



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

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

July 13, 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, and Karen Waite

ABSENT: Council Member Johnson

STAFF: Xenia Bradford, City Manager, Chip Wullbrandt, City Attorney and Matt van
der Linden Public Works Director/City Engineer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Council Member Waite

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Bruce Porter

- Spoke relative to the Vet's Memorial Hall building and briefed the Council relative to its significance and what it means to the entire Santa Ynez Valley Community

Ed Skytt

- Made comments about the Vet's Memorial Hall and posed several questions for the Council regarding the proposal presented in May with Ed St. George

The following speakers spoke against the Solvang 2.0 proposed development:

- Terri Harman, Terese Sessey, Heidi Iwasko, Jeanette Richardson, Rita Van Dekamp, Nina Van Gardner, Jeannette Butler spoke against the Solvang 2.0 Project based on the uncertainty with the economy and the grim financial conditions that are now facing the City of Solvang

Callers – None

2. EXECUTIVE, PIO REPORTS & ADVANCE CALENDAR

City Manager Xenia Bradford provided the following highlights:

- Stated that on June 22, the Council had adopted the 2020-2021 Financial Plan,
- Reminded the Council that some of the priority items coming up including the General Plan Update, Fee Update, Website Update and Aeration System Replacement
- Spoke about the General Plan update, which has not been updated in more than 10 years
- Provided a summary of the June 27 workshop and stated that it was well-attended
- Commented that recruitment for members of the Branding and Design Committee (BDC) will begin this week; stated that the BDC replaced the Board of Architectural Review (BAR)
- Briefed the Council on the recent Governor Newsom's COVID-19 updated regulations
- Reminded businesses about sign and permit restrictions, which were eased
- Provided a list of the items on the advanced calendar for the July 27 Council agenda

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to approve the consent calendar as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 4-0 with Council Member Johnson absent.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Agenda as Presented
- b. Approval of Warrant Register/Expenditure Report for June 2020
- c. Approval of City Attorney Invoices
- d. Sewer System Management Plan 2020 Update
- e. Award of Professional Services Agreement – Construction Management Services for the WWTP Aeration System Replacement Project
- f. SYVT COVID-19 CARES Act Contract Amendment for Transit Service Operations

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

4. SOLVANG TROLLEY LICENSE RENEWAL AND ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

1. Hold a public hearing to consider renewal of the horse drawn conveyance license and the motorized trolley tours license for Solvang Trolley Company, for a term of one year; and
2. Hold a public hearing to amend the City of Solvang Ordinance No. 4-1

Xenia Bradford, City Manager presented the staff report stating that the recommendation is for the Council to hold a public hearing to consider the renewal of a horse drawn conveyance license and the motorized trolley tour license for Solvang Trolley Company.

Mayor Toussaint open public comments at 7:25 p.m.

The following speakers spoke in support of renewing the horse drawn license and motorized trolley tour license:

Ms. Claudia Orona, applicant, addressed the City Council with respect to the issuance of the conveyances and licenses, urged the Council to approve them, and addressed the City Council about the concerns and misinformation that is out there in the community.

- Diane Mayes, Nina Baumgardner, Jacque Wagstaffe, Marcia Nelson, Joy Kelley on her behalf and that of Amy Parker, Amy Martinez, Lisa Martin, Lynn Martinez on behalf of Emily Martinez, Cindy Redford, Ceece, Aaron Ferguson, Frank Jared Frost, Hans Stusse, Candy Golden, Storm

Munich, Jayla Guru, Victoria last name inaudible, Hector Salvador Orona, Lorena Anna Orona, Sal Orona, David Eastdale, Susie Margolies Pearson, Evelyn Reinoso, Scott Shoemake, Robert Soyder, Zack Gonzalez, Valerie, Ropelato, Kathie Furman, Michael Craig, Robert Barbato, and Debra Deyette.

Mayor Toussaint closed public comments at 9:05 p.m.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Toussaint called for a recess at 9:05 p.m. The assembly reconvened at 9:10 p.m. with all Council Members, present.

A substantial discussion ensued regarding the license trolley renewal with some members of the Council stating that the residents want to keep the trolley while others argued in favor of putting the trolley service out for an RPF and delaying the vote until another provide can come and present to the Council.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to limit discussion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 3-1 with Council Member Djernaes voting no.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint directing staff to sit down with the Orona Family, directing staff to explore and come back to the Council with a five-year license renewal, approving the current license to allow the Oronas to continue operating, and directing staff to come back with amendments to the existing Ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 3-1 with Council Member Djernaes voting no.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint, to continue the meeting after 9:30 p.m. following a brief recess, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 3-0. Council Member Djernaes left the dais at 9:30 p.m.

5. AMEND APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Adopt Resolution No. 20-1115, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California, amending the appropriation limit for fiscal year 2020-21 pursuant to Article XIII of the California Constitution.

City Manager Xenia Bradford presented the staff report briefing the Council on the options and recommendations provided by staff.

Mayor Toussaint open to public comments at 9:31 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Toussaint closed to public comments at 9:31 p.m.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to approve the item as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 3-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

6. COVID-19 UPDATE

Receive and file staff report and provide with policy direction as needed

City Manager, Xenia Bradford presented the staff report briefing the Council on the most recent State and County orders and regulations.

Mayor Toussaint requested staff to come back at the next meeting with an update regarding delinquent utility accounts for commercial and residential.

Mayor Toussaint open to public comments at 9:36 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Toussaint closed to public comments at 9:36 p.m.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to receive and file the status report, seconded by Council Member Waite, and carried with a roll call vote of 3-0.

7. MARKETING & TOURISM UPDATE

Receive and file staff report on Marketing & Tourism and provide policy direction as needed

Scott Shumake presented the staff report highlighting only the high-level findings of the PowerPoint presentation.

There was no formal motion to receive and file.

8. MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE

Receive and file report on Media Coverage for the City of Solvang and provide policy direction as needed

Anna Ferguson requested that the media and public relations update be moved to the next meeting. Without any objection, it was so ordered.

Motion made by Mayor Toussaint to move the media and public relations update to the next meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 3-0.

9. AB1234 REPORT OUT, COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

There were no AB1234 reports to announce.

Mayor Pro Tem Clarke commented that he wants to continue working on the lights and Cameras on Copenhagen and Alisal as well as on the charging stations behind the outlets.

10. ADJOURNMENT- Mayor Toussaint adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

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Deputy City Clerk

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