

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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, December 4, 2024 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd 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 Ken Medders, Rees Langston, Lisa Graves, and Kerry Schwartz (arriving at 5:32 p.m.)

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. INSTALLATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL:

3.1. NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE 3 - JOE RICCO

Municipal Judge Edmond K. Cyganiewicz administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Council Member Joe Ricco. Council Member Ricco took his seat on the dais.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Public comments were given at this time

5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor announced that Consent Agenda Item 5.8 would be pulled.

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.7, and 5.9. Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.1. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL "OUR TEXAS OUR FUTURE" GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,210.00. (BALDOVINOS)**
- 5.2. APPROVE PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST FOR HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX INCLUDING PENALTIES AND APPLICABLE INTEREST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,438.40 DUE FROM BEATRIZ & EDGAR MONITA. (GIMENEZ)**
- 5.3. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ROLL OVER FUNDING IN FY 2024-25 FOR OUTSTANDING BALANCES ON CURRENT PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS, ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.(SANCHEZ)**
- 5.4. APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY 500.22 SALES COMMISSION PAY. (DELGADO)**
- 5.5. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32 TO DELCARE VARIOUS ASSETS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE**

OF SUCH PROPERTY IN A MANNER THAT IS BENEFICIAL TO THE CITY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIXED ASSETS POLICY. (O'CARROLL)

A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2024-34 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- 5.6. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**
- 5.7. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2024 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)**
- 5.8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH DECKARD TECHNOLOGIES FOR SHORT TERM RENTAL REGISTRATION AND MONITORING. (GIMENEZ)**

This item was pulled.

- 5.9. APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER JOE RICCO FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2024, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (RICCO)**

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- 6.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MERGE THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS REVIEW TASK FORCE WITH THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. (MCNULTY)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to merge the Development Standards Review Task Force with the Planning & Zoning Commission and increase the number of committee members to eight, allowing an extra week for any Development Standards Review Task Force members to apply to be on Planning and Zoning, and that appointments would be based upon attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 24-10 MERGING THE DESIGN STANDARDS REVIEW TASK FORCE WITH THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BY ADDING TWO MEMBERS FROM THE DESIGN STANDARDS REVIEW TASK FORCE TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, AND ALLOWING FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR TO SIT ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION IF REGULAR MEMBERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. (RICCO)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, Council Member Langston made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-10 merging the Design Standards Review Task Force with the Planning and Zoning Commission by adding one member from the Design Standards Review Task Force to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and allowing City Council Members, appointed by the Mayor to sit on the Planning and Zoning Commission if regular members are not available. Motion passed unanimously.

**6.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED VENUE TAX PROJECTS BY THE SPECIAL PROJECTS ADHOC COMMITTEE.
(SPECIAL PROJECTS ADHOC COMMITTEE CHAIR BAHARAT R. PATEL)**

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Mayor McNulty to support the Special Projects AdHoc Committee forward with the research, feasibility, and potential funding allocation on the following potential projects. Motion passed unanimously.

- Aquarium
- Deep Water Marina
- Causeway Lighting
- SpaceX Viewing Area

7.ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.


Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED


Patrick McNulty, Mayor

