



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, Ca. 93463

May 26, 2009
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Richardson noted that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session held at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Richardson, Council Members Duus, Palmer and Skytt
One Council position vacant.

STAFF: Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney; Tully Clifford,
Public Works Director; Charlie Uhrig, Community Resource Deputy;
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**

None.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Staff report by City Clerk

- ❖ Five applicants have expressed an interest in being considered for this vacancy
- ❖ No new interested applicants have come forward
- ❖ Final date for filling vacancy by appointment

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Public Comment:

Joan Jamieson

- ❖ Previously submitted information of qualifications for filling Council vacancy
- ❖ Interested in serving, bring much experience and a desire to serve the community

Council Members thanked all of the candidates for expressing an interest in this vacancy and while only one can be selected, encouraged all of them to consider running for office in the 2010 election.

At this time ballots were distributed with the names of the five candidates, Council Members were asked to select one of the candidates, sign the ballot and return to City Clerk. The ballots were read by the City Clerk. Candidate Joan Jamieson received all four votes and will serve the remaining term of Council Member Jackson, expiring in 2010.

At this time Joan Jamieson was sworn in by the City Clerk and took her place on the dais.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Skytt

- ❖ Thanked the Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) for the Memorial Day Event in Solvang Park
- ❖ A very successful event was also held on Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Hall in support of all veterans

Palmer

- ❖ Echoed comments of Council Member Skytt regarding Memorial Day Events
- ❖ Also need to remember the veterans who remain in hospitals
- ❖ Thank Council Members and the public who supported Joan Jamieson, she comes with much experience and I am very glad she is here

Duus

- ❖ Welcomed Joan Jamieson to the Council

Jamieson

- ❖ Thanked Council for their support
- ❖ Will represent the community as best I can and appreciated those who urged me to apply for the vacancy
- ❖ A General Plan meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building and a Council Water Workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m., urge the public to attend both

Richardson

- ❖ Was asked by a Council Member in Lompoc to announce that a Job Faire being sponsored by the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce is being held on Saturday, June 13th from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Lompoc
- ❖ Commend the VFW, American Legion and the Boy Scouts and the speakers for the excellent Memorial Day Program
- ❖ On June 12th the United Way will be holding a Mayor's Ball at the Marriott Hotel in Buellton, great evening of fun
- ❖ Chair a committee at a Mayor's and City Managers meeting at which I have been asked to sign a letter opposing a Mandatory Spay/Neuter Ordinance; looking for Council consensus for this action.

Lacking Council consensus, Mayor Richardson requested the issue return as a regular agenda item for further discussion.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda read by City Clerk.

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 11, 2009
- b. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated May 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 2009
- c. Approval of warrant register dated May 26, 2009
- d. Receive and file Sheriff's report for the month of April 2009
- e. Receive and file Santa Barbara County Fire report for the month of April 2009
- f. Adopt Resolution No. 09-_____, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang amending the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Pursuant to Article XIII of the California Constitution
- g. Adopt Resolution No. 09-_____, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang initiating the preparation of engineer's report, approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report and setting a public hearing for June 8, 2009
- h. Adopt on second 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

Mayor Richardson asked for public comment on **item 3h**, no public comment received.

Motion was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Duss to accept the consent calendar as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes on **items 3b** through **3h**. **Motion carried** on **item 3a** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, 1 abstention with Council Member Jamieson abstaining.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. ALAMO PINTADO ROAD/STATE ROUTE 246 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

At this time a brief recess was taken to make adjustments to the sound system.

Staff report by Public Works Director

- ❖ Reviewed the process that has taken place and provided a timeline for subsequence activities
- ❖ Briefly described alternatives being discussed
- ❖ Introduced Brent Lemon, Quincy consultant to provide additional information

Brent Lemon

- ❖ Described the status of the project as it now stands
- ❖ Alternatives provided are only suggestions and when the public hearings take place other suggestions will possibly provide additional alternatives
- ❖ Environmental draft document possibly ready within the next 12 – 14 months
- ❖ Depending on issues with the draft, final approval of the Environmental Document would possibly be ready within an 18 month period

Council Members inquired about costs for completion, if the problems with the bridge had been recognized in the study, feasibility of the roundabout, if pedestrian crossing was a priority, what peak hours and numbers were studied, and if signals are ever considered for roundabouts.

Mr. Lemon responded that the cost estimates would differ depending on a decision of bridge widening or replacement had been made, widening being the lesser of two evils, estimating \$7 million, with replacement estimated at \$11 million. He also stated that information is shared about the problem area with the creek. Design for the roundabout were based on access for large trucks, he quoted the number of vehicles and peak hours considered in the study and stated consideration of pedestrian safety was being studied with a splitter island. Mr. Lemon stated that roundabouts are meant to provide continuous flow of traffic, and signals might defeat that purpose.

Public Comment:

Mike Stinson

- ❖ Inquired if roundabout will correct current traffic issues
- ❖ Will it change the path of the emergency vehicles going to the Casino and the hospital
- ❖ Did the study take into effect the housing mandate in which 42 square miles are to be rezoned; any scoping done for a 4 lane highway through Solvang

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Aaron Petersen

- ❖ This project has a relationship to the project I am currently trying to appeal off of High Meadow Road
- ❖ A condition of approval for that project was to construct a bike bridge and install a turn lane
- ❖ The City requested that this project wait until the intersection improvement study could be done and accepted as an option of approval, an in lieu fee
- ❖ We are now going before the Board of Supervisors due to an appeal in which information on the bike bridge and left turn lane will be an issue and what I hear tonight is it will be a considerably longer time before anything will be done; would like City Council to have City Manager attend to give them an update on these improvements since the City is now the lead agency. Would like to see these improvements done with the in lieu fees we have paid the City, or would like a drop dead date as to when these improvement would be done

Pat Sullivan

- ❖ Would like information on funding of this project, what has been spent and where additional funding will come from
- ❖ Feel the estimates which have been quoted for the project are extremely optimistic

City Manager responded providing total of Indian gaming benefit money received for the project - what had already been spent and remaining fund balance. He explained that the total project would require regional funding hopefully utilizing Measure A among other means.

Ron Herbig

- ❖ My main concern with this project is safety of bicyclists and pedestrians – roundabouts are dangerous for them

Larry Popkin

- ❖ Has any consideration been given to changing High School hours to alleviate some of the traffic
- ❖ Ideal solution would be a monorail
- ❖ Hear very little anymore about the bypass near the riverbed

Mayor Richardson acknowledged receipt of report and thanked participants for their input.

6. 2010 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA HOST CITY PROPOSAL

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ Asking for direction from Council regarding submitting proposal for 2010 Amgen Tour of California
- ❖ Max Hanberg and Carol Petersen have agreed to co chair the LOC and all volunteers have agreed to participate
- ❖ Date change this year from February to May due to weather issues in some of the areas

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Public Comment:

Henry Macchio

- ❖ Feel this is a marvelous event for bringing recognition to Solvang
- ❖ Have 3 recommendations for making this better for residents:
 1. Feel it should not interfere with mail delivery – choose Sunday or federal holiday
 2. Should not cause school closure – choose Sunday or Holiday
 3. Road closings cause hardship for residents – Bikes only require part of a roadway, open a lane for residents

City Manager responded that it was the choice of both the post office and the school to close that day and cited a liability issue for cars on the course. Try to minimize total closures and provide plenty of advance notice so residents can plan for the day ahead of time.

Max Hanberg

- ❖ Tried working with post office to arrange for mail delivery, but they opted to close, if we obtain Tour next year will try working with them again
- ❖ Schools allowed students a day to enjoy the event; AEG provides educational programs for the schools on bicycling and bicycle safety
- ❖ Will work harder to make more streets accessible

Motion was made by Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Dzus to submit a letter of support and a proposal to AEG Sports to serve as a host city for the 2010 Amgen Tour of California. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

7. **SMOKING IN PUBLIC AREAS**

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ In reviewing the Solvang Municipal Code it was discovered that this ordinance had not been revised since 1988 and is not in accordance with State Law
- ❖ Worked with Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to develop the ordinance
- ❖ Reviewed revisions; framework will easily allow for future regulation changes

Public Comment:

Erika Rodriguez

- ❖ As a member of the Youth Action Council, have conducted surveys on smoke free public areas - beaches, parks and businesses
- ❖ Statistics show that people prefer smoke free areas

Sage Perry

- ❖ As a member of the Youth Action Council, in addition to survey referred to by Erika Rodriguez, we also conducted a litter survey in Buellton and Solvang Parks to see if smoking was an issue

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- ❖ The park in Solvang (HCA) revealed the largest amount of cigarette butts and litter. There is not signage for non smoking near the playground and no receptacles for cigarette butts
- ❖ This allows for exposure of secondhand smoke for those children in the park and sends a message that smoking is okay

Dawn Dunn

- ❖ Resident expert in language and enforcement of tobacco issues in Public Health Department for Santa Barbara County
- ❖ Provided no smoking signage to the City
- ❖ Suggested deleting section dealing with prohibition of public school students from smoking as state law prohibits all minor from using or possessing tobacco
- ❖ Suggest adding the following “ in and within 25 feet of public playgrounds” in

Motion was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Palmer to 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 establish a Tobacco Control Ordinance in accordance with existing State Law with the suggested changes. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

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

Skytt

- ❖ Main topic of discussion at SBCAG meeting was county transportation report
- ❖ Now accepting applications for the Citizens Oversight Committee for Measure A

Richardson

- ❖ Joint Sewer Ad Hoc Committee met and the main topic of discussion was an audit that will be completed to verify the administrative fees being charged to CSD by the City
- ❖ Water Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss topics that will be discussed at the Water Workshop

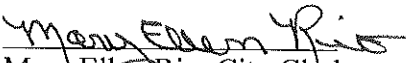
Duus

- ❖ Budget Committee met and very close to balancing the budget
- ❖ Compared to other cities, we appear to be in good shape

Vidro

- ❖ Will be bringing an item to Council to select a replacement for Council Member Jackson on the Solvang Centennial Committee

9. **ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.


Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk