

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

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 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, July 11, 2024 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, Ken Medders, Kerry Schwartz, Joe Ricco, Rees Langston, and Lisa Graves.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Police Chief Claudine O'Carroll, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Parks and Recreation Managers Debbie Huffman, CVB Director Blake Henry, Director of Sales Harmony Heard, EHS Director Victor Baldovinos, 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. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

**4.1. PROCLAMATION: JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH. (HUFFMAN)**

**5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Langston made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.1. Motion passed unanimously.

**5.1. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 19, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)**

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

**6.1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2024-25 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. (LAPEYRE)**

This item was pulled.

**6.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 PW02-2023 SIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,601.35 AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN SAME AMOUNT. (SANCHEZ)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve Change Order #2 PW02-2023 Side Street Improvements Phase I in the amount of \$53,601.35 and approve budget amendment in the same amount. Motion passed unanimously.

**6.3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADHOC COMMITTEE. (CITY COUNCIL).**



Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Graves to approve the draft of Chapter 25 of the City of South Padre Island Code of Ordinances as recommended by the Adhoc Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

**6.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-04 REMOVING THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION RATE LIMIT REGARDING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED CITY CONTRIBUTION RATES MOVING FORWARD. (DELGADO/GIMENEZ)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-04 removing the statutory maximum contribution rate limit regarding the Texas Municipal Retirement System and authorizing actuarially determined city contribution rates moving forward. Motion passed unanimously.

**6.5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A CYBER LIABILITY AND DATA BREACH RESPONSE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL. (GIMENEZ/DELGADO)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to enter into a Cyber Liability and Data Breach Response Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Motion passed unanimously.

**6.6. PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOR A LOCAL PARK GRANT FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF WATER TOWER PARK. (HUFFMAN)**

Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman described the proposed enhancements at the Water Tower Park, through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Parks Grant. Applications are due in August and announcements of recipients to be named in January 2025.

At 5:53 p.m., Mayor McNulty opened the Public Hearing.

Camille Feldner asked if the swing structure is still in good shape and if the swings would be replaced. Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman confirmed that yes, the swings would be replaced.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Mayor McNulty closed the Public Hearing at 5:57 p.m.

**6.7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF WATER TOWER PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID APPLICATION. (HUFFMAN)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council member Langston approve Resolution No. 2024-16 authorizing an application for Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program for the Revitalization for Water Tower Park and authorizing the City Manager to execute said application. Motion passed unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2024-16, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.



**6.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE THE CITY MANAGER ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HIGHEST QUALIFIED FIRM FOR THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CVB WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT AND REDESIGN. (HENRY)**

Council Member Langston made a motion, seconded by Council Member Graves to approve the City Manager to enter into a contract with Simpleview, the highest qualified firm for the South Padre Island CVB website redevelopment and redesign. Motion passed 5 to 1 with Council Member Medders casting a nay vote.

**6.9. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTING THE VISIT SOUTH PADRE ISLAND'S MAY 2024 TOURISM ECONOMIC IMPACT. (HENRY)**

Director of Sales Harmony Heard shared sales metrics for May 2024.

**6.10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MOBILE FOOD UNITS IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-13 AND COMPLIANCE. (MCNULTY, BALDOVINOS)**

Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos updated the City Council that as of June 1, 2024 written warnings were issued for 36 violations, and as of July 3, 2024 there were 2 violations from one food truck and will not open until compliance is met.

**6.11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE SIDDONS-MARTIN PROPOSAL AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 FIRE APPARATUS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT. (PIGG)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to accept the Siddons-Martin proposal and maintenance agreement for the purchase of 2 fire apparatus and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract. Motion passed unanimously.

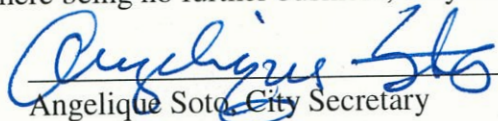
**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**7.1. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOV'T CODE, 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS WITH THE CLORE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. (CITY COUNCIL)**


Executive Session was NOT held.

**8. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

  
Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED

  
Patrick McNulty, Mayor

