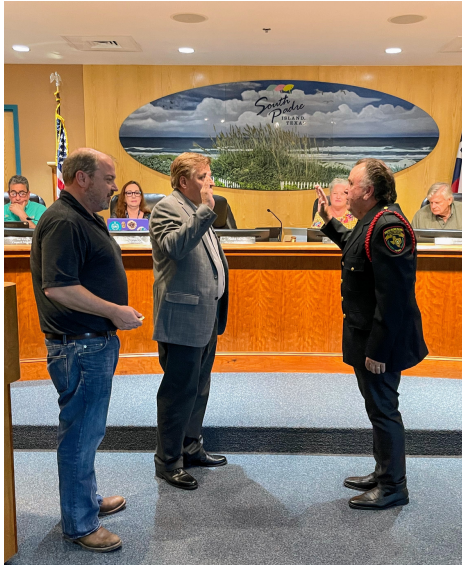


# Island Vibes

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



A Regular City Council Meeting was held this past Wednesday, March 2nd. The meeting began with the swearing in of Pastor Dave Boughter as the South Padre Island Police Department Chaplain. Congrats Pastor Boughter!

Highlights from the Regular Agenda, included:

- Council gave the final approval for the City's Comprehensive Plan. The plan will serve as a guide for the future growth and development on South Padre Island. To view the plan, click [here](#).
- The March 16th Regular City Council Meeting has been rescheduled due to Spring Break Texas Week. A Special City Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23.



## STAY IN THE KNOW

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Tuesday • March 8

- 9 AM • Economic Development Corporation
- 3 PM • Shoreline Task Force

View upcoming meetings, live stream meetings in session, and watch archived meetings [here](#).

### EVENTS

#### Saturday-Sunday • March 5-6

The Heat Wave Car Show is back on South Padre Island! The event begins at 9 AM at the SPI Convention Centre.

#### Monday • March 7

Join the City for the Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction Project Groundbreaking Ceremony! The ceremony is at 10 AM on Laguna Blvd., between West Whiting St. and Amberjack St.

To see more Island events, click [here](#)!

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## CITY SPOTLIGHT



In the Spotlight this week is our Assistant Public Works Director, Jon Wilson! Jon was raised in Los Fresnos, TX and is a proud Class of '83 Los Fresnos Falcon.

Jon worked as a General Contractor before joining Team SPI in 2017. As the Assistant Public Works Director, he's a mentor and leader for his team and enjoys the continuous learning opportunities his role provides. He and his team of 22 individuals play a huge role in the operations of our City and keeping SPI beautiful.

The Public Works Department has a hand in many project taking place throughout the City, the latest being the Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction Project which officially breaks ground on March 7th. Jon will serve as Project Manager where he'll work jointly with the community, contractors, and City Council as the project develops.

This project is unique in that it's the first one designed in-house by Public Works Director and Civil Engineer, Alex Sanchez. His contribution provided approximately \$478,000 in cost-savings. Portions of the project, such as the landscaping, street signage, and stripping will be done by Public Works. Jon and all of Public Works are excited about their role in the project and look forward to further improving drainage and infrastructure on the Island.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The 2020/2021 Annual Report was presented on Tuesday, March 1st the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce's Annual State of the Island Address. Mayor McNulty presented the report and shared updates on upcoming projects being planned for South Padre Island.

To read a review on last year's City projects, financials, and more, [click here](#).



## Laguna Boulevard Groundbreaking Ceremony

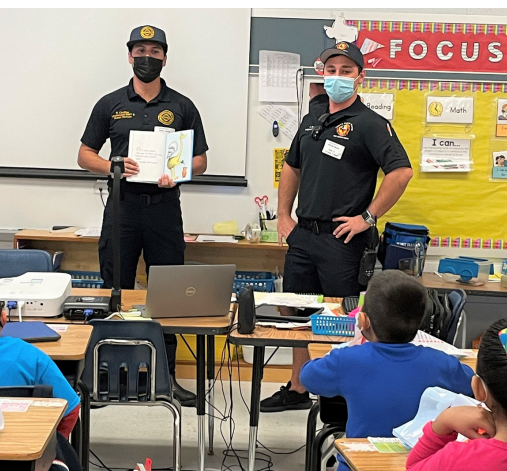
Join the City of South Padre Island and the Public Works Department as we break ground on our latest project! The ceremony is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 10 a.m. Click here for the event details.

Construction began February 25th and will take approximately 24 months to complete, weather permitting. Road closures have begun on the north end of Laguna Blvd. but will be open in the afternoons during Spring Break. Additional adjustments to road closures will be made based on traffic.

To learn more about the Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction Project, [click here](#).



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



March 2nd was National Read Across America Day! The South Padre Island Fire Department joined Garriga Elementary in Port Isabel for the event. Ocean Rescue Lieutenant Pedro Casillas and Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Moyer read ABC by Dr. Seuss to the class of 1st graders. Thank you to Garriga Elementary for inviting the SPI Fire Dept. to join in on the fun!

# PET OF THE WEEK



Sweet Nessa is this weeks Pet of the Week! She's a young Lancashire Heeler mix with a wonefully relaxed personality. Could you be Nessa's fur-ever home? If you think so, fill out an application with Friends of Animal Rescue by clicking [HERE](#).

Can't adopt? Don't worry, you can still help! Reach out to Friends of Animal Rescue to donate, volunteer or become a foster. Help is always appreciated!

# JOIN TEAM SPI

The City of South Padre Island is hiring! We offer great benefits like medical, vision and dental covered 100% by the City, competitive pay, Texas Municipal Retirement System 2 to 1 match, plus more. [Apply](#) to become a part of our extraordinary team today!

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Code Enforcement Officer: Part-Time
- Police Officer: Temporary & Part-Time
- Jail Technician: Temporary & Part-Time
- Maintenance: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Firefighter/Paramedic: Full-Time & Part-Time
- Firefighter/EMT-B: Part-Time

More positions and information available [here](#).

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