



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, Ca. 93463

January 9, 2012
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; Dave Fleishman, City Attorney; Arleen Pelster, Planning/Economic Development Director; Charlie Uhrig, Deputy Resource Officer; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Council Member Jamieson.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Informational report only.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Milton Yoshimoto

- Attorney representing Phil Leo who owns The Touch Restaurant
- Recently I attended the Council meeting regarding the water and wastewater hookup fees and am expressing Mr. Leo's concerns. He feels that the fees for new construction is being unfairly discriminated against as existing businesses are not paying their fair share especially in regards to the hookup fees and the handling of grease pollution
- Another concern is the hookup fees he was charged for the two apartments above the restaurant; he feels they should have been included in the restaurant fees

Mayor Richardson suggested that a letter be sent to the City Manager expressing these concerns and the City Manager would be happy to address the issues.

2. **COUNCIL REQUESTS**

None.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

No change.

4. **DECEMBER 12, 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 City Clerk.

- a. Approval of warrant register and pre-issues dated December 27, 2011 and January 9, 2012
- b. Receive and file Sheriff's Department report for November 2011
- c. Community Development Block Grant Project funding (CDBG):
 1. Approve the project funding contracts with the County of Santa Barbara to provide CDBG funding for Solvang's proposed accessibility improvements
 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the current and future contracts and other funding related documents as required upon approval of City Attorney
- d. Approval of Budget Appropriation Revision to fund vehicle replacement with Santa Barbara County

Motion was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Wood to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CARNEY ASSOCIATES LLC FOR PREPARATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Staff report by Planning/Economic Development Director

- Economic Development Committee headed by Council Member Duus has been meeting monthly for over a year

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- The business community, staff and members of the community have discussed ideas for improving the economic development and are now ready to take the next step
- A Request for Proposal was distributed in November to solicit a firm that specializes in preparing economic development strategies
- Carney Associates LLC was selected based on their qualifications and experience in economic development
- Planning funding is available through salary savings for this project

Public Comment: None

Council Member Duus reported that the group has been meeting for two years, they have had much discussion on many issues and are now ready to move to the next level. Council Member Palmer reported that while he will support this, it had been done previously in 1989 and 1992 with no results. Also expressed a desire not to hurt existing businesses.

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

1. Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Carney Associates LLC and authorize Mayor to execute upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and to
2. Approve the Budget Appropriation Transfer

Motion carried with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

7. ORDINANCE FORBIDDING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES ON SIDEWALKS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

Staff report by City Attorney

- Council recently issued a license for operation of Segway tours
- That license required the tour operators to keep the tours off all sidewalks in the downtown area
- Council felt it also needed to impose this restriction to any individuals using these devices
- Staff was directed to examine the issue and return with an amendment to the code section dealing with sidewalks in the downtown area

Public Comment: None

Mayor Richardson inquired why it did not include all the sidewalk areas of the City. City Manager responded that staff had understood Council recommendation included only dealing with the downtown area however the amendment could always be changed. Council Member Palmer suggested that at this time we should only deal with the downtown area as the Sheriff's have enough to do without including the additional sidewalks.

Motion was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Palmer to introduce for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 12-____, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang forbidding the use of electronic personal mobility devices on sidewalks in the downtown area, and excepting from that ban authorized law enforcement personnel and disabled persons. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

8. **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)**

- Centennial Organizing Committee
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Air Pollution Control Board
- Joint Wastewater Committee
- Finance Committee
- Water Committee

9. **ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm


Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk