



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

July 25, 2016
Monday
6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Council Member Jamieson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Richardson

CITY MANAGERS REPORT: Informational report only

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Richardson read into record a proclamation for Charlie Jamieson celebrating his induction into the Cleveland Indians Hall of Fame.

PRESENTATIONS

Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau presented their biennial report.

1. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL**

None.

2. **COUNCIL REQUESTS**

Mayor Richardson asked for and received consensus to add an agenda item to the August 8 agenda to add a ballot tax measure relating to recreational marijuana.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

Information only – no discussion.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

No changes to the agenda.

5. **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2016**

*Motion made by Council Member Duus to approve the minutes with a correction to his statement on page 3, item 8. Seconded by Council Member Zimmerman, and **carried** with a verbal response of 4 ayes (Council Member Jamieson absent).*

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Receive and file Fire Department Quarterly Report for April-June 2016
- b. Receive and file Sheriff's Department Report for June 2016
- c. Appoint Council Member Skytt as League of California Cities Voting Delegate
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 16-996 approving unrepresented Classic CalPERS members retirement contribution of 6% of Employer Normal Cost

Item 6c commented on by Council Member Skytt. The annual conference is in Long Beach this year. It's hard for one council member to attend all of the sessions at the conference, so he would encourage another to attend as well.

*Motion made by Council Member Skytt to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Duus, and **carried** with a verbal response of 4 ayes (Council Member Jamieson absent).*

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **MISSION DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS – PRELIMINARY DESIGN UPDATE**

Power Point presentation and staff report by Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director. Recommended that the Council discuss and provide direction on each item individually.

Traffic Signal Preemption. Matt van der Linden indicated that he sent out a letter to multiple agencies to request cost-sharing, but did not receive a favorable response. The project was scaled down to four signals, and the Fire Department agreed to share the cost with the City 50/50.

Mayor Richardson opened the item for public comment at 7:06 p.m. and, seeing none, closed the item.

Council Member Skytt mentioned that he is glad to see this finally happen as it has been needed for quite a while. Recently saw a very close call with a fire truck and vehicle at the Alisal/Mission intersection.

*Motion made by Council Member Skytt to approve the signal preemption project, seconded by Council Member Duus. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4-0-1 with Council Member Jamieson absent.*

Wayfinding Signage. Matt van der Linden presented preliminary proposals/options for consistent sign design. He will take the signage to Board of Architectural Review for approval before bringing back to Council.

Mayor Richardson opened the item to public comment at 7:16 p.m. and, seeing none, closed the item.

Mayor Richardson commented that he liked the sign with the Solvang logo.

Council Member Duus appreciated the lettering and the international symboling.

Council Member Skytt liked the idea of a design on the back of the signs, and added that they will need an anti-graffiti coating.

Staff is given direction to move forward with the wayfinding signage project.

Street Lighting Improvements. Matt van der Linden presented the fixture options and explained that if the existing street lamps are also replaced with the new design, the cost of the project would double.

Mayor Richardson commented that the new fixtures should be dark sky compliant and that one or two of the designs don't look like they could even be retrofitted to meet our regulations that the light be hooded and shielded.

Council Member Zimmerman liked the idea of upgrading but is concerned with the cost, and questioned how long we have had the existing street lamps. Staff responded that most of the fixtures were installed in the late 80's however, we do have some newer and more decorative street lamps at Solvang Park and along Copenhagen Drive.

Council Member Duus stated that \$4,500 per pole is way too much. There is no way that the Granville design will be dark sky compliant. We don't want to look just like Buellton. We need LED at about 2,000 to 2,700 lumens. Look for 85-90 CRI.

Staff is given direction to move forward with the street lighting improvement project.

Crosswalks.

Council Member Skytt recuses himself for the remainder of the council meeting due to a 500 foot conflict.

Matt van der Linden presented various options and designs for crosswalks.

Council Member Duus asked if the parking spaces along Mission Drive were 8 feet wide. Staff responded that they were.

Discussion ensued regarding a mid-block crosswalk at Solvang Park. This would help rectify an unsafe situation as it is a prime jay-walking location.

Mayor Richardson questioned how many street parking spaces we would lose. Matt van der Linden estimated that 2-4 spaces would be lost.

Council Member Duus mentioned that there are more and more pedestrians in Solvang and that is not going to change. The design of this crosswalk, however, impedes the bike lane. We need to look at eliminating the parking on Mission Drive for the safety of the pedestrians and cyclists. It might also help traffic flow in that section of Mission.

Council Member Zimmerman commented that it could create more of a safety hazard if people are crossing mid-block.

Mayor Richardson added that the mid-block crosswalk could slow up traffic even more.

Council Member Duus stated that it seemed like it would concentrate the pedestrians to one location.

Mayor Richardson opened the item to public comment at 7:57 p.m.

Karen Waite, Solvang Resident

- There are already crosswalks at First Street and Atterdag, shouldn't we just improve those?
- Agrees with Council Member Duus that parking should not be allowed along Mission.

Public comment period was closed at 7:58 p.m.

***Motion** made by Council Member Duus to move forward with the mid-block crosswalk with a reduced curb extension, and seconded by Council Member Zimmerman. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 3-0-1-1 with Council Member Skytt abstaining and Council Member Jamieson absent.*

Signal Upgrades. Staff report by Matt van der Linden. The project would include replacement of crosswalks, pedestrian signals, curb ramps, and striping. The consultant recommends against adaptive signaling as it would increase delays.

Council Member Duus asked if the existing signals will stay as they are. Staff responds affirmatively.

Mayor Richardson pointed out that the timing graphic shows a two minute cycle. Is that correct? Matt van der Linden answered that it is representative, but not exact.

Discussion as to comparison with Buellton signal time, and impacts to flow of traffic.

Matt van der Linden commented that he had asked Caltrans for the timing of all of the signals, but he never got any response. This project is in this fiscal year's budget.

Mayor Richardson opened the item for public comment at 8:24 p.m. and, seeing none, closed the item.

***Motion** to proceed with the recommended items (crosswalk upgrades, pedestrian signals, curb ramps, and re-striping) made by Council Member Zimmerman, seconded by Mayor Richardson. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 3-0-1-1 with Council Member Skytt abstaining and Council Member Jamieson absent.*

Flashing Crosswalks Upgrades. Staff report by Matt van der Linden.

Mayor Richardson sees a problem with large trucks being able to make the turn at Fourth Place due to the bulb-out.

Council Member Duus added that they stick out into traffic.

Discussion ensued relative to curb extensions/bulb-outs.

Matt van der Linden recommended that the curb extension at the Fourth Place/South location be kept. After some discussion it was decided to leave the crosswalk at this location on the east side of the intersection and to remove the curb extension on the north.

Council Member Zimmerman agreed that is a more natural pedestrian flow.

Mayor Richardson opened the item for public comment at 8:46 p.m. and, seeing none, closed the item.

Staff is given direction to proceed with the First Street upgrades with no curb extensions, to shift the Fourth Place/North crosswalk to the east a few feet and eliminate the curb extensions, and to leave the Fourth Place/South crosswalk on the east side with no curb extensions.

Matt van der Linden reiterates his understanding of the prioritization of the improvements. City Council concurs that their priorities are 1) crosswalk upgrades, 2) the addition of a mid-block crosswalk, and 3) intersection improvements and ADA ramps.

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
- Air Pollution Control Board
- Joint Wastewater Committee
- Finance Committee
- Chumash Tribe
- Water Committee
- Indian Gaming Benefit Committee
- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority

9. ADVANCE CALENDAR

Information only – no action.

10. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:50 p.m.



Lisa S. Martin, City Clerk