



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

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

May 26, 2020
Monday
4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Toussaint called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

STAFF: Xenia Bradford, City Manager, and Chip Wullbrandt, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. CITY OF SOLVANG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & VETERAN'S HALL SPECIFIC SITE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Toussaint read an initial statement into the record regarding public participation.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to proceed as follows: 1) receive staff's report and developers presentations; 2) have the Council ask questions, not give comments; 3) hear public questions and comments until 6:15 pm.; and 4) continue the meeting to an outdoor meeting such as Solvang Park to be held in the next two weeks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

City Manager Xenia Bradford stated that the Council had given prior policy direction when it discussed the 2019-2020 Financial Plan Development with one of the Council's goals being to create a Master Plan for Solvang's future, and which included consideration for development at and near the Veterans Hall. Ms. Bradford provided an update on the progress made to date with respect to this goal including initial contact with all involved stakeholders.

Ken Hira, President Kosmont Companies briefed the Council on the high light feasibility of the project and the economic development opportunities it presents for the City. To see the entire presentation, please refer to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0de8nrt3kTw>. (time stamp 40:10/4:16:14).

Jarred Gorin from Vanguard Planning representing Mr. Ed. St. George and his team articulated for the Council the specifics of the project. Mr. Gorin's presentation can be found in its entirety at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0de8nrt3kTw>. (time stamp 1:16:36/4:16:14).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Due to the many speakers wishing to offer public input and in following the guidelines of the Municipal Code, public comments are summarized as those in opposition to project and those in favor or project by listing names accordingly and the method of their feedback (letter, zoom, comment, present, etc.)

The following speakers offered public comment against the proposal:

Chris Nielsen	Hazel Mortesen	Ron Bendlet	Elise Oloff	Dean Clickgard
Linda Hanly	Andreas Pyper	Suzan Hamilton-Todd	Lansing Duncan	Bruce Porter
Mary Beth Lee	Erika Orona	Darryl Scheck	Jan Hubbell (Zoom)	Richard Lane (Zoom)
Lindsey Kennedy-Hume (Zoom)				

In addition to the above speakers, emails in opposition were received from the following individuals:

Sue Pohls	Mikki Robinson	Katie Pearson	Justing Pearson	Paul Matties
Robyn Martinek	Erica Valdes	Marion Hallum	Lisa O'Neill	Kyle Loskamp
Andreas Pyper	Lauren Benarth	Charlie Uhrig	Denise Rose	Marty Martinez
Sheila Benedict	Michael Hecker	John Novak	Brittnee Walsh	George L. Fleming
Bill Bonham	Bonnie Jacobsen	Marilyn Larsen	Herbert Bundgen	Chris Nielsen
Mary Bahnken	Robyn Moon	Elsie M. Lassiter	Global Gardens	Karen Gottwals
Richard Lane	John Duncan	Barbara Shaffer	Heidi Wasko	Tim Donahue
Gay Infanti	Jacque Wagstaffe	Laura Buff	Reece Michaelson	Kay & Bill Villa
Helmina Schenck	Suellen Stewart	Susie Pierson	Megan Cullen	Glen & Candy Clark
Heather Walker	Stephanie Cruickshank	Lauren Hemming	Debbie Laroche	Glen Windh
Debra Deyette	Anna Lincoln	Dan Weisman	Jay Bardessono	Beverly Andersen
Julia Shaffer	John & Suzanne Petersen	Rikka Rasmussen	Lenore Fusano	Julie Levangie
John Harper	Eileen M. Clark	Mark Purcell	Colleen Smith Fournier	Tracy Mapes
Trent Casberg	Russ & Rosemary Banko	Jan Hubbell	Abigail Sample	Will Etling
William Bebernes	Peter Aichinger	Donna A-Ineman	Diana Longoria	John Padfield
Rebecca Firth	Susan Kaushaar	Priscilla Copass	Rick Longoria	Mark Parsons
Ken Sorensen	Stephanie Satom	Lauren Watts	Marilyn Hart	Amy Helgeson
Lindsey K-Hume	William M. Moreland	Patricia H-Duncan	Olivia Flisher	Linda Hanly
Joanne Clark	Linda Parsons	Patricia Simon	Daniel Simon	Melanie Statom
Janeen Beller	Cori Lassahn	Denise Rose	Nancy Emerson	Linda Johansen
Thomas Wagstaffe	John Duncan	Suzan Hamilton-Todd	Bill Giorgi	Jennifer Soni
Katie Dabney	Shirley Stacy	Carl Butler	Heidi Honeyman	Alvin Salge
Pamela Andrade	Hudson Hornic	Bob Tucker	Darryl Scheck	Barbara Bierig

The following emails were received in support of the proposal:

Jonathan Roylance and Judi Williams

Mayor Toussaint asked staff to work with Willdan and Associates to evaluate what sort of improvements are needed at Veterans Memorial Hall to allow the Council a metric for comparison.

Mayor Toussaint adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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