

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2 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 Joe Ricco, Ken Medders, Jr., and Kerry Schwartz.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, CVB Director Blake Henry, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Police Chief Claudine O'Carroll, Administration Coordinator Hilda Delgado, and City Secretary Angelique Soto.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE**

Mayor McNulty led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

**4. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through 4.8. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.1. UPDATE REGARDING THE COMPARISON OF NOVEMBER 2022 TO NOVEMBER 2023 BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY. (MEDDERS)**
- 4.2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS. (GIMENEZ)**
- 4.3. APPROVE THE ASHBRIIT SECOND AMENDMENT TO PRE-EVENT DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES CONTRACT. (PIGG)**
- 4.4. APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-26 RENEWING INVESTING ADVISORY SERVICES CONTRACT. (GIMENEZ)**
- 4.5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 27 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HWY 100 FOR THE USBP CENTENNIAL RUN, JANUARY 14, 2024. (HUFFMAN)**

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2023-27 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- 4.6. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)**
- 4.7. APPROVAL OF AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER REES LANGSTON FROM THE DECEMBER 20, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (LANGSTON)**
- 4.8. APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 23-14 GRANTING AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (AEP TEXAS INC.) ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE LINE AND APPURTENANCES AND APPLIANCES FOR CONDUCTING ELECTRICITY IN, OVER, UNDER, AND THROUGH THE STREETS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS. (MCNULTY)**



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A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Ordinance No. 23-14 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

**5.REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW LADDER TRUCK FOR THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT. (PIGG)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve a letter of commitment, not to exceed \$2.3 Million and with financing to come after the City receives the new ladder truck. Motion passed unanimously.

**5.2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CAMERON COUNTY'S BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW GRANT PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE 47 ACRES OF LAND ON THE LAGUNA MADRE. (RICCO)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve a letter of support for Cameron County BiPartisan Infrastructure Law Grant proposal to purchase 47 acres of Land on the Laguna Madre. Motion passes unanimously.

**5.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM FORFEITURE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,712 TO PURCHASE BULLETPROOF VEST ACCESSORIES. (O'CARROLL)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve a budget amendment from Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$6,712 to purchase bulletproof vest accessories. Motion passes unanimously.

**5.4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. (DELGADO)**

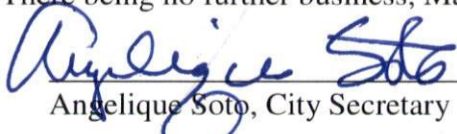
Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve revisions to the City of South Padre Island Employee Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.

**5.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTING WITH THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION FOR ELECTION SERVICES, NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000 AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE FEBRUARY 3, 2024 SPECIAL ELECTION. (SOTO)**

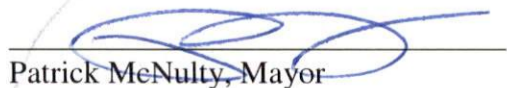
Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve contracting with the Cameron County Elections Administration for Election Services, not to exceed \$17,000 and equipment needed for the February 3, 2024 Special Elections. Motion passes unanimously.

**6.ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

  
Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED

  
Patrick McNulty, Mayor

