



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

October 10, 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, Skytt, and Zimmerman
ABSENT: Council Member Jamieson
STAFF: Arleen T. Pelster, Acting City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney;
Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director; Lt. Shawn O’Grady; and Lisa S.
Martin, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Duus

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Richardson presented a proclamation recognizing October as Energy Awareness Month to Dave Cross of PG&E and Santa Barbara County EnergyWatch.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT: Informational report only

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

Tracy Farhad, Executive Director of SCVB

- Updates on tour companies, Christmas trees, and a new Amtrak promotion.
- This year is the 25th Anniversary of the Taste of Solvang.

Scott Cory, SYHS District Superintendent and Member of the Solvang Chamber of Commerce

- Referring to the school bond measure on the ballot in November, there is a town hall meeting in the library tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.
- The high school provides the most used community center in the Valley, and the swimming pool is a community pool in the summer.

Fred Kovol, Solvang Resident

- Likes the SCVB Crisis Communication Plan and pointed out that on the last page it discusses a zip code alert site.
- Would like his comments from the last meeting corrected on the last page of the meeting minutes to change the word “bypass” to “buy back.”
- Provided an update on water in Lake Cachuma.

Jeff Paaske, SCVB

- Commented on the team members of the Crisis Communication Plan and the purpose of the document.

Karen Waite, Solvang Resident and Candidate for City Council

- Reminded the public of the candidate forum/debate at Bethania Church at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13th.

Tracy Beard, President of the Solvang Chamber of Commerce

- Reiterated information regarding the candidate forum after the Chamber Mixer at Bethania Lutheran Church on October 13th.

Ryan Toussaint, Solvang Resident and Candidate for City Council

- His votetoussaint.com website has an area for comments on which he received a complaint about the noise from the concrete plant.

2. **COUNCIL REQUESTS**

Council Member Zimmerman requested that the public restrooms be cleaned twice a day on the weekends as they were very dirty.

Council Member Skytt requested that the Sheriff's Department have a discussion with City representatives relating to response to an active shooter.

Mayor Richardson requested that the Water Ad Hoc Committee with ID#1 reconvene.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

Letter dated September 26, 2016 from the Solvang Retailers Association.

Mayor Richardson opened the item for public comment at 7:10 p.m.

Kemal Turkkán, Business Owner (Esko Esko) and Solvang Retailers Association

- Not happy that a City employee who did not identify himself removed a decorative bunting from his building and told his employee that it could not be displayed.
- Does not think it is a crime to display the Flag of the United States.

Karen Waite, Board of Architectural Review Member

- Sat on the BAR that night when it was decided that Esko should remove all but two of the American Flags at his business and was the only dissenting vote. Being from a military family it killed her to sit on the board when it made that decision.
- Would like the sign ordinance to be reexamined relating to flags.

There is consensus to bring the subject back as a discussion item on the next Council agenda.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Item 6f should be continued at the request of staff.

5. **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

*Motion made by Council Member Duus to approve the minutes with the change to Fred Kovol's comment on Page 6, seconded by Council Member Skytt, and **carried** with a verbal response of 4 ayes (Council Member Jamieson absent).*

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Warrant Register
- b. Receive and File the Fire Department Quarterly Report for July – September, 2016
- c. Receive and File the Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau Crisis Communication Plan
- d. Accept the Pavement Maintenance Project as complete and direct the City Manager to execute and record the Notice of Completion
- e. Second Reading, by title only, of Proposed Amendment to Title 4 Chapter 10 amending Regulations for Massage Establishments
 1. Accept the Exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Section 15061 and adopt Ordinance No. 16-320, on second reading by title only, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang amending Title 4
- f. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Land Development Improvements for the Merkantile (Valley Plaza) Redevelopment project.

Council Member Duus pulled Item 6c.

*Motion to approve consent agenda items 6a, b, d, and e and to table item 6f made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Duus, and **carried** with a roll call vote of 4-0-1.*

Council Member Duus commented that he had read the Crisis Communication Plan and likes it. Often times the media will create a crisis situation where there is none. This plan will ensure that accurate information is submitted to the media and may reduce the impact to tourism.

Mayor Richardson opened the item for public comment at 7:24 p.m. and, seeing none, closed the item.

*Motion made by Council Member Duus to accept item 6c, seconded by Council Member Skytt, and **carried** with a roll call vote of 4-0-1.*

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **PARKING IN-LIEU FEE PROMISSORY NOTE, 478 FOURTH PLACE**

The applicant is not in attendance. The item is moved to the end of the agenda. Motion is made after hearing Item 8.

*Motion made by Council Member Duus to continue the item to the next meeting at the recommendation of staff, seconded by Council Member Skytt, and **carried** with a roll call vote of 4-0-1.*

8. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WELL 22 UPGRADE PROJECT**

Staff report by Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director.

Council Member Zimmerman questioned whether the costs for engineering services were fair. Matt van der Linden explained that this project includes a disinfection facility that a previous contract did not because the City was fully staffed, and therefore the contract amount was reasonable.

Mayor Richardson steps down due to a 500 foot conflict.

Mayor Pro Tem Duus opened the item for public comment at 7:29 p.m. and, seeing none, closed the item.

*Motion made by Council Member Zimmerman to approve the professional services agreement, seconded by Council Member Skytt, and **carried** with a roll call vote of 3-0-1-1 with Council Member Jamieson absent and Mayor Richardson not participating.*

9. 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

10. ADVANCE CALENDAR

Information only, no action.

11. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Lisa S. Martin, City Clerk