



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL**

April 25, 2022
Monday
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Uhrig called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Charlie Uhrig; Mayor pro tem Mark Infanti; Councilmembers Robert Clarke, Claudia Orona, Jim Thomas

Staff: City Manager Xenia Bradford, City Attorney David Fleishman, City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Public Works Director Jose Acosta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor pro tem Infanti

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, CEREMONIAL ITEMS

a. Employee of the Quarter Award

City Manager Xenia Bradford presented Claudia Stephenson with the Employee of the Quarter Award.

PRESENTATIONS

a. 2022 CCCE Annual Member Agency Presentation

Susan Davison, CCCE, narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the 2022 CCCE Annual Member Agency report.

Discussion followed regarding rates and the source and development of 100% renewable energy.

b. Visit Santa Ynez Valley Annual Report

Shelby Sim, President and CEO, Visit Santa Ynez Valley, presented details of their annual report.

Discussion followed regarding measuring the impact of events.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

Jennifer Soni spoke favorably on the condition of Copenhagen Drive; reported receiving comments from other businesses regard encroachment permits on businesses having equanimity and noted some businesses still have parkettes that are not in compliance with the code.

There were no other public comments.

2. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

City Manager Bradford narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details including the reopening of Copenhagen Drive, the General Plan update, the status of Solvang Park upgrades, upcoming special events, upcoming General Plan update workshops, Commission and Committee meetings and the Advance Calendar.

Councilmember Orona announced in Spanish of an upcoming General Plan update workshop.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Councilmember Orona reported there seems to be some confusion regarding what outside seating is allowed as there are some businesses still using public right of way for seating.

Mayor pro tem Infanti reported attending the recent ribbon cutting for Sana Pecado and discussed attending a recent opioid meeting.

Councilmember Clarke reported he will attend an upcoming JPIA Government Leadership Conference and will report back at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Mayor Uhrig discussed the opioid meeting; reported attending Air Pollution Control District and a SBCAG meeting; spoke about meeting Vice President Kamala Harris; commented on attending the ribbon cutting for Sana Pecado and talked about upcoming special events and an upcoming Santa Ynez Broadband Community Forum. Additionally, Mayor Uhrig announced the reopening of the Library; addressed Cycle mania events and discussed Food Bank distribution.

City Council returned to hear the CCCE Annual Member Agency presentation.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented.
- B. Approve the Minutes of the City Council meeting of April 11, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Clarke, to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mayor pro tem Infanti and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. WASTEWATER TREATMENT UPGRADE PHASE 3 RECYCLED WATER POLICY DIRECTION

Receive staff report and direct staff to pursue a preferred alternative for Recycled Water or provide staff with alternative direction. Staff has analyzed the following options for Council review and consideration:

- a. Direct staff to pursue the construction of Phase 3, recycled water treatment system. Proceed with construction of Phase 3 along with Phase 2, but only proceed with installation of the cloth filters and disinfection processes (at that time), allowing for discharge into percolation ponds.
- b. Direct staff to pursue the construction of Phase 3, recycled water treatment system. Proceed with construction of recycled water treatment system along with distribution system to irrigate Alisal golf course.
- c. Direct staff to pursue the construction of Phase 3, recycled water treatment system. Proceed with construction of recycled water treatment system along with distribution system to irrigate Hans Christian Andersen Park.
- d. Direct staff to pursue the construction of Phase 3, recycled water treatment system. Proceed with construction of advanced water treatment facility (AWTF) and distribution system to infiltration field, for groundwater replenishment.
- e. Direct staff to not pursue recycled water and continue with Phase 2 only

City Manager Bradford introduced the item and deferred to Utilities Director Acosta for a presentation.

Utilities Director Acosta narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Wastewater Treatment Phase 3 Upgrade and consideration of use of recycled water including various available alternatives and cost comparisons. He added that the City is seeking grant funding for the project.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of the City selling recycled water to construction companies, the lifespan of an advanced water treatment facility and having a designated area for infiltration.

Jeff Weiser, Project Manager, Carollo Engineering, discussed treatment and regulatory requirements, noted that recycled water costs are high and reported the more users you have helps reduce costs.

Discussion followed regarding the option for HCA Park, objections by the Alisal golf course, users of recycled water, high-water users, rates for recycled water, funding sources and the possibility of applying for a low-interest State loan.

Mayor Uhrig invited public comments.

Dennis Beebe asked if Title 22 water is adequate for firefighting and commented on the possibility of postponing the project.

Consultant. Weiser reported that typically, recycled water is not used for fire fighting efforts.

Nick Di Croce, We Watch, via Zoom, recommended that the City approve Option A, as listed above.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Infanti, to direct staff to pursue the construction of Phase 3, recycled water treatment system. Proceed with construction of Phase 3 along with Phase 2, but only proceed with installation of the cloth filters and disinfection processes (at that time), allowing for discharge into percolation ponds, seconded by Councilmember Clarke and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

6. REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST PURSUANT TO SECTION 10010(f) OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

Authorize City Manager to pay \$30,000 in legal fees reimbursement to Shenkman & Hughes, PC upon receipt of release of claims

City Attorney Fleishman presented details of the report.

Members of Council expressed disgust at the practice.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Infanti, to authorize City Manager to pay \$30,000 in legal fees reimbursement to Shenkman & Hughes, PC upon receipt of release of claims, seconded by Mayor Uhrig and carried with a roll call vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Clarke, opposed.

7. AB1234 REPORT OUT AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS - None

8. ADJOURNMENT- Mayor Uhrig adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter, City Clerk