



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

April 08, 2019
Monday
6:30 pm

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Toussaint, Council Members Clarke, Djernaes, Johnson, and Waite

STAFF: David Gassaway, City Manager; Dave Fleishman, City Attorney; Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director; Holly Owen, Planning & Economic Development Director; Fred Lageman, Parks & Recreation Director; Lt. Eddie Hsueh; and Lisa S. Martin, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

A proclamation was presented by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke to Alison Wales of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, declaring April 2019 to be Sexual Abuse Awareness Month.

Presentation and Annual Report by Shelby Sim of Visit Santa Ynez Valley.

Presentation by John Martino of the Solvang Chamber regarding donations for the purchase of a living holiday tree to be planted in Solvang Park.

Council indicated they support moving forward with the living tree.

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

Steve Decker, Fredensborg Canyon Resident

- Discussed medical cannabis and announced that there will be an informational forum at Bethania Church on May 2nd
- The plant has thousands of uses
- Handed out a study regarding hemp and cannabis

Joan Jamieson and Linda Johansen, Solvang Residents

- Discussed the Rancheros Vistadores parade on May 4th and the Think Pink event that raised money for the new mammogram machine at SY Valley Cottage Hospital
- Encourage all residents to be Tough Enough to Wear Pink and to come out and show their support

Tracy Beard, Solvang Chamber of Commerce

- Announced annual Awards Banquet on April 18 and extended an invitation to David Gassaway and his wife

Rod Simmons, Solvang Resident

- Requested a meeting with the City Manager and Council Member Djernaes

Jeannine Steffen, Airstream of Santa Barbara

- Described a special event she would like to bring to Solvang called Urban Air

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT & ADVANCE CALENDAR

City Manager Gassaway gave an informational report.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Agenda as Presented
- b. Approval of draft Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting
- c. Notice of Completion, Second Street Drainage & Parking Lot Improvement Project
Accept the Second Street Drainage & Parking Lot Improvement Project, PW 089, as complete and direct the City Manager to execute and record the Notice of Completion
- d. Award Professional Services Agreement, Environmental Services for Wastewater Treatment Plan Water Quality Project
Award a Professional Services Agreement with Meridian Consultants in the amount of \$65,760.00; authorize execution of the agreement by the Mayor; and authorize the City Manager to execute any change orders if within the contingency amount of \$9,240.00. Parks
- e. Extension of Tyler Financial System Contract
Authorize the extension of the contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for an additional two-year period, to expire on May 31, 2020
- f. Approval of MuniTemps Agreement for Interim Administrative Services Director
Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with MuniTemps for the placement of an Interim Administrative Services Director, and approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$23,000 for the Temporary Agency Services account for FY 2018-19

Council Member Johnson indicated his desire to pull item 4c.

Council Member Djernaes stated he would like to pull item 4e.

Motion made by Council Member Waite to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items C and E, seconded by Council Member Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Staff report for Item 4c by Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director.

Council Member Djernaes asked if there was public outreach before the project to make the businesses aware.

Matt van der Linden responded that all the businesses in the area had been notified in advance of the start of construction, but that the project was delayed due to PG&E and the weather.

Council Member Djernaes expressed concern with the time of year in which the project was initiated. Public Works Director van der Linden explained that the project needed to be completed before the rainy season.

Council Member Johnson asked why the project included a new Solvang sign at the parking lot. Matt van der Linden explained that it was in the interest of safety, so that tourists don't stand in the entrance/exit driveway or trip on planters while attempting to take a photo near the existing Solvang sign.

Motion made by Council Member Clarke to approve the Consent Agenda Item C as presented, seconded by Council Member Djernaes, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Staff report for Item 4e by Sandra Featherson, Administrative Services Director. The current contract extension is for two years due to an outdated building permit and business certificate platform, and pricing in 2020 will not include that module so that the city can proceed with a request for proposals to change the financial and permit tracking system for those functions.

Motion made by Council Member Clarke to approve the Consent Agenda Item E as presented, seconded by Council Member Djernaes, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. FORMATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Staff report by David Gassaway, City Manager.

Mayor Toussaint opened the item to public comment at 7:40p.m.

Tracy Farhad, Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau

- Offered SCVB staff for economic development discussions or as a member on committee
- Wished a fond farewell to Sandra Featherson

Mayor Toussaint closed public comment at 7:42 p.m.

Council Member Waite inquired as to whether a member of the public could be a member of the committee.

Dave Fleishman explained that the committee could certainly be set up that way, however it would then be subject to agenda postings, etc., as standing subcommittees are covered by the Brown Act. Conversely, if a two council member ad hoc committee was formed to meet informally with other groups and report back to Council, that would not be subject to the Brown Act.

Council Member Johnson indicated his preference would be an ad hoc committee.

City Manager Gassaway clarified that an ad hoc committee is typically set up for a specific purpose or topic and that once that purpose is accomplished, the committee is dissolved. He would like to schedule a two-day retreat to develop strategic objectives for the Council, from that specific goals can be set. In this way, the Council can establish a vision for moving forward collectively, as a body. Those goals would be used to formulate an action plan for the ad hoc committees, or if better suited, by the professional City staff.

Council Member Djernaes differed in his opinion of the ad hoc committee, and felt the members should act as the visionaries, to pursue ideas and bring them back to the Council.

City Manager Gassaway responded that the definition of Economic Development is most likely different for each of us, that is why it needs to be a targeted direction formulated by the Council as a whole.

Mayor Toussaint added that the public engagement that occurred last year during the Economic Development group meetings was an important piece.

Mayor Toussaint re-opened the item to public comment at 7:52 p.m.

Tracy Beard, Solvang Chamber of Commerce

- Has an excellent consultant working on a Tenant Mix Strategic Study, for which they received a grant
- Questionnaires were sent out to over 4,000 households with City water bills, so it will include substantial community feedback
- The surveys included questions added by Council Member Djernaes
- The study will be completed in June and she would request that the Council wait until that study is final so that they can work off of it, otherwise there is a duplication of effort

The item was closed to public comment at 7:55 p.m.

Council Member Waite commented that she thinks any action to form the committee at this point is premature. We should take the advice of the new City Manager and wait until after the retreat to form.

Council Member Clarke agreed that a Council retreat will be a perfect forum to sit down together and hash these types of things out. Our vision should come out of that retreat.

Council Member Johnson mentioned that in his opinion there is no problem with forming the committee at this point. The committee would not be taking anything over, we could just have it like all the other committees. We can discuss exactly what the focus is going to be later, but there is no harm in creating it now.

Motion made by Council Member Johnson to form an Ad Hoc Economic Development committee.

Mayor Toussaint questioned if it was appropriate to select the members at this time.

City Attorney Fleishman indicated it would be within the parameters of the agenda item to do so.

Council Members Johnson and Djernaes indicated their desire to serve on the committee.

The Motion was amended to include appointment of Council Members Johnson and Djernaes as the committee members, seconded by Council Member Djernaes, and carried with a roll call vote of 3-2 with Council Members Clarke and Waite voting No.

5. HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL UPDATE

Staff report by Holly Owen, Planning & Economic Development Director.

Mayor Toussaint opened the item to public comment at 8:04 p.m.

Mitch Williams, Local Contractor.

- No in-fill ordinance as directed in the Housing Element of 2015
- Staff is essentially adjudicating a new tax
- Questioned why the council members were not invited to the sewer impact fee meetings

The item was closed to public comment at 8:08 p.m.

Council Member Waite questioned why an in-fill ordinance had not yet been developed and asked if this update included projects in the planning process.

Planning Director Owen responded that our current Housing Element is for the period 2014-2023 so the in-fill ordinance could be developed within that time frame.

City Attorney Fleishman discussed affordable housing in-fill and density bonus ordinances in regards to incentives.

City Manager Gassaway asked for clarification that the topic being discussed was affordable housing.

Council Member Clarke responded that it was also housing in general.

Motion made by Council Member Waite to receive and file the report, seconded by Mayor Toussaint, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER AB1234 AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
 - Air Pollution Control Board
 - Finance Committee
 - League of California Cities
 - Chumash Tribe
 - Water Committee
 - CA Joint Powers Authority
Council Member
 - Joint Wastewater Committee
 - Library Advisory Committee
 - EMA Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Council Member Waite reported that she will attend a meeting on April 25th.

Mayor Toussaint and Council Member Clarke reported on their tour of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

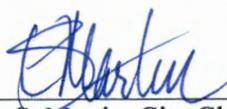
7. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Clarke stated he was looking forward to the Council retreat.

Council Member Waite commented that she has heard that some of our tour buses are being stopped and inspected by the CHP and expressed concerned that this could affect tourism.

City Manager Gassaway responded that he will look into the issue.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Toussaint adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:24 p.m.



Lisa S. Martin, City Clerk