

ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



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ELECTION DAY

Cameron County will have a polling location in City Hall for the Primary Runoff Elections.

- Tuesday, May 24
- 7 AM to 7 PM
- SPI City Hall

To find a polling location near you, [click here](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday • May 25

9 AM · Convention & Visitors Advisory Board

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

EVENTS

Painting Workshop

When: Saturday, May 21 from 10 AM to noon.

Where: Art Business Incubator [Click here](#) for event details.

Laguna Madre Water District Groundbreaking Ceremony

When: Tuesday, May 24 at 9 AM

Where: 197 Woody's Lane, Port Isabel, TX

Call (956) 943 2626 for details.

Pre-Summer Contacts & Cocktails

When: Tuesday, May 24 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Where: SPI Chamber of Commerce

[Click here](#) for event details.

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

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Council Members and Public Works Department for the National Public Works Week Proclamation.

This week's regular City Council Meeting was cancelled and a Special Council Meeting was held today, Friday May 20.

After Public Comments, Mayor McNulty made a Proclamation in honor of National Public Works Week. The City's infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of our Public Works (PW) Department. Their work is of vital importance to our community and for public health. Thanks PW!

From the Regular Agenda:

- City staff shared that since the last Council meeting, there has been 163 new and renewed permits regarding short-term rentals.
- Resolution No. 2022-06 was approved to appoint Rigoberto Flores for the Municipal Court Judge 2 position.
- Items 6.4 & 6.5 were both approved, allowing the Whitecap Circle Beach Access Improvements project to begin soon.



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

VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

Did you know that just 1 donation can save up to 3 lives?

Date: Thursday, July 7th

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: SPI Community Center

Register to donate [here](#).



CITY SPOTLIGHT

In the Spotlight this week is the City's Public Works Director, C. Alejandro Sanchez, P.E., CFM! Alex was born in Brownsville, Texas and raised in Matamoros, Mexico. His passion for planning and construction began at an early age as he learned to farm and work on construction projects alongside his father.

Alex followed that passion as he attended the University of Texas—San Antonio while simultaneously working at the Lackland Air Force Base. After graduating in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, he began his career with Mejia and Rose Inc. in Brownsville, and later taking a position with Cameron County as the Assistant Staff Engineer.

Finally, in 2016, Alex made the exciting decision to join Team SPI as the City's Public Works Director! He's been an excellent leader for the Public Works (PW) team, always working to solve problems and charting ways to improve the infrastructure on the Island. In 2020, he also took on the role of City Planner, working with contractors and developers for future projects. Alex's background and experience in Civil Engineering is a huge asset for the City and our community. His designs in projects such as the Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction, Phase 1 & 2 of the Tompkins Park improvements, and side street improvements (*to name just a few*), have saved hundreds of thousands in taxpayer funds.

Currently, Alex and the PW team are working on many projects around the Island while maintaining the City's streets, buildings, and more. PW is proud to serve the community in so many different capacities and looks forward to being a part of future developments and improvements on SPI.

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

- Deputy Court Clerk: Part-Time
- Code Enforcement Officer: Part-Time
- Beach Rescue Technician: Seasonal/Part-Time
- Police Officer: Full-Time
- Mechanic/Fleet Foreman: Full-Time
- Maintenance: Full-Time & Seasonal/Part-Time

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

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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Maple, our Pet of the Week from Friends of Animal Rescue! She's a 1-2 year old German Shepard/Golden Retriever Mix, with a smart and loving personality to prove it. Her hobbies include cuddling, fetch, and walks on the beach. She's crate trained and gets along great with other dogs. If Maple sounds like the one for you, fill out an application to adopt her [here](#)!

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

