

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Rees Langston, Lisa Graves, Joe Ricco, and Kerry Schwartz.

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. LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT SEAWATER DESALINATION TREATMENT FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PRESENTATION.

4.2. 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**

5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor announced that Consent Agenda Item 5.4 would be pulled into regular discussion.

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.7. Motion passed unanimously.

5.1. APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER REES LANGSTON FROM THE DECEMBER 18, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (LANGSTON)

5.2. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01 RENEWING INVESTING ADVISORY SERVICES CONTRACT. (GIMENEZ)

5.3. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM GENERAL FUND EXCESS RESERVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,554.67 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN 18,000-LB. 4-POST LIFT IN THE FLEET MAINTENANCE SHOP. (LEMONS)

5.4. APPROVE PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST FOR HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX INCLUDING PENALTIES AND APPLICABLE INTEREST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,132.97 DUE FROM ELIZABETH GUTIERREZ ORGANIZATION, LLC. (GIMENEZ)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Graves to approve of a payment plan request for Hotel Occupancy Tax including penalties and applicable interest in the amount of \$16,132.97 due from Elizabeth Gutierrez organization. LLC. Motion passed on a 5 to 1 vote with Council Member Medders casting a nay vote.

- 5.5. **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND THE DECEMBER 20, 2024 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)**
- 5.6. **APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM GENERAL FUND EXCESS RESERVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO EXECUTE THE HANCE SCARBOROUGH, LLP CONTRACT FOR LOBBYING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE. (SMITH)**
- 5.7. **APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$29,434.31 FROM THE FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS TO PURCHASE AN ALERRT LEVEL 1 HALF TRAINING KIT CASE. (O'CARROLL)**

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- 6.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RESCHEDULE THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO FEBRUARY 18, 2025. (SOTO)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve rescheduling the February 19, 2025 Regular City Council meeting to February 18, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW AND POSSIBLY DESIGNATE AN AREA FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND ARTS DISTRICT AT STILLMAN'S LANDING, BEING LOTS 1, 4 & 5 BLOCK 27, LOTS 1-9, 12, & 14-19 BLOCK 28, LOT 1 BLOCKS 31 & 36, LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK 31, LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 32, PADRE BEACH SUBDIVISION SECTION III, AND LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 35, LOT 6 BLOCK 36, LOTS 1-3 & 6-12 BLOCK 39, LOT 1 BLOCK 1 SULARZ GARDEN SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1 & 3 BLOCK 40, LOTS 1-6, 31, & 32 BLOCK 42, LOTS 1-6, 8, & 9 BLOCK 43 PADRE BEACH SUBDIVISION SECTION IV. (SANCHEZ)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to designate an area for an Entertainment And Arts District At Stillman's Landing, Being Lots 1, 4 & 5 Block 27, Lots 1-9, 12, & 14-19 Block 28, Lot 1 Blocks 31 & 36, Lots 7 & 8 Block 31, Lots 1 & 2 Block 32, Padre Beach Subdivision Section Iii, And Lots 1 & 2 Block 35, Lot 6 Block 36, Lots 1-3 & 6-12 Block 39, Lot 1 Block 1 Sularz Garden Subdivision, Lots 1 & 3 Block 40, Lots 1-6, 31, & 32 Block 42, Lots 1-6, 8, & 9 Block 43 Padre Beach Subdivision Section Iv. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY WELLNESS CLINIC FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO REQUEST FUNDING TO EXPAND THE HOURS AND APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY THE HARLINGEN MEDICAL CENTER AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. (MCNULTY)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve a letter of support for the Family Wellness Clinic for a grant application to request funding to expand the hours and approval of the Memorandum of Understanding by the Harlingen Medical Center and between the City Of South Padre Island. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT A COUNCIL MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY RURAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK. (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council Member Langston made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to select Council Member Schwartz to participate in the Rio Grande Valley Rural Healthcare Network. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO VACANCIES CREATED BY EXPIRING TERMS AND RESIGNATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING: (COUNCIL)**

- 1. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS**
- 2. BOARD OF ETHICS**
- 3. CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD**

Mayor McNulty announced the following to fill expired and unexpired terms to the City's boards, committees, task force, and committees.

1. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

2-Year Term Ending Dec. 2026

- a. Gordon Garlock
- b. Chris Huffman
- c. Joe Praster
- d. Alternate – Glen Young

2. BOARD OF ETHICS

2-Year Term Ending Dec. 2026

- a. William "Bill" George
- b. Nicky Novak

3. CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD

2-Year Term Ending Dec. 2026

- a. Arnie Creinin – Hotel/Motel

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor announced that Executive Session Item 7.1 would be pulled.

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 OF THE LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT DISPUTE FOR THE REPAIRS OF THE IMPROPERLY MARKED WATERLINES. (CITY COUNCIL)

This item was pulled.

7.2. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; AND 551.072 DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY.

At 6:56 p.m., Council Member Ricco made a motion seconded by Council Member Schwartz to enter into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:02 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

OPEN SESSION:

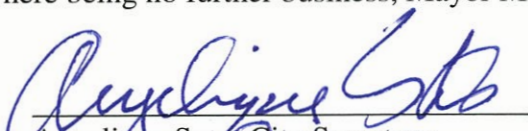
Mayor announced that Open Session Item 8.1 would be pulled.

8.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CLOSING DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN REGARDS TO LOT 9, BLOCK 100 PADRE BEACH SECTION VI ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND.

This item was pulled.

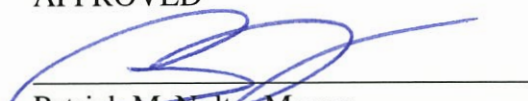
8. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.



 Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED



 Patrick McNulty, Mayor

