

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Special City Council Meeting on Friday, December 20, 2024 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Joe Ricco, Ken Medders, Rees Langston, Lisa Graves, and Kerry Schwartz.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, CVB Executive Director Blake Henry, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman, Assistant Finance Director Maria Herrera, Police Captain Juan Herrera, Fire EMS Lieutenant Emilio Hinojosa, Public Information Coordinator Karin Spinks, Administration Coordinator Hilda Delgado, Accountant I Angelica Barrera, and City Secretary Angelique Soto.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McNulty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Public comments were given at this time

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HANCE SCARBOROUGH LLP. TO PROVIDE LOBBYING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND FOR THE 2025 TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (COUNCIL)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Hance Scarborough LLP. To provide lobbying services to the City of South Padre Island for the 2025 Texas Legislative Session. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PRIORITIZE THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (MCNULTY)

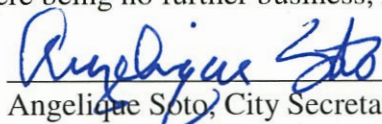
Louie Sanchez from Hance Scarborough LLP. presented the City's priorities for the Legislative Session agenda.

Priorities include: Convention Center Expansion – Hotel rebate connection, gambling, Venue Tax Items (Ecological Projects – Marina, Aquarium), Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction, Death Star Bill, Second Causeway, Property Tax, Lobbying by Texas Cities, Short Term Rentals.

The firm will actively monitor for any unanticipated bills that may affect the City of South Padre Island.

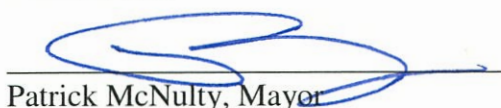
5. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 11:27 p.m.



Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED



Patrick McNulty, Mayor

