



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

Council Chambers  
1644 Oak Street  
Solvang, Ca. 93463

May 11, 2009  
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, Palmer and Skytt  
One Council vacancy.

STAFF: Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney; Charlie Uhrig,  
Community Resource Deputy; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

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

**CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT**

Informational report only.

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

Tracy Farhad

- ❖ Will be promoting Solvang at the Pow Wow being held in Miami
- ❖ Reports about the Swine Flu and fire have resulted in cancellations by some tour groups
- ❖ Local hoteliers partnered with Santa Barbara to provide rooms for firefighters and evacuees
- ❖ Third annual Wine Country Half Marathon was well attended

2. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Skytt

- ❖ Accidentally received a call from a tourist who was cancelling their reservation at a local hotel due to the fire, after speaking with them convinced them our area was not affected and they decided to visit

Duus

- ❖ Santa Barbara fire reflects how well mutual aid is working
- ❖ It is unfortunate that 77 homes were lost, but the numbers could have been much higher
- ❖ The orderly evacuations were the result of great work by law enforcement

Richardson

- ❖ Attended a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for United Way, who will also be sponsoring the Mayor's Ball, "Fit and Fine" being held June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott in Buellton
- ❖ Thanked local hoteliers for providing rooms for the firefighters and the evacuees at reduced rates

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda read by City Clerk.

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 27, 2009
- b. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated April 23, 24, 27, and May 5, 2009
- c. Approval of warrant register dated May 11, 2009
- d. High Speed Color Copier purchase:
  1. Authorize the purchase of two replacement copiers.
  2. Approve appropriation transfer to fund the purchase
- e. Introduce for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 09-\_\_\_\_, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang amending the Solvang Municipal Code to allow consumption of alcohol in Solvang Park by permit for special events
- f. Adopt on second reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 09-\_\_\_\_, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang deleting the provision in the Municipal Code requiring permits for assemblies in parks

Mayor Richardson pulled **items 3e** and **3f** asking for public comment, no public comment received.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Duus to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes. One Council vacancy.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT DOCUMENT FOR LOT 72 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA BARBARA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ Discussion continue with Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation to finalize lease agreement for Lot 72
- ❖ Part of the lease process requires a Negative Declaration
- ❖ Staff received estimate for preparation of the document and is recommending splitting the cost with the Trust
- ❖ In addition to the estimate for the Negative Declaration, there is a possibility of additional fees imposed by the Department of Fish and Game

Public Comment: None

Council Members discussed the concessions the City has already made for this lease with the Trust and oppose spending any additional City funds.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Richardson, seconded by Council Member Skytt to deny the recommendation for splitting the costs for the Negative Declaration or any other fees involved with completing the lease. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 3 ayes, 1 no with Council Member Palmer voting no. One Council vacancy.

5. CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Staff report by City Clerk

- ❖ At the direction of Council, past applicants were contacted for interest in current vacancy of which five wished to be considered
- ❖ One new applicant came forward however changed her mind
- ❖ Applicants were invited to attend the meeting to introduce themselves personally

Public Comment:

Tara Wood

- ❖ Would be interested in serving on Council and taking part in the governing process
- ❖ After prior interview process, a suggestion was made to apply for other Boards and Commission which I did and presently serve on the Board of Architectural Review
- ❖ I would take this very seriously

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Jennifer Sorenson

- ❖ Have lived here all my life and love the city
- ❖ Involved in retail and restaurant businesses locally
- ❖ Have lots of energy, good work ethics and many good ideas
- ❖ Feel the City could benefit from my long standing history here

Mayor Richardson thanked the applicants for coming forward and asked anyone else that is interested to attend the meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> and make their interest known. A final decision will be made at that meeting.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports)**

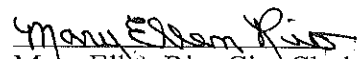
Skytt

- ❖ Main topic of discussion at the SBCAG meeting was the Measure A Strategic Plan presented by the various consultants. This plan should be ready for review in November or December; a part of this plan will be the establishment of a Citizen Oversight Committee with selection to be made by August
- ❖ Solvang Centennial Committee met and established a subcommittee that will be selecting a Centennial Logo from 127 entries received. Pursuing contacts for extending an invitation to the Danish Royal Family

Duus

- ❖ Water Committee met and waiting for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding by all the parties
- ❖ Reminding the public about the Water Workshop to be held on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

  
Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk