



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, Ca. 93463

September 14, 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; Lt. Mark Liddi; 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

- ❖ Third Wednesday downtown event will be continued through December
- ❖ Large contingency from Japan visited Solvang and thoroughly enjoyed the shopping and the food
- ❖ Busy preparing for Danish Days, new this year will be a Victor Borge exhibit
- ❖ Will be hosting a group from China as part of the Fam Tour
- ❖ Centennial Logo was unveiled at an event in Solvang Park

2. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Skytt

- ❖ Asked Council Members to view the video of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting of August 25, 2009 regarding the Old Mill Project and requested an agenda item for discussion to decide if City Council would like to address some issues brought up at that meeting

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Consensus of Council approved this item for a future agenda.

- ❖ Have heard many positive comments about the Centennial logo
- ❖ Several shop owners and restaurants were disappointed not to have been included on the list for the visitors from Japan

Duus

- ❖ Complimented an unknown Solvang resident he observed out for her walk and picking up trash as she walked

Richardson

- ❖ Impressed with the excellent turnout for the Centennial Logo unveiling
- ❖ Most that have viewed the logo feel it was a good choice

3. AUGUST 24, 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 4 ayes, 1 abstention with Council Member Palmer abstaining.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda read by City Clerk.

- a. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated August 19, 24, 26, 27, and September 1, and 4, 2009
- b. Approval of warrant register dated September 14, 2009
- c. Receive and file Sheriff's report for the month of July 2009
- d. Approval of Budget Appropriation Revision to fund the Water Management Program

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. SOLVANG CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ACCOUNTING

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ Fundraising efforts will require the need for tax deductible charitable contributions that follow the Internal Revenue Code
- ❖ Possible options could be the City, the SCVB or the Elverhoj Museum
- ❖ The Elverhoj prefers not to take this on due to their limited staff and the possible fundraising competition
- ❖ The City already audits the SCVB books and feel this would become a duplication of efforts; the SCVB added credit card capabilities for payments on their website

- ❖ Our Finance Department has handled the accounting services for Amgen and feels the Centennial accounting would not pose a problem

Public Comment: None

Motion was made by Mayor Richardson, seconded by Council Member Skytt to authorize City staff to provide accounting services for the Centennial celebration. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

6. CITY OF SOLVANG GOALS-UPDATE

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ Second update of goals developed by the Council in May 2007
- ❖ Reviewed the updates and asked if there were any additional updates, changes or additions

Public Comment: None

Mayor Richardson thanked the City Manager for following through and continuing to meet the goals set by Council. The update was accepted by Council Members after questions about progress of some of the updates were answered by the City Manager.

Council Member Duus inquired if a 12th goal could be added dealing with Economic Development; as a tourist town, are we meeting the needs of the diversity of those visiting our City and are we encouraging and improving our businesses? City Manager responded he will return with information which Council can discuss, better define and make a decision for adding this to the goals.

7. NYBORG ESTATES MONUMENT SIGN

Staff report by Public Works Director

- ❖ Board of Architectural Review approved a monument entrance sign for Nyborg Estates Homeowners Association requesting approval of City Council for installation, as it will be placed in a public right of way
- ❖ All costs associated with the sign, its lighting and maintenance will be borne by the Homeowners Association
- ❖ Public Works has unsuccessfully attempted to find an alternate location out of the public right of way
- ❖ If Council approves, staff requests that any future requests be dealt with on a case by case basis

Public Comment: None

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Council Members discussed potential compensation for allowing use of the public right of way, either a nominal fee or an encroachment permit fee however the majority were against such a fee.

Motion was made by Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to approve the Maintenance Agreement between the City of Solvang and the Nyborg Estates Homeowners Association for the installation and maintenance of a neighborhood monument sign in the median on Nykobing at the intersection with Mission Drive. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, one no with Council Member Duus voting no.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports)

- SOLVANG CENTENNIAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
Council Members Jamieson and Skytt reported on the Centennial Logo unveiling which was well attended. Michele Janée was announced as the artist of the winning logo. The committee will begin adding more participants to the committee and will actively be seeking sponsors. The Mayor of our sister city Aalborg, Denmark will be visiting Solvang in April 2011
- SBCAG
Aaron Petersen decided against serving on the Measure A Citizens Advisory Committee. In his place SBCAG invited the Transportation Director for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians to replace Mr. Petersen

9. CLOSED SESSION

Public Comment: None

Council entered into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

GC 54957 Personnel Evaluation – City Manager

Council adjourned to open session at 8:27 p.m. with Mayor Richardson reporting that an ad hoc committee comprised of Mayor Richardson and Council Member Duus were appointed to negotiate with the City Manager.

10. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.


Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk