



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

City Council
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, Ca. 93463

July 12, 2010
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Richardson, Council Members Duus, Jamieson, Palmer and Skytt

STAFF: Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Manager; Tully Clifford,
Public Works Director; Lt. Julie McCammon; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Council Member Skytt.

PRESENTATION

Tom Walton, the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator provided a PowerPoint overview and update on what has been taking place with the Community Disaster Preparedness.

CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT

Informational report only.

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

None

2. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Jamieson

- ❖ Thanked Manny's Restaurant for the nice party for their Grand Opening; the owner gave an inspirational speech on how proud he is to be an American
- ❖ Reception for the Danish Ambassador was a great event, both he and his wife are very charming people, their daughter and her friend were delightful. Hopefully he will encourage a visit by the Royal Family during the Centennial

Skytt

- ❖ Thanked the Public Works Department for placing the lane delineators on Pine Street to slow the traffic
- ❖ Echo Council Member Jamieson's comments regarding the Ambassador's reception, which was well attended; The Ambassador seemed very impressed with the Valley and know he will put in a good word to encourage a visit by the Royal Family

Richardson

- ❖ Echo Council Member Jamieson and Skytt's comments regarding the Ambassador; he commented that Solvang was the most Danish City he had visited in America
- ❖ Need assistance from the community, newspapers and various organizations to make the SCVB aware when special groups visit our town, gave examples of a couple of groups which had come through our town stating they deserve to be welcomed and recognized; many times we are unaware they are visiting here

3. JUNE 28, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Richardson requested an addition to the minutes acknowledging a mistake he made attributing a newspaper article quote to Council Member Skytt; the quote had actually been made by a Council Member in another City. An apology was made by Mayor Richardson to Council Member Skytt and accepted by him.

Motion was made by Council Member Jamieson, seconded by Council Member Skytt to approve the minutes including Mayor Richardson's addition. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda read by City Clerk

- a. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated June 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, July 1, 2010
- b. Approval of warrant register dated July 12, 2010
- c. Receive and file Santa Barbara County Fire Department report for the month of June 2010
- d. Receive and file Sheriff's report for the month of May 2010
- e. Approve Amendment No. 4 to Code Enforcement contract for Dale Schade and authorize the Mayor to sign
- f. Approve contract extension with American Star Transportation, Inc. for operation of Valley Transit program and approve budget appropriation request

Mayor Richardson pulled **item 4f** for further discussion.

Motion was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve Consent Agenda **items 4a** through **4e** as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

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Staff report on **item 4f** by Public Works Director

- ❖ Transit extension includes increasing evening service by two hours
- ❖ Will be investigating the possibility for providing limited number of passes as a marketing tool to introduce the service to seniors

Public Comment:

Willi Campbell

- ❖ Discounted tickets will not only be a benefit to Solvang, but a benefit valley wide as seniors wishing to remain active from all over the valley use the transportation
- ❖ The fixed service is wonderful, but just like the benefit of extended hours, there must be room to deal with ticket prices to help seniors who are on fixed incomes

Public Works Director will continue to investigate the potential of discounted tickets.

Motion was made by Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Skytt to approve Consent Agenda **item 4f**. **Motion** carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. ADOPTION OF SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ Item has been before Council on numerous occasions with the last direction of delaying action pending adoption of an ordinance by the County of Santa Barbara
- ❖ Ordinance has been adopted by the County and the Solvang draft ordinance in the packet is patterned after their ordinance
- ❖ Decision requested if the City would like to adopt a Social Host Ordinance

Public Comment:

Dean Palius

- ❖ Briefly reviewed alcohol statistics in Valley
- ❖ Ordinance will encourage reduced alcohol use by youth
- ❖ League of California Cities supports the ordinance; numerous cities and counties have already adopted and have ordinances in place
- ❖ Read a letter of support from Sheriff Bill Brown

Mary Conway

- ❖ Reviewed the key points of the ordinance
- ❖ Explained the consequences for offenders, stressing the educational component
- ❖ Designed as a tool for youth making it easier for them to say no and a tool for law enforcement to provide and prevent under aged drinking in private locations
- ❖ The December 1, 2010 effective date will allow time to publicize and educate about the new ordinance

Council Members discussed the educational component as a very important part of this issue for both parents and youth.

Motion was made by Council Member Jamieson, seconded by Council Member Skytt to introduce, for first reading, by title only Ordinance No. 10-_____, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Solvang Adding Title 6, Chapter 6 to the Solvang Municipal Code to provide Social Host Liability for Underage Drinking changing the effective date to December 1, 2010. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

Mayor Richardson announced that item 7 would be heard prior to item 6.

7. **PROPOSED SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ½ PERCENT TRANSACTIONS (SALES) AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL CRIME & GANG SUPPRESSION, FIRE PROTECTION AND JAIL CONSTRUCTION/OPERATION**

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ Introduced Sheriff Bill Brown
- ❖ Sheriff Brown provided a video reflecting the findings of an investigative committee report regarding jail overcrowding
- ❖ A PowerPoint presentation was given explaining the proposed ballot measure of adding a ½ per cent tax on the November ballot, being proposed to build a much needed North County Jail
- ❖ Reviewed statistics which document the need for an additional facility

Council Members discussed a dislike for additional taxes however sometimes the need outweighs the dislike. Statistics unfortunately reveal an important need for the additional facility.

Public Comment: None

Motion was made by Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to add City of Solvang support for this ½ per cent tax on the November ballot at the Board of Supervisors meeting of July 13, 2010. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

Due to Mayor Richardson's inability to attend the Board of Supervisor's meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Jamieson will attend the meeting.

At this time a 10-minute recess was taken.

6. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE ONE OF THE SOLVANG MUNICIPAL CODE**

Staff report by City Attorney

- ❖ These changes were previously discussed by Council and are presented now for changes in the Municipal Code

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Public Comment: None

Motion was made by Council Member Palmer, seconded by Mayor Richardson to adopt Ordinance No. 10-____, On first reading, by title only, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang making technical amendments to Title One of the Solvang Municipal Code. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

Staff report continued

- ❖ Also previously discussed were possible policy changes
- ❖ Reviewed several recommended wording changes including deleting the word shall in several instances
- ❖ No final decisions are scheduled for this meeting, a draft ordinance will be introduced with suggested changes for review

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports)

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Council Member Skytt reported that a budget subcommittee had been established and discussion of the Ambassador's visit took place.

9. CLOSED SESSION

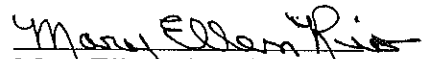
Public Comment: None

Council entered into Closed Session at 9:45 p.m.

GC 54956.9 (b) 3 (e) Threatened litigation (one case)

Council returned to Regular Session at 10:08 pm with Mayor Richardson reporting no reportable action.

10. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.


Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk