

# ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



## STAY IN THE KNOW

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Emergency preparation supplies are sales tax free from April 23-25. For a complete list of qualifying items, [click here](#).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Wednesday • April 27**

9 AM · Convention & Visitors Advisory Board

View upcoming meetings, live stream meetings in session, and watch archived meetings [here](#).

### EVENTS

#### Earth Day Beach Clean Up

**When:** Friday, April 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM

**Where:** End of the road on South Padre Island

[Click here](#) for event details.

#### Spring Migration Celebration

**When:** Saturday & Sunday, April 23-24

**Where:** SPI Birding & Nature Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

#### Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event

**When:** Saturday April 23 from 8 AM to 12 PM

**Where:** SPI Community Center

[Click here](#) for event details.

To see more events happening on SPI, click [here](#)!

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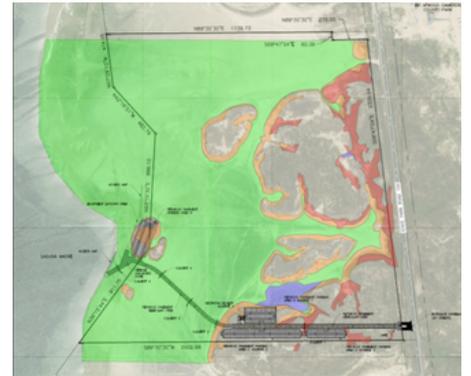
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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 20th. The meeting began with a presentation from Shoreline Director, Kristina Boburka, regarding updates on the Wind and Water Sports Park. As of today, the City and its partners are working on an updated design based off feedback from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The project has faced many obstacles along the way but the City continues to work diligently with its partners to bring this project to fruition.

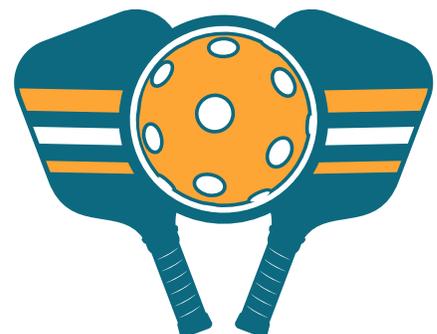


Wind & Water Sports Park site location.

From the Regular Agenda:

- Johnson Consulting presented an updated feasibility study on the Convention Centre Expansion Project which included designs, recommendations and future projections. Council voted to proceed with an RFQ (request for quotes) on the project.
- CFO Rodrigo Gimenez presented the City's Mid-Year Budget Review with highlights including:
  - Growing cash and investment balances.
  - Building permits doubled, resulting in a significant increase in license and permit revenue.
  - 16% increase in Sales and Hotel Tax revenue in comparison to the previous fiscal year.
- Council approved the design, construction phases, and budget amendment for the development of a Pickleball Court. Construction is estimated to begin this summer with majority of the work done in-house by the Public Works Department.

To watch this Council Meeting online, view the Agenda, and more, click or scan the QR code.



# YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Early Voting for the Cameron County Special and General Election begins on Monday, April 25th and will run until Tuesday, May 3rd. Election Day is on Saturday, May 7th.

SPI City Hall will be a polling location for Early Voting and on Election Day for those registered in Cameron County Precinct 52. For more information, and to find a polling location near you, [click here](#).



# CHOIR VISITS CITY HALL

Tomball Memorial High School Choir stopped by City Hall for a surprise visit today, April 22. The talented group of students performed for our public safety officials and City staff.

Thank you to Tomball Memorial for stopping by and putting on such a great performance for everyone here in City Hall to enjoy!



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# PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Houdini, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! Houdini was found on the Island and brought to FOAR where she was fully vetted and socialized by staff. She's the cutest lap cat around and enjoys nothing more than cuddling while having her head scratched. If interested in adopting (or fostering!), fill out an application [here](#).

Reminder: If you come across an animal needing assistance, please call FOAR's 24/7 hotline at (956) 772-1171.



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# JOIN TEAM SPI

The City of South Padre Island is hiring! We offer great benefits like medical, vision and dental covered 100% by the City, competitive pay, Texas Municipal Retirement System 2-to-1 match, plus more. [Apply](#) to become a part of our extraordinary team today!

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Mechanic/Fleet Foreman: Full-Time
- Police Officer: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Code Enforcement: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Shoreline Maintenance: Part-Time
- Firefighter/Paramedic: Full-Time & Part-Time

More positions and information available [here](#).