

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2 Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Joe Ricco, Ken Medders, Kerry Schwartz, and Rees Langston.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Police Chief Claudine O'Carroll, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, CVB Director Blake Henry, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, Public Information Coordinator Karin Spinks, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, CVB Director Blake Henry, 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 Langston made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through 4.6. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.1. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,766.16 FOR CHANGE ORDER #1 PW02-2023 SIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I. (SANCHEZ)**
- 4.2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM GENERAL FUND EXCESS RESERVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FOR CAUSEWAY LIGHTING - AUSTIN TRAFFIC REIMBURSEMENT. (SANCHEZ)**
- 4.3. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 24, 2024 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)**
- 4.4. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**
- 4.5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HWY 100 AND A PORTION OF THE QUEEN ISABELLA MEMORIAL BRIDGE FOR THE 40TH ANNUAL LONGEST CAUSEWAY RUN AND FITNESS WALK, APRIL 13, 2024. (HUFFMAN)**
- 4.6. APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,695.14 TO REPLACE OBSOLETE AND OUTDATED EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONRY. (O'CARROLL)**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

- 5.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SPACEX LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LAND EXCHANGE PROPOSAL - CAMERON COUNTY. (MCNULTY)**

This item was pulled.

**5.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 24-01 TO INCLUDE SECTION 18-19.2-1 IN CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING: OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PARKING AREAS. (MCNULTY)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve the first reading of Ordinance 24-01 to include Section 18-19.2-1 in Chapter 18 of the City of South Padre Island Code of Ordinances regarding Overnight Parking Prohibited in Public Areas where City Council approved signage indicates that such parking is prohibited from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**5.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DISMISSAL OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX PENALTIES AND INTEREST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,378.96 REQUESTED BY SOUTH PADRE ISLAND INN. (GIMENEZ)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to deny the dismissal of Hotel Occupancy Tax penalties and interest in the amount of \$1,378.96 requested by South Padre Island Inn and staff to offer a payment plan. Motion passed unanimously.

**5.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NOISE COMPLAINTS AT 2600 GULF BOULEVARD AND STAFF REPORT PERTAINING TO THE DRAFT APPROVAL OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES. (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve a budget amendment up to \$2,000 for the purchase of 5 Reed R8050 sound meters and calibrators or similar brand for the Police Department. Motion passed unanimously.

**5.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, SECTION 15-6 SIGN TYPE PERMITTED, (F) POLITICAL SIGNS OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE TIMEFRAME PERMITTED. (SCHWARTZ)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to amend Chapter 15, Section 15-6 Sign Type permitted, (F) Political Signs of the City Code of Ordinances to include a timeframe permitted of 60 days before the election date and 10 days after the elections, City Attorney to review a removal and penalty process to be included.

**5.6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BEST QUALIFIED FIRM FOR PHASE II SIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THE BID SELECTED. (SANCHEZ)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rees to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with RBM, the best qualified firm for Phase II Side Street Improvements and approve a budget amendment in the amount of the bid selected. Motion passed unanimously.

**5.7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO HELP PREVENT AND REDUCE BORDER-RELATED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. (O'CARROLL)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve Resolution No. 2024-02 for a submission of a grant application Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor to help prevent and reduce border-related criminal activity. Motion passed unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Res. No. 2024-02 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

**5.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 FOR A SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR OPERATION STONE GARDEN TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO HELP PREVENT AND REDUCE BORDER-RELATED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. (O'CARROLL)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve Resolution No. 2024-02A for a submission of a grant application for Operation Stone Garden to the Office of the Governor to help prevent and reduce border-related criminal activity. Motion passed unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Res. No. 2024-02A and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

**5.9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,400 FROM FUND 60 FOR WORK RELATED TO THE TOMPKINS CHANNEL MAINTENANCE DREDGING. (BOBURKA)**

This item was pulled.

**5.10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 APPOINTING ONE EX-OFFICIO MEMBER TO THE EDC. (MCNULTY)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve Resolution 2024-03 appointing Council Member Rees Langston as the Ex-Officio Member to the EDC. Motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote with Council Member Langston abstaining.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Res. No. 2024-03 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

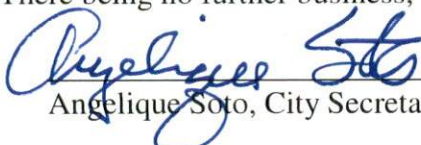
**5.11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO VACANCIES CREATED BY EXPIRING TERMS AND RESIGNATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING: (CITY COUNCIL)**  
**A. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS**  
**B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mayor McNulty announced the following appointments:

- A. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS
  - Chris Huffman
- B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
  - Thomas Bainter
  - Will Everett
  - Blake Henry

**6.ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

  
 Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED

  
 Patrick McNulty, Mayor

