



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers  
1644 Oak Street  
Solvang, Ca. 93463

July 13, 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; Tully Clifford, Public Works Director; Fred Lageman, Parks & Recreation Director; Dana Waite, Finance Director; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by Mayor Richardson.

**CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT**

Informational report only.

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

Leo Mathiasen

- ❖ Commend Council Member Palmer for bringing forward the discussion on water at prior Council meeting; water is a critical issue and Council Member Palmer is by far the most knowledgeable on this issue
- ❖ Mayor crossed the line when he made the statement that mistrust could not be used when water discussions take place, monitoring speech is beyond your scope of responsibilities
- ❖ Informed Council Member Skytt that he was the individual that had him sanctioned by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for participating in a discussion on the Skytt Mesa drainage basin in Hans Christian Andersen Park resulting from a conflict of interest; the FPPC found a more grievous violation with participation in the discussion on moving the location of the skate board park which resulted in a fine, my issue has yet to be dealt with and I doubt that it will since the issues are related

Aaron Petersen

- ❖ Requesting a future agenda item to deal with the intersection project at High Meadow Road and Highway 246
- ❖ Cal Trans requested this project be delayed until the design for the Alamo Pintado Road/State Route 246 intersection improvement project is reviewed
- ❖ Due to the length of time required for this project I am requesting a bifurcation of the High Meadow Road and bicycle bridge improvements, I have already paid the City and would like to complete this requirement
- ❖ An appeal by several neighbors regarding my High Meadow project is before the Board of Supervisors and one of the issues of interest to residents is the completion of the turn lane
- ❖ Would like to be able to provide some sort of timeline

Consensus of Council was received to place this on a future agenda.

## 2. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Skytt

- ❖ Complimented all of the area Rotary Clubs and volunteers for the Fourth of July events which were outstanding, excellent turnout and weather

Palmer

- ❖ Echoed Council Member Skytt's comments on the Fourth of July, also thanked Mission Santa Inez, American Legion, traffic patrol, and Rio Vista Chevrolet
- ❖ Thanked Leo Mathiasen for his comments about my knowledge of water, have reviewed many old records on the state water issues, feel every Council Member should read these. Many mistakes were made by staff, Council and the public, we must be careful so it does not happen again
- ❖ City Manager reminded me that the issue will be coming back to Council

Duus

- ❖ Respect Council Member Palmers' opinion, however, we must learn from mistakes but not allow them to paralyze us, we must move forward
- ❖ The Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ID#1 (SYRWCD ID#1) is a baby step
- ❖ Water will always be a critical issue in the valley, it has been for many years and will continue for years

Jamieson

- ❖ Thanked the Public Works Director for tours of the Water and Sewer facilities
- ❖ Hope to tour Fire Station and Sheriff's Station next
- ❖ Have been approved by the Board of Supervisors as Solvang's Indian Gaming Benefit Committee representative
- ❖ Had an interesting tour of Sycamore Valley Ranch, a beautiful piece of property
- ❖ Inquired about the response to the Grand Jury

City Manager responded that this would be coming back to Council, waiting for SBCAG response.

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Richardson

- ❖ Echoed comments and thanks for the Fourth of July Events
- ❖ Tried to buy the car that Rio Vista Chevrolet provided for me for the parade, unfortunately it had been sold
- ❖ In regards to Mr. Mathiasen's comments regarding referring to distrust in dealing with SYRWCD ID#1, we will not be able to move forward and reach our goals with water issues if we continue to verbalize those remarks

3. JUNE 22, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Motion** was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Duus to approve the minutes as presented. **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 10, 23, 25, 26, 29, July 7, 2009
- b. Approval of warrant register dated July 13, 2009
- c. Receive and file Santa Barbara County Fire Department report for June 2009
- d. Approval of Recreation Camp Counselor job descriptions
- e. Accept the Corp Yard Paving and direct the City Manager to send Notice of Completion for recordation
- f. Receive and file update on recycling receptacles
- g. Approve extension to agreement for relinquishment of portion of State Route 246 for Skytt Mesa subdivision
- h. Adopt Resolution No. 09-\_\_\_\_, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang changing the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting schedule to quarterly

**Motion** was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to accept the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. SOLVANG TROLLEY HORSE DRAWN CONVEYANCE LICENSE MODIFICATION

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ For economic reasons the operator is asking for annual inspections instead of biannual
- ❖ In checking with Santa Barbara Animal Control, they feel the horses appear very well cared for and does not see a problem with annual inspections

Public Comment: None

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to approve a modification to inspection requirements for the horse drawn conveyance license for Solvang Trolley from biannual to annually. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

6. VETERANS' MEMORIAL HALL NO FEE USAGE POLICY

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

Staff report by Parks & Recreation Director

- ❖ At the June 22 Council meeting staff was directed to return with a written policy of no fee usage for the Veterans Memorial Building
- ❖ Reviewed policy

Council Members discussed issues of signage, parking and lawn area usage, alcohol use, ticket sales and items that were dealt with in the Memorandum of Understanding with the VFW and the American Legion and the rental application. A suggestion was made for adding a restriction on the rental application that ancillary use of the parking lot require City approval.

Public Comment: None

**Motion** was made by Council Member Jamieson, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve the Special Use Privileges and No Fee Usage Policy. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, with Council Member Skytt absent.

Council Member Skytt returned to Council Chambers.

7. WAYFINDING SIGN PROGRAM

Staff report by Public Works Director

- ❖ At various times Council received reports and proposals for notice boards, kiosks and directional signs which have not been implemented
- ❖ The Wayfinding program is designed to provide basic tourist information
- ❖ It has received approval from the Board of Architectural Review
- ❖ Measure D funds could be made available to fund the program
- ❖ Initial idea was developed by the Solvang Beautification Committee

Public Comment: None

Council Members discussed the appearance of the signs, inquired about placement and made a suggestion for enhancing them with a narrow border.

Public Works Director responded that they had been designed to be easily read and understood, were being placed utilizing existing light standards and could be easily enhanced with a narrow border.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Richardson, seconded by Council Member Duus to move forward with the Wayfinding Sign Program, accepting the suggestion for adding a border to the signs. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports)

o Solvang Centennial Committee

Council Member Jamieson reported that the Centennial Committee had met and received a draft Centennial event calendar, a couple of minor changes need to be made to the logo which is still not ready for an announcement yet, various merchandize was suggested for possible logo use, Committee is seeking sponsors and the next meeting is scheduled for August. 13.

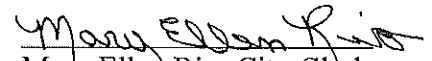
9. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Richardson announced that the Closed Session had been cancelled due to lack of information.

GC 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representative: David Fleishman Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 381

10. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

  
Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk