



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers  
1644 Oak Street  
Solvang, Ca. 93463

June 22, 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, Jamieson, Palmer and Skytt

STAFF: Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney; Dana Waite, Finance Director; Tully Clifford, Public Works Director; Fred Lageman, Parks & Recreation Director; Charlie Uhrig, Community Resource Deputy; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

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

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Richardson read a Proclamation that will be presented to Father Michael Mahoney at a farewell reception at Mission Santa Inez on Sunday, June 28, 2009.

**CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT**

Informational report only.

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

None.

2. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Palmer

- ❖ Will attempt to attain a drought resistant water supply for the City
- ❖ Periodically droughts do occur and we must be prepared to deal with those that last for a period of 7 – 8 years

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- ❖ Would like to shed some light on the relationship between the City and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District #1
- ❖ Read a couple of editorials dealing with this past relationship and the reason some hesitate about entering into the new partnership with ID#1

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda read by City Clerk.

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 8, 2009
- b. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated June 8, 15 & 16, 2009
- c. Approval of warrant register dated June 22, 2009
- d. Receive and file Sheriff's report for the month of May 2009
- e. Resolution 09-\_\_\_\_, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2009/10
- f. Authorize the Mayor to execute a two year contract extension for Moore & Associates for administration and marketing activities associated with Santa Ynez Valley Transit at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 per year.
- g. Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract extension for American Star Transportation, Inc. for day-to-day operational support specific to the Santa Ynez Valley Transit program FY 2009/2010 for \$410,000
- h. Award service contracts:
  - 1. Sidewalk Grinding a three year contract with option to extend at a cost of \$4.75 per linear foot, not to exceed \$30,000 per year;
  - 2. Custodial Contract a three year contract with option to extend at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 per year
  - 3. Street Sweeping a three year contract with option to extend at a cost of not to exceed \$38,000 per year
- i. Approve Amendment No. 3 to Independent Contractor Agreement with Dale Schade for Code Enforcement Services to extend agreement one year and authorize Mayor to execute.
- j. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement with Valley PC Repair/Patrick Meyer for computer support services to extend agreement one year and authorize Mayor to execute
- k. Accept the Copenhagen Drive Tree Grate Project and direct the City Manager to execute the Notice of Completion
- l. Approve Amendment No. 4 to Agreement for Animal Control Services between City of Solvang and County of Santa Barbara for \$33,886
- m. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Buellton for recreational services for FY 2009/10
- n. Adopt Resolution No. 09-\_\_\_\_ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang Authorizing the City Attorney to Cooperate with the League of California Cities, Other Cities and Counties in Litigation Challenging the Constitutionality of any seizure by State Government of the City's Street Maintenance Funds

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Mayor Richardson asked for public comment on **items 3a, 3e, and 3n**, no public comment received.

Council Member Palmer requested further discussion on **item 3e** regarding the budget for the Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau (SCVB).

Council Member Skytt reported a possible conflict of interest and left Council Chambers.

Council Member Palmer expressed his concerns to the Budget Committee for the imbalance of funding allocated to the Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau in which a larger percentage of the budget is being spent on salaries in proportion to the amount spent for promoting the City and also that once the money is allocated it is out of the control of the City. Inquired about closure of one of the Visitor's Centers and if the Copenhagen Center is provided to SCVB at no charge.

Council Member Skytt returned to Council Chambers.

Council Member Skytt reported that the SBCAG Board also sent a letter of opposition which is referenced in **item 3n**.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Skytt to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes, with Council Member Skytt abstaining from voting on the Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau portion of the budget.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Council Member Skytt reported a possible conflict of interest and left Council Chambers.

**4. AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES BETWEEN CITY OF SOLVANG AND SOLVANG CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU**

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ Renewal of existing three year contract
- ❖ Funding added this year to allow them to take charge of the Solvang Centennial Celebration planning
- ❖ Funding remains for a one year period

Public Comment:

Tracy Farhad

- ❖ Thank Council for their support, we have a good relationship
- ❖ Visitors Centers have shown a decrease over the past few years, so one Center was closed and hours extended at the Copenhagen facility
- ❖ Building is provided by the City at no charge to the SCVB

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**Motion** was made by Council Member Jamieson, seconded by Council Member Duus to approve contract with Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau for promotions with a three year term and authorize the Mayor to execute. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, with Council Member Skytt absent.

Council Member Skytt returned to Council Chambers.

**5. VETERANS' MEMORIAL HALL NO FEE USAGE POLICY**

Staff report by Parks & Recreation Director

- ❖ No formal agreement formulated for free use of facility by some groups
- ❖ Over the years this free usage has increased resulting in loss of potential revenue
- ❖ These free groups have expected the City to prep and clean up the facilities and have not been required to pay the cleaning/damage deposit
- ❖ Looking for direction of a written policy establishing guidelines for free usage

Council Members expressed concern with groups that “piggy back” on the free user groups, and where the profits are not being used locally, about consumption of alcohol as this has been taking place in the parking lot lately and a possible fee for usage of the parking lot for acceptable activities.

Public Comment: None

Staff was directed to take Council discussion, draft a policy and return to Council for review and approval.

**6. SELECT VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES' ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Staff report by City Clerk

- ❖ Prior to annual conference City Council is asked to name a voting delegate and an alternate to vote on league resolutions
- ❖ As of this date no requests have been received for conference registrations

Public Comment: None

Consensus of Council established Mayor Richardson as the voting delegate with Joan Jamieson and Ed Skytt as alternates.

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

SBCAG – Ed Skytt reported that applications are still being accepted for the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee

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Solvang Centennial Committee – Joan Jamieson reported that a logo had been selected for the Solvang Centennial, to be unveiled at a later date. Would like suggestions for memorabilia for its usage.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Public Comment: None

Council entered into Closed Session at 8:08 p.m.

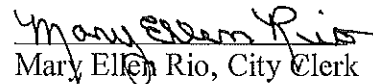
GC 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representative: David Fleishman/Brad Vidro

Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 381

Council adjourned to Open Session at 8:38 p.m. with Mayor Richardson reporting no reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

  
Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk