



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL**

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

January 27, 2020
Monday
6:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Ryan Toussaint, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Clarke, Council Members
Chris Djernaes, Daniel Johnson and Karen Waite

STAFF: Xenia Bradford, Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director;
Chip Wullbrandt, City Attorney; Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director
and Daryl A. Betancur, Interim City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

a. Open Streets Presentation

A representative from the Open Streets Committee, HEEL Coalition, asked for Council's consideration to sponsor an Open Streets Initiative; spoke about the dangers of obesity; addressed elements of the event; discussed the success of Open Streets in nearby cities; listed proposed future events and reported the request is for \$5,000 in sponsorship.

Discussion followed regarding working through IDK LLC to help with logistics; Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Xenia Bradford asked that they submit a formal request to the City and work with her office.

b. Fallfest Presentation

Mayor Toussaint reported the item will be continued to the next City Council meeting.

c. 5G Presentation

Michael Mendizza provided a presentation on 5G technology and asked the City to place a moratorium on the implementation and testing of 5G technology until it is proven, safe; requested a reevaluation of the existing placement of cell towers near the former Antique Center and a new one on top of the Viking Restaurant.

Discussion followed regarding the need to see both sides of the argument.

City Attorney Chip Wullbrandt noted the item is not on the agenda and suggested directing the Interim City Manager to place the matter on a future agenda for discussion and discussed the City's existing ordinance regulating cell towers.

Staff was directed to review the existing ordinance and information on 5G technology to present to Council at a future meeting.

Chris Nielsen

- Reported the Theater Fest supported Julefest
- Discussed the successes of prior Theater Fest events and sponsorships
- Noted their successful capital campaign in raising funds
- Stressed their willingness to work with and help the community

Michael Baker, CEO, Boys and Girls Club

- Presented an update of events and activities at the Solvang Boys and Girls Club
- Encouraged families in need of childcare to contact them

2. EXECUTIVE, PIO REPORTS & ADVANCE CALENDAR

Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford gave an informational report about city operations and addressed the Advance Calendar.

Staff was directed to return at the next Council meeting with an agenda item to consider rescheduling Council's March 23, 2020 meeting to March 30, 2020, without objection.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Agenda as Presented
- b. Approval of Draft Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Special City Council Meeting, and Draft Minutes of the January 22, 2020 Special City Council Meeting
- c. Receive and File the Sheriff's Department Quarterly Report for July, August, and September 2019 and Sheriff's Department Monthly Reports for October, November and December 2019
- d. Receive and File the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Quarterly Report October 2019 through December 2019
- e. That the City adopt Resolution No. 20-1096, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California authorizing the City Manager to execute an FTA Section 5311 Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for operations assistance for the Santa Ynez Valley Transit System for fiscal year 2019-20
- f. Receive and File Quarterly Investment Report

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

4. IDK CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR MARKETING & TOURISM

Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford introduced the item and deferred to Scott Shuemaker, IDK LLC, for a report.

Scott Shuemake, president presented details of their proposal to bring exciting, local events to Solvang.

Mayor Toussaint opened and closed public comments at 7:49 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding balancing the needs for tourists as well as residents, the importance of not losing the brand, having IDK work closely with Visitor Center staff and setting clear policy for direct-line-reporting to the Acting City Manager.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to approve a contract with IDK through June 30, 2020 for Marketing & Tourism Services, seconded by Councilmember Waite, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

5. SOLVANG PARK REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford provided a brief overview of the item and asked for Council direction as to how Council would like to move forward with rejuvenation of Solvang Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Fred Lageman presented details of the staff report including three options for redesign for Council's consideration and their respective costs.

Brief discussion followed regarding incorporating Lot 2 into the park for special events, considering the pergola and itemizing costs for clarity.

Mayor Toussaint opened public comments at 8:09 p.m.

Candy Waldron

- Referenced Lot 2 and opined a good-quality, artificial grass would work well

Mayor Toussaint closed public comments at 8:10 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding Option B with additional elements including benches and pergolas, considering other costs, well lights, keeping the bar in the park and ADA compliance "fixes", proposed ground coverings/bedding changes to prevent water from pooling and incorporating a review of the City's Tree Program as part of a financial plan development process.

Ensuing discussed pertained to fixing the park in the most cost-effective manner, including a European-style piazza around the Christmas Tree planter, moving the Hans Christian Andersen statue in a more-prominent place, making the gazebo more appealing and user-friendly, and adding a kids' area.

Mayor Toussaint summarized direction to staff to present costs for Option A with the addition of a few components, including a pergola and consider more-sustainable types of landscaping solutions.

Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford indicated staff will work with IDK to develop an RFP for a detailed, itemized proposal with precise costs.

6. HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN TENNIS COURTS CONTRACT AWARD

Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford and Parks and Recreation Director Lageman presented details of the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding product materials and lifespans, differences in costs from prior proposals and Interim City Attorney Wullbrandt explained the recommended Council action.

Mayor Toussaint opened and closed public comments at 8:36 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with First Serve Tennis Courts (Original bidder from 2018) not to exceed \$283,000 to design and build a post tension concrete surface over the existing tennis courts without a formal bidding process, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

7. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT SUNNY FIELDS PARK PLAYGROUND REPAIR PROJECT, PW PROJECT NO. 147

Public Works Director Matt van der Linden presented details of the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding local bidder preferences and City Engineer estimated costs.

Mayor Toussaint opened and closed public comments at 8:46 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with lowest bidder for Sunny Fields Park Playground repair, seconded by Councilmember Waite, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

8. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT - INTRA-BASIN ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT

Public Works Director van der Linden presented details of the staff report.

Mayor Toussaint opened and closed public comments at 8:53 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to approve the Intra- Basin Administrative Agreement for implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Santa Ynez Valley Groundwater Basin and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, and carried with a roll call vote of 4-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, opposed.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Toussaint called for a recess at 8:55 p.m. The assembly reconvened at 9:04 p.m. with all Council Members, present.

9. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN UPGRADE UPDATE

Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford and Public Works Director van der Linden presented details of the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding input from experts, potential cost savings, increased efficiencies.

Mayor Toussaint opened public comments at 9:22 p.m.

Karen Jones, Presidents, Community Service District, Santa Inez

- Discussed a meeting at the Water Treatment Plant with representatives of various agencies
- Spoke in support of the project
- Expressed enthusiasm about working together with the City to find solutions

Nick DiCroce, We Watch

- Spoke in support of the project with the possibility of initiating a recycled water program
- Urged Council to carefully, consider the matter and work closely with other agencies

Mayor Toussaint closed public comments at 9:26 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to receive staff report and update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Update based on previous Council direction, seconded by Councilmember Djernaes, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to continue the meeting beyond 9:30 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

10. GRANTS FUNDING POLICY ADOPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-22 FINANCIAL PLAN

Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford presented details of the staff report.

Mayor Toussaint opened and closed public comments at 9:33 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Discussion followed regarding emphasizing on Senior Services and Human Services, including Youth Services such as the Boys and Girls Club and the possibility of conducting a needs analysis.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to approve Grant Award Policy for Fiscal Year 2020-22 Financial Plan, seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

11. FORMATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford presented a brief staff report.

Mayor Toussaint opened and closed public comments at 9:41 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding having the sub-committee work with Kosmont Companies on visioning and creating a Master Plan, considering private/public partnerships, helping to clarify Council direction for the community, suggested membership and leaving it to members of the ad hoc sub-committee in terms of membership and subject experts.

There was consensus from Council to create an Ad Hoc Economic Development Sub-Committee.

Discussion followed regarding concerns relative to micro-managing Kosmont.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Councilmember Djernaes to appoint Mayor Toussaint and Councilmember Djernaes as members of the Ad Hoc Economic Development Sub-Committee, seconded by Mayor Toussaint, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

12. AB1234 REPORT OUT, COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Councilmember Johnson discussed requests to upgrade existing speed humps in the City, around schools.

Mayor Pro Tem Clarke commented positively on the efficiency of the meeting agenda.

Councilmember Waite discussed a recent HOA meeting where discussions occurred regarding coyote population control. The HOA is not taking action without input from Solvang residents.

Councilmember Djernaes and Mayor Toussaint thanked staff for their hard work.

Mayor Toussaint discussed next steps for recruitment of a City Manager and impacts of retirement plans on the City's budgeting cycle and Acting City Manager/Administrative Services Director Bradford reported the latter will be folded on discussions as staff develops the City's next financial plan process.

13. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Toussaint adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:


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Interim City Clerk

In accordance with Solvang Municipal Code Section 1-4-16 (Ord. 14-305), minutes of the City Council of the City of Solvang are prepared in action style.