

Council Highlights

Committees, Boards, Commission and Taskforce Appointments

City Council has re-appointed and appointed the following community members:

Board of Adjustments and Appeals: Paul Fedigan, Cain Mahan and Gayle Hood

Board of Ethics: Christina Dijkman, Sue Warner, and David Eymard

Convention and Visitors Advisory Board: Arnie Crenin, Tom Goodman and Daniel Salazar

Development Standards Review Task Force: Gar Treharne and Donna Eymard

Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors: Thomas Bainter and Theresa Metty

Parks and Keep SPI Beautiful Committe: Carol Bolstad, Javier Gonzalez, Debbie Huffman, Sally Scaman, Kat Lillie, Pat Rasmussen and Erica Underwood

Planning and Zoning Commission: Art Teniente, Howard Avery and David Zipp

Shoreline Task Force: Virginia Guillot, Neil Rasmussen and Norma Trevino

Fire and Beach Patrol Recognition

Mayor Dennis Stahl presented seven members of the South Padre Island Fire Department with the Phoenix Award for their heroic efforts. On the evening of Nov. 12, South Padre Island Police and Fire personnel responded to a reported drowning in a pool on East Tarpon. Officer Rolando Castaneda found the victim out of the pool, but not breathing and without a pulse. Castaneda initiated CPR and Sergeant Mike Schiltz and Officer Jose Diaz assisted family members while emergency care was performed.

Firefighters Albert Perez, Sean Simon, Mike Calandra, Carlissa Reyna, Everardo Escobedo, Jose Hernandez, Oscar Gonzalez, Ray Bazan arrived on scene and took over patient care, initiated advance life support and quickly transported the patient to the hospital. The patient has been released and is at home recovering.



Mayor Dennis Stahl presented two South Padre Island Lifeguards with Rescue Awards for their heroic efforts on Oct. 15. The South Padre Island Fire and Beach Patrol responded to Cameron County Beach Access 5 to a 21 year-old male swimmer in distress. There were high tides, rip currents and red flag conditions that day. Lifeguards Micheal Norma and Elio Patino made their way into the water and reached the patient, bringing him back to shore. The patient was transported by EMS to the hospital and was later released.

A secondary call came in and Beach Patrol responded to the 2100 Block for a 41 year-old female stuck in a rip current and being pulled offshore. Both lifeguards made their way into the water and the victim was brought back to shore. She was evaluated and released from care.



December Plant of the Month

Tees from the Native Plant Center presented the December Plant of the Month, which is the Wild Poinsettia. The Wild Poinsettia has green stems and alternate lobed leaves, the uppermost with irregular red blotches near the base. The terminal flowers are

yellowish with one to two small glands. Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

Animal Statistics for November

Sherry Pindard from the SPI Friends of Animal Rescue presented the November monthly statistics.

Shelter Intake: 7 dogs, 31 cats, 30 opossums and 3 birds

Adopted: 3 dogs, 28 cats

Reunited: 5 dogs

Fostered: 1 dog, 5 kittens

Available for Adoption: 8 dogs and 34 cats

Click [HERE](#) for the Friends of Animal Rescue website!

Agenda Highlights

City Council approved \$100,000 for the Economic Development Corporation to enter into a consulting agreement with The Passenger & Shipping Institute for the possible development of South Padre Island as a cruise ship destination port of call.

Keep South Padre Island Beautiful Committee has merged with the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee. The name of the merged committee will now be the Parks and Keep South Padre Island Beautiful Committee.

City Council has passed the first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 13-24(E) regarding the removal of equipment from the beach and added Chapter 13-24(P) that requires the property owners and umbrella vendors to identify on the application the removal location where the placement of stored equipment will be.

A Beach and Dune Permit has been approved for 5216 Gulf Boulevard. The permit will allow construction of a townhouse.

City Council has nominated Jeff George as the recipient of the 2018 Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame Award for the City of South Padre Island.

An Executive Session was held to discuss a real estate contract on a tract of land on Corral Street. The Council later authorized the City Manager to withdraw the option on the property. Council also directed staff to further study other options to enhance boat ramp infrastructure.

To view the recorded meeting, please click [here](#).

South Padre Island Holiday Gift Shopping Guide

For a true tropical shopping experience, come to South Padre Island and shop boutiques, art galleries, interior decor shops and more. They'll love their holiday gifts from the shops on South Padre Island.

View the SPI Shopping Guide [HERE](#)

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Development Standards Review Task Force Meeting.....Dec. 12
View the agenda [HERE](#)

Special City Council Meeting.....Dec. 13
View the agenda [HERE](#)

Special City Council Meeting.....Dec. 14
View the agenda [HERE](#)

State of the Island Luncheon.....Jan. 17
At the Hilton Garden Inn

Next City Council Meeting.....Jan. 17

View other events taking place this month by clicking [HERE](#)

Re-Entry Stickers

Information on Re-Entry stickers for residents & property owners, click [HERE](#).

Emergency Notifications

The City of South Padre Island utilizes Swift911 to notify citizens, businesses and visitors of emergency situations.

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