MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

March 28, 2016
Monday
6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Richardson, Council Members Duus, Jamieson, Skytt, and Zimmerman

STAFF: Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney; Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director; Charlie Uhrig, Community Resource Officer; Lisa S. Martin, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Jamieson

CITY MANAGERS REPORT: Informational report only

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Tracy Farhad, SCVB

- Discussed the Go West Summit
- More cruise ship excursions scheduled for this year, with 27-48 persons per trip
- The Taste of Solvang had over 1,200 attendees this year and a younger demographic

Fred Kovol, Resident

- When will the Council stop issuing Can & Will Serve letters
- The intertropical rain band is moving north
- Concerned that we won't get our State water delivery in June

2. COUNCIL REQUESTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

No changes to the agenda.

4. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2016

***Motion** made by Council Member Skytt to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Member Zimmerman, and **carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.*

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Receive and File Sheriff's Report for February 2016
b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Maintenance Agreement and related documents for the purchase of three (3) new copiers and approve the budget adjustment in the amount of $27,315.00.
c. Award a Professional Services Agreement for Construction Management Services for the Alisal Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project
    1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc. in the amount of $182,069, and authorize execution of the Agreement by the Mayor; and
    2. Authorize the City Manager to execute contract amendments if within the contingency amount of $9,000.

***Motion** made by Mayor Richardson, and seconded by Council Member Zimmerman, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 5e. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.*

REGULAR AGENDA

6. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT IN THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

Staff report by Brad Vidro, City Manager.

Mayor Richardson opened the item to public comment at 6:55 p.m.

Fred Kovol, Resident

- Quite a job since you are asking all of these water agencies to sign off on this. Who is going to manage this effort? What kind of timeframe? How much is this going to cost the ratepayers?

Dave Fleishman, Assistant City Attorney responded to public comment. The drop dead date in paragraph 3 of the MOU identifies that managers must file by June 30, 2017. This MOU would allow these agencies to begin the process. Relative to the management question and cost, an adjudicated basin is much more expensive and requires litigation, so it is in our benefit to try and work together via this MOU.

Karen Waite, former past President and Board Member of ID#1

- Reiterated that this is a draft agreement. Have seen too many draft documents fall apart because members don't understand that it is a working document and is not in a final form. The cost of not participating would be devastating.

Bruce Wales, SYRWCD

- Currently have buy in by Buellton, Vandenberg Village and ID#1. Anticipate all members to sign-off by April 5th to participate in this non-binding MOU and get the ball rolling. The timing of this MOU leaves only 13 months to move forward with and write the plan.

Mayor Richardson closed the item to Public Comment at 7:03 p.m.

Council Member Duus questioned Solvang's "costs incurred" relative to the MOU. We will pay Solvang's proportionate costs, but will we also be responsible for a portion of ID#1's costs, since we are part of ID#1?

Dave Fleishman confirmed that although not a direct line item, Solvang will most likely pay part of ID#1's costs.

Council Member Jamieson asked if the Chumash Tribe was participating.

Matt van der Linden confirmed that the Chumash will be participating as a part of the County area, not the Santa Ynez groundwater basin directly. Additionally, the County's cooperation is key to help determine which basin certain small areas are within.

Council Member Duus reiterated that he will be very conscious of costs.

***Motion** made by Council Member Jamieson to approve the draft MOU, seconded by Council Member Duus, and **carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.*

7. SOLVANG LIBRARY FUNDING

Council Member Jamieson questioned how it was determined to split the per capita 50/50 between Solvang and Buellton.

Jessica Cadiente, Library Director for the Santa Barbara Public Library System, responded that it was a decision made by a prior administration. She would encourage an ad hoc committee as she believes a fair per capita compromise can be reached.

Council Member Duus asked where Santa Ynez and Los Olivos fall. Ms. Cadiente responded that they are currently served by the Solvang branch.

Mayor Richardson inquired as to why Buellton's request for a full-time supervisor should be of concern to Solvang. Ms. Cadiente answered that it would result in a diminished service level for Solvang because the supervisor's hours would be cut to 20. Mayor Richardson wondered why the onus was on Solvang for funding. If Buellton wants a full-time person they should fund it completely.

Ms. Cadiente reiterated that her hope that we can work together to keep service levels as they are.

Mayor Richardson added that he disapproved of the way the decision was made.

Council Member Jamieson agreed with Mayor Richardson. We were not informed of how different the split was going to be. The populations of Santa Ynez and Los Olivos need to be added back to Solvang. There is an inequity here.

Council Member Skytt commented that the per capital issue needs to go back and be discussed further. It should not have been 50/50. Solvang has a much higher demand for service especially since it is supporting the Santa Ynez and Los Olivos branches.

Council Member Zimmerman stated that real data should be factored in relative to actual usage. The hours of operation are not the same. The staff in Solvang is overworked.

Council Member Duus feels that no one from Santa Ynez is going to drive all the way through Solvang to go to the Buellton library, and the Solvang library is open longer hours. Those facts along should dictate to a 50/50 split is not equitable.

Mayor Richardson opened the item for public comment at 7:35 p.m.

Fred Kovol

- Think about the alternatives. Kids don't go to the library anymore- we need a high speed internet center. The internet is the future.
- All of the elementary schools also have a library.

Shirley Stacey

- Shares Council's concerns regarding the 50/50 split.
- Strongly supports a full-time supervisor for the Solvang library.
- The tourists and the folks who park their motor homes in the lot come in and use the computers and the wifi.

Mayor Richardson closed the item to Public Comment at 7:44 p.m.

Council Member Skytt stated that he is a strong supporter of the Solvang library. He always has a book with him, usually hard cover.

Council Member Duus agreed with Skytt, however, feels that book people are a dying breed. The future is digital. Libraries have to change with the times.

Council Member Zimmerman indicated that the certain value that the library has is the social value, the experience of going to the library.

Mayor Richardson asked if there were any volunteers for a library ad hoc committee. Council Members Jamieson and Skytt volunteered for the committee.

Staff will reach out to Buellton requesting participation in an ad hoc committee.

8. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (Oral reports: Each Council Member will give oral reports on their activities in relation to the following committee or agencies. In addition, each member may report on items that will be included on the agenda for such committee or agency and seek guidance from the Council as a whole on such items, including on what position to take on behalf of the City)

- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
  Mayor Richardson gave updates on the HOV project, the commuter buses, and Calvans.
- Air Pollution Control Board
  Mayor Richardson reported that a Shipping Emission Reduction Initiative was discussed. This will not only reduce emissions but slowing down to 10-12 knots will help give the whales a better chance of surviving a strike. APCD also reported that hydrogen vehicles are on the rise.
- Joint Wastewater Committee
- Finance Committee
- Chumash Tribe
- Water Committee
- Indian Gaming Benefit Committee
- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority

9. ADVANCE CALENDAR

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Lisa S. Martin, City Clerk