MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

May 23, 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; Sandra Featherson, Administrative Services Director; Arleen Pelster, Planning & Economic Development Director; Lt. Shawn O'Grady; 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

Shirley Stacy, County Library Advisory Committee

- Reported on the May 11, 2016 meeting of the Library Ad-Hoc Committee and Zone 1 status
- There are no library measures on the June ballot
- Moving towards a technology platform; an online learning academy program is being developed
- There is also discussion relating to a countywide library district

Gil Chavez, Solvang Resident

- The grade is 8-10 feet higher than the original grade in Phase 4 of the Skytt Mesa development
- The quality of the homes is lacking
- Had a beautiful south facing view prior to this development

Hank Homburg, Solvang Resident

- Lots 159-169 of the Skytt Mesa development were supposed to be one-story, yet there are 30 ft. tall homes proposed on some of those lots
- Would invite the Council to come visit their neighborhood (Aebeltoft Way) and view the situation

- Deviations have been made to the homes without public involvement

Karen Waite, BAR Member
- The Board of Architectural Review looked at colors, textures, and landscaping only

Wendy Read, Solvang Resident
- Several Skytt Mesa homes are not in conformance with the Design Manual
- Excessive grading on the Skytt Mesa site, pad elevations have been raised too much
- Dust control measures are not being implemented, dust is flying everywhere

Jay Means, Solvang Resident
- Concerned about the grades increasing towards Chalk Hill Road and no dust control at Skytt Mesa development

Michael Owen, Solvang Resident
- Concerned about impacts to scenic vistas
- In the original approved plan, along Chalk Hill there was to be a landscaped slope and the homes sited lower

2. COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Jamieson requested that an agenda item be added relating to items addressed to the City Council.

Council Member Zimmerman requested that we either look into upgrading our audio visual equipment or live web streaming the Council meetings.

Mayor Richardson commented on potential costs to the City if an ID#1 merger was considered. Cited unfairness in estimated parcel taxes and ID#1's chromium and budget shortfall issues.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

No changes to the agenda.

4. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2016

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Receive and file VisitSYV 2016 1st Quarter Report
b. Receive and file Sheriff's Department Report for April 2016
c. Adopt Resolutions necessary to conduct November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election:
    1. Adopt Resolution No. 16-988, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California, calling and giving notice of the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California relating to Charter Cities

2. Adopt Resolution No. 16-989, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to Sec. § 10403 of the Elections Code
3. Adopt Resolution No. 16-990, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate's statements, submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016

***Motion** made by Council Member Skytt to approve the Consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Duus, and **carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.*

REGULAR AGENDA

6. GENERAL PLAN CONSERVATION/OPEN SPACE AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATES

Staff report by Arleen Pelster, Planning & Economic Development Director.

Council Member Jamieson asked, relative to aircraft coverage and the Santa Ynez Airport, does the Safety element address drones? City Attorney Hanley responded that the Federal Government prohibits any City from acting on or passing laws or ordinances relating to drones.

Council Member Zimmerman inquired whether we would have any say as to an archaeological excavation project pursuant to the Cultural and Historic Resources section. Consultant David Foote answered that an archaeological dig would be considered its own project under CEQA and would be subject to environmental review.

Mayor Richardson opened the item to public comment at 7:36 p.m.

Karen Waite

- Regarding certifying the Negative Declaration, what does that mean?

City Attorney Hanley explained that it means that as a result of the initial study and any other study done for the project, that no significant environmental impacts would come about due to the approval of these general plan updates.

Gay Infanti

- The additional Planning Commission work item recommendations were not in the Council resolution, do they need an action by Council?

City Attorney Hanley indicated that yes, the Council could initiate those items tonight by a consensus.

The item was closed to public comment at 7:40 p.m.

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

7. 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 reported that the Overall Work Program was approved. Also discussed was the Central Coast Coalition's effort to be included in the California Freight Strategy, transit needs for the Bridgehouse Shelter, and air quality testing near New Cuyama.
- Air Pollution Control Board
- Joint Wastewater Committee
- Finance Committee
- Chumash Tribe
- Water Committee
- Indian Gaming Benefit Committee
- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority

8. ADVANCE CALENDAR

9. CLOSED SESSION

Government Code Section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators – Agency designated representative, Brad Vidro, City Manager – Employee Organization Teamsters Local 986

Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 Existing Litigation – Amendment to Permit 15878 in front of the State Water Resources Control Board

Government Code Section 54957 Personnel Evaluation – City Manager

No reportable action taken.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:47 p.m. and adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Lisa S. Martin, City Clerk