



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

Council Chambers  
1644 Oak Street  
Solvang, Ca. 93463

December 12, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Richardson, Council Members Duus, Jamieson, Palmer and Wood

**STAFF:** Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney; Arleen Pelster, Planning/Economic Development Director; Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director; Lt. Julie McCammon; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by Council Member Duus.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Susan Williams, Co-Chair of Third Wednesday provided an update on the success of Third Wednesday and reported on plans for its continuance; plans are underway for bringing back some of the previous events as well as adding new ones.

### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Informational report only.

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

Tracy Farhad

- Many comments received about how beautiful the town looks
- Grant received from the Santa Ynez Valley Hotel Association was used to produce a 30 second commercial
- Special thanks also to Z Folio Gallery and Valley Hardware as well as the many businesses which took part in the Christmas Tree project
- Great musical entertainment this year and a great parade
- Attended a convention in Las Vegas and met with over 25 tour operators; obtained a company that will be bringing in a bus load of approximately 45 people to spend the night during the week in Solvang for the next seven months

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- New event this year as part of Julefest is a 2 day Passport Wine Event
- Time Magazine featured Solvang as one of the most Christmasy towns
- 2012 Visitors Guide being unveiled as well as four destination videos
- Final Heritage Trail Event will be held at Centennial Plaza on January 6<sup>th</sup> for placement of the Time Capsule and recognition of the donors for the Plaza
- Statistics from the tourism study have produced some very positive numbers

**2. COUNCIL REQUESTS**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

No changes.

**4. NOVEMBER 28, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Duus to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda read by the City Clerk.

- a. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated November 23, 28, 29, and December 7, 2011
- b. Approval of warrant register dated December 12, 2011
- c. Approve Budget Adjustment for water Scada System backup computer
- d. Adopt City Ethics Policy
- e. Approval of payment plan for Water and Wastewater Connection Fees for 937/939 Askov Place and authorize City Manager to execute Promissory Note
- f. Recordation of tract map 30.074 for Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation
- g. Approval of revised agreement for Electric Charging Stations
- h. Adopt Resolution No. 11-\_\_\_\_, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang authorizing the City Manager to execute a FTA Section 5311 Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for operations assistance for the Santa Ynez Valley Transit System
- i. Approve new job description for Utility Billing Clerk position

City Manager reported meeting with the union and an agreement was reached to increase the salary step for **item 5i** from 108 to 109.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the addition of the step increase for **item 5i**. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. LICENSE FOR USE OF CITY STREETS FOR SEGWAY TOURS

Staff report by the Planning/Economic Development Director

- Council heard proposal at the meeting of November 14, 2011 by Adventures Out West for Segway tours in the City
- Applicant was asked to meet with the Sheriff's Department to discuss the route; this was done and the route is acceptable. Staff was requested to prepare an ordinance amendment which will be done to prohibit Segways on public sidewalks, staff is now recommending a license agreement which is being presented tonight to allow the operator to begin without a change to the ordinance
- Two minor changes have been requested; removal of one of the owners on the agreement as he is only a consultant and a change in the age of the operator from 14 to 18 years of age

Public Comment:

Chris Cyr

- Excited about getting the business started in Solvang
- Many people have stopped us and expressed an interest in the Segways
- When in use, will be obeying all traffic signals

Claudia Orona

- As the Trolley owners, we are always thrilled with new attractions here in Solvang however we have a couple of concerns, our research has shown that people can fall off of the Segways very easily and also that it is very easy to lose control
- We are concerned about how the Trolley horses will react to the Segways
- We would like to make sure that the Segway route is different from that of the Trolley

Sheila Benedict

- Segway representatives inquired about coming onto the Mission Santa Ines property, but due to liability issues the Mission turned down their request
- They then inquired if the participants could walk onto Mission property, and naturally that would be allowed as the Mission is open to any one walking as long as they are individuals and not part of a tour

Council Members discussed supporting the tours and suggested that the Segway representatives meet with the Solvang Trolley representatives and discuss and work out their concerns.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to approve the license for Adventures Out West Segway tours with the two minor changes and to allow staff to make typo corrections in the agreement. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

7. **ORDINANCE REVISING WATER AND WASTEWATER CODES IN REGARDS TO CONNECTION FEES AND RESOLUTION SETTING CONNECTION FEES**

Staff report by the City Manager

- Second reading for this ordinance, however just wanted to summarize the rates being established
- Will be modifying the ordinance and be setting the fees by resolution also with this action

Public Comment: None

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Wood to:

1. Adopt on second reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 11-\_\_\_\_, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang revising the water and wastewater codes in regards to connection fees.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 11-\_\_\_\_, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang setting water and wastewater connection fees.

**Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

8. **COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

Staff report by the City Clerk

- Protocols call for reorganization at first meeting in December
- This includes designation of Mayor Pro Tem for the 2012 term and any changes to assignments on boards and committees

Public Comment: None

Council Member Palmer asked to yield his option to Council Member Duus.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Wood to appoint Council Member Duus to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the 2012 Council term. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.

Council Member Wood requested the opportunity to serve on the California JPIA which was agreeable with the previous primary representative, Council Member Palmer.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Wood to appoint Council Member Jamieson as the primary representative on California JPIA and Council Member Wood as alternate. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.

Remaining assignments were unchanged.

9. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (Oral reports: Each Council Member will give oral reports on their activities in relation to the following committee or agencies. In addition, each member may report on items that will be included on the agenda for such committee or agency and seek guidance from the Council as a whole on such items, including on what position to take on behalf of the City)**

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- Centennial Organizing Committee
- **Santa Barbara County Association of Governments**  
Mayor Richardson reported that discussions took place on improvements to Highway 166, Santa Maria Corridor, Measure A safe routes to school bike program and my appointment to the north county regional board chairman assignment
- Air Pollution Control Board
- Joint Wastewater Committee
- Finance Committee
- Water Committee

10. CLOSED SESSION

Public Comment: None

Council entered into Closed Session at 7:49 pm.

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Council adjourned to Open Session with Mayor Richardson announcing no reportable action.

11. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

  
Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk