

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 18, 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 Joe Ricco, Ken Medders, Lisa Graves, and Kerry Schwartz.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Police Chief Claudine O’Carroll, Human Resources Director Wendy Saldaña, Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman, Public Information Coordinator Karin Spinks, Administration Coordinator Hilda Delgado, 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. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through 4.6. Motion passed unanimously.

4.1. UPDATE REGARDING THE COMPARISON OF NOVEMBER 2023 TO NOVEMBER 2024 BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY. (MEDDERS)

4.2. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)

4.3. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HWY 100 FOR THE CAUSEWAY DOUBLE CROSS, FEBRUARY 22, 2025. (HUFFMAN)

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City’s Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2024-33 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

4.4. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

4.5. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$40,000.00 FROM THE FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS TO PURCHASE FOUR MOTOROLA M500 ICV SYSTEMS AND ONE MENTALIX LSCAN 500 PALM CAPTURE LIVE SCANNER. (O’CARROLL)

4.6. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO PAY FOR AN UPGRADE TO THE BAMBOO HRIS FROM THE ADVANTAGE PACKAGE TO THE PRO PACKAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00. (SALDANA)

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CITY STAFF TO WORK ON AND SUBMIT A FORMAL REQUEST TO TXDOT FOR PARKS WAYFINDING SIGNAGE OR THE WAYFINDING MASTER PLAN. (DELGADO)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve option 3, approving staff to work toward submitting the complete wayfinding program to TxDOT for consideration with six (6) northbound signs. Motion passed unanimously.

5.2. PRESENTATION OF THE NOVEMBER CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. (SMITH)

1. FINANCE
2. FIRE
3. POLICE
4. PUBLIC WORKS
5. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
6. BUILDING
7. HUMAN RESOURCES
8. MUNICIPAL COURT
9. CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
10. TRANSIT
11. PARKS AND RECREATION
12. CVB
13. SHORELINE

The department's highlights and updates were briefing discussed for the month of November 2024.

5.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND AND FINAL READING ORDINANCE NO. 24-10 MERGING THE DESIGN STANDARDS REVIEW TASK FORCE WITH THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BY ADDING ONE 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, seconded by Council Member Graves to approve the second and final 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 for City Council Members appointed by the Mayor to sit on the Planning and Zoning Commission if regular members are not available. Motion passed unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Ordinance No. 24-10 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

5.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. (COUNCIL)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Graves approving and adopting the amended Rules and Procedure for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

5.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCREASING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO EIGHT MEMBERS AND APPOINTING ONE NEW MEMBER WHO HAD SERVED ON THE DESIGN STANDARDS REVIEW TASK FORCE TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. (COUNCIL)

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Graves to approve increasing the Planning and Zoning Commission to eight (8) members and appointing Barbara Hayes, who had served on the Design Standards Review Task Force, to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

5.6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO VACANCIES CREATED BY EXPIRING TERMS AND RESIGNATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING: (COUNCIL)

- 1. CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD**
- 2. PARKS AND KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE**
- 3. SHORELINE TASKFORCE**
- 4. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz which carried on a unanimous vote to approve the following to fill expired and unexpired terms to the City's boards, committees, task force, and committees.

1. CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD

2-Year Term Ending Dec. 2026

- Bob Friedman – Entertainment
- Bryan Pinkerton – Hotel/Motel
- Sean Till – Technical Industry
- Barry Patel – Hotel/Motel

2. PARKS AND KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL

2-Year Term Ending Dec. 2026

- Javier Gonzalez
- Kathryn B. Willingham
- Susan Francis
- Travis Kayser

3. SHORELINE TASK FORCE

2-Year Term Ending Dec. 2026

- Abbie Mahan
- Michael Sularz
- Stormy Wall
- Chuck Fox

4. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

2-Year Term Ending Dec. 2026

- Christian Hasbun
- Bella Hernandez

5.7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH DECKARD TECHNOLOGIES FOR SHORT TERM RENTAL REGISTRATION AND MONITORING AND DETERMINE IF THE CITY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WITH THE SERVICES OF THE STR CALL CENTER. (GIMENEZ)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Graves to renew the contract with Deckard Technologies for short term rental registration without the short term rental call center. Motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote with Council Member Medders casting a nay vote.

5.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34 FOR THE 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. 2024-34 for the 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 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.

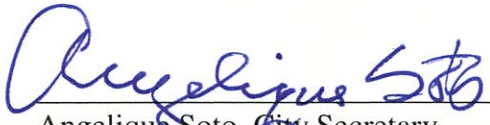
5.9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT A MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR THE TERM TO BEGIN DECEMBER 18, 2024 AND WILL CONTINUE FOR ONE YEAR OR UNTIL SUPERSEDED BY NEW CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-35. (COUNCIL)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to appoint Council Member Rees Langston as Mayor Pro-Tem for the term to begin December 18, 2024 and will continue for one year or until superseded by new city council appointment and approve Resolution No. 2024-35. Motion passed unanimously.


A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2024-35 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

6.ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.


Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED


Patrick McNulty, Mayor

