

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 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 Pro-Tem Kerry Schwartz and Council Members, Ken Medders, Joe Ricco, Rees Langston, and Eva Jean Dalton.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Police Chief Claudine O'Carroll, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, Human Resource Manager Wendy Saldana, Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, Fire Executive Assistant Rosa Zapata, CVB Operations & Services Manager Lori Moore, and Administration Coordinator Hilda Delgado.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McNulty led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- 4.1. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SHORELINE DEPARTMENT'S PLAN AND MAINTENANCE PRACTICES FOR RAKING THE BEACH DUE TO AN EXPECTED INFLUX OF SARGASSUM ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND'S BEACHES THIS SUMMER. (MCNULTY, BOBURKA)**
- 4.2. PROCLAMATION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WENDY A. SALDANA AS THE HUMAN RESOURCES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR FOR 2023 AWARDED BY THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATION IN GALVESTON TEXAS ON MAY 18, 2023.**

5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro-Tem Schwartz announced that Consent Agenda Items 5.1 and 5.5 would be considered individually.

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.2 through 5.4 and 5.6 through 5.9. Motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote with Council Member Langston abstaining from the vote.

- 5.1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HWY 100 AND A PORTION OF THE QUEEN ISABELLA CAUSEWAY MEMORIAL BRIDGE FOR THE 2023 RIDE FOR ROTARY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023. (HUFFMAN)**

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve Resolution No. 2023-07 and the Department of Transportation agreement for the Temporary Closure of HWY 100 and a portion of the Queen Isabella Causeway Memorial

Bridge for the 2023 Ride for Rotary on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote with Council Member Ricco abstaining from the vote.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Resolution No. 2023-07 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

5.2. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HWY 100 AND A PORTION OF THE QUEEN ISABELLA MEMORIAL BRIDGE FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL SUMMERS LONGEST CAUSEWAY RUN AND FITNESS WALK, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023. (HUFFMAN)

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Resolution No. 2023-08 and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

5.3. APPROVE CHANGES TO FISCAL AND BUDGETARY POLICY TO INCLUDE DEBT MANAGEMENT POST ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE. (GIMENEZ)

5.4. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Invoices approved for payment by General Fund checks number 155717 through 155793 and EFT payments totaling \$626,605.36.

5.5. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE FUND FOR THE PRIORITY PROJECT 1 OF \$13,756.20 TO PURCHASE RRFB 'S FLOODLIGHTS FOR THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT PALM ST. (SANCHEZ)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve a budget amendment from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Fund for the priority Project 1 of \$13,756.20 to purchase RRFB's Floodlights for the pedestrian crossing at Palm Street. Motion passed unanimously.

5.6. APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-01 PROVIDING A FEE TO DEFRAY COST OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS, AND OTHER DEBTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 103.0031 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND TO APPROVE THE NECESSARY WRITTEN FINDINGS. (SMITH)

5.7. APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER REES LANGSTON FROM THE JUNE 21, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (LANGSTON)

5.8. APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR MAYOR PATRICK MCNULTY FROM THE JUNE 7, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (MCNULTY)

5.9. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 17, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)

6.REGULAR AGENDA

6.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SPI HOLIDAY SANDCASTLE VILLAGE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR 1 YEAR. (HUFFMAN)

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve the SPI Holiday Sandcastle Village Special Event Permit for 1 Year. Motion passes with a 4 to 0 vote with Council Member Ricco abstaining from the vote.

6.2. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LAGUNA BLVD. PROJECT. (MCNULTY)

Public Works Director Alex Sanchez updated that the project is currently in Phase 3 and Phase 4 and approximately 64% complete.

Clore Equipment Owner Jeffrey Clore provided a brief update to the Council. The contractor is scheduled to pave the cross streets beginning at Esperanza to Mezquite tomorrow and the Phase 3 mainline paving is tentatively scheduled for Friday. Phase 4 has begun widening this section, anticipating the underground portion within the next few weeks. Underground utility boxes are being manufactured at this time. Phase 4 anticipated completion is around July/August.

Approximately 90% of the utilities have been installed in Phases 5 and 6.

Phase 6 is tentatively scheduled for paving and underground work in August/September with the Entertainment Area tentatively scheduled for October/November/December.

Approximately in Mid-December completion of the project with the final punch list items in January/February 2024.

6.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE LANDSCAPING PLAN FOR THE LAGUNA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. (SANCHEZ)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve the Landscaping plan for Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction Project in the test areas on the north side. Motion passed unanimously.

6.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE 2023-PW02 2023 SIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I E. MARS LANE, LAGUNA CIRCLE SOUTH, AND MORNINGSIDE DRIVE TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER THAT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY SUBJECT TO FUNDING. (SANCHEZ)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with RBM Contractors for the 2023-PW 2023 Side Street Improvements, Phase I E. Marts Lane, Laguna Circle South, and Morningside Drive to the lowest qualified bidder that would be in the best interest of the City subject to funding. Motion passed unanimously.

6.5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADHOC COMMITTEE. (CITY COUNCIL)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Langston to approve the Draft of Chapter 16 of the City of South Padre Island Code of Ordinances as recommended by the AdHoc Committee. Motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote with Council Member Medders casting a nay vote.

6.6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$163,045 TO ALLOCATE CLFRF (CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS) FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT. (SMITH)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$163,045 to allocate CLFRF (Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) funds for the purchase of public safety equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

6.7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION WITH ROOFING BIDDERS PER TWIA GUIDELINES. (HENRY)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve the City Manager to enter into negotiation with Nobel Construction to replace the CVB roof as per TWIA guidelines.

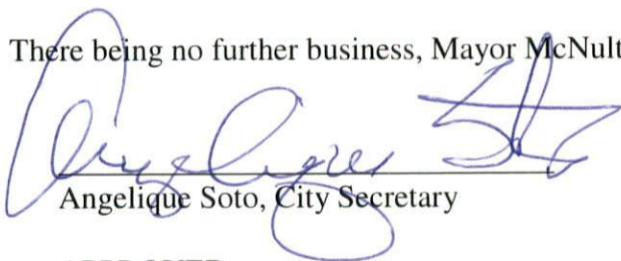
In March 2023, the CVB was notified that the CVB roof is needing to be replaced to continue windstorm insurance coverage.

6.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE THE JULY 05, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (MCNULTY)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to have the July 5, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting as scheduled. Motion passed unanimously.

7.ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.


Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED


Patrick McNulty, Mayor

