, Council Member Bagley made a motion to accept and approve the report. Motion was seconded by Council Member Schwartz, which passed unanimously.

- VII. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE SUBMITTED BY JOHNSON CONSULTING. (RICCO/CAUM)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion to form an adhoc committee to review the information of the Johnson Study, the committee's primary responsibility is to report back to the Council the recommendations on design and manageable amenities for the potential project within the next 60 days. The committee be made up of the following members CVBA Chairman Daniel Salazar, Full Service Operator Nitin Kasan, Limited Service Operators Billy Shrank and Pam Romer, VRM Operator Bryan Pinkerton, CVB Director Ed Caum, Convention Centre Maintenance Manager Joey Rodriguez, County Parks Director Joe Vega, City Manager Randy Smith, Council Member Joe Ricco and Mayor Patrick McNulty. Council Member Kerry Schwartz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- VIII. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC. TO DEVELOP THE WIND AND WATER SPORTS PARK. (RICCO/SMITH/BOBURKA)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bagley to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Hanson Professional Services to develop the Wind and Water Sports Park. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

- IX. UPDATE REGARDING THE JOHN L. TOMPKINS SKATE PARK ADDITION. (SCHWARTZ/RICCO)**

Planning Director Aaron Hanley gave a brief update on the John L. Tompkins skate park addition stating that New Line Skate Parks is in the process of designing the skate park and looking to receive some preliminary concepts by the end of February.

- X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUBMIT THE BASE DESIGN OF JOHN L. TOMPKINS PARK WITHOUT THE SKATE PARK COMPONENT TO**

ENTRANCE OF THE CITY AND SPECIFY WHICH SIGN DESIGN TO MOVE FORWARD WITH. (MCNULTY)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders, to move forward with a welcome sign at the entrance of the City to read: Welcome to South Padre Island. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PADRE BOULEVARD BEAUTIFICATION AND ENHANCEMENT. (RICCO/MCNULTY)

Council Member Ricco made a motion to direct the City Manager to direct staff to come up with a list of potential locations for the decorative shade systems and renderings for each location and collaborate with the Public Works Department to come up with cost cutting measures for this project, establish a unit cost to installed by vendor and/or cost to have staff install them. Motion was seconded by Council Member Bagley, which passed on a unanimous vote.

XIII. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER. (RICCO/HUFFMAN)

After an update from Parks & Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman and some discussion, Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bagley to approve a budget amendment in the amount up to \$5,000 for a surround sound system, additional sound panels, refrigerator, table replacements and art feature to enhance the community center for the residents. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ASSIGN TWO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RANK ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) THAT WAS RELEASED ON DECEMBER 17, 2019. (DELGADO)

Council Member Bagley made a motion to assign Council Members Joe Ricco and Eva-Jean Dalton to serve on the Comprehensive Compensation Plan review committee to rank received and submitted Request for Proposals for professional services. Motion was seconded by Council Member Medders, which passed on a unanimous vote.

XV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CURRENT CONTRACT WITH FOCUSED ADVOCACY GROUP FOR LEGISLATIVE GUIDANCE AND CONSULTATION SERVICES. (RICCO/DALTON)

Council Member Dalton made a motion to terminate contract with Focused Advocacy Group and research other options. Council Member Medders seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-02 ESTABLISHING A ONE-WAY STREET ON EAST SUNSET TEMPORARILY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020. (SMITH)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 20-02 establishing a one-way street on East Sunset

XVIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS OF A CITY SECRETARY AND BRING RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL AT A FUTURE DATE. (MCNULTY)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to authorize the City Manager to move forward in the recruitment process of a City Secretary to replace the current City Secretary who is retiring effective March 31, 2020. Motion passed on a 5 to 1 vote with Council Member Ricco casting an opposing vote.

XIX. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071(2), TEXAS GOV'T CODE, TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE PERTAINING TO FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10-31(C)(2) OF THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES AND RELATED LEGAL MATTERS.

B. ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071(1) TEXAS GOV'T CODE PERTAINING TO PENDING LITIGATION STYLED AND NUMBERED, SURFVIVE, ANUBIS AVALOS, AND ADONAI RAMSES AVALOS VS. CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND; CAUSE NO. 2019-DCL-01284 (138TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS), AND RELATED LEGAL MATTERS.

At 7:02 p.m., Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:21 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

XX. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Susan M. Manning
 Susan M. Manning, City Secretary

APPROVED

Patrick McNulty
 Patrick McNulty, Mayor

