



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers  
1644 Oak Street  
Solvang, Ca. 93463

January 25, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Richardson, Council Members Duus, Jamieson, Palmer and Skytt

STAFF: Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney; Shelley Stahl, Planning/Community Development Director; Tully Clifford, Public Works Director; Dana Waite, Finance Director; Fred Lageman, Parks & Recreation Director; Lt. Julie McCammon; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

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

**CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT**

Informational report only.

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

Clayton Nielsen

- ❖ Have been living part time in Solvang for the past 22 years and thoroughly enjoy participating in City activities
- ❖ Quite often use the bus stop on Mission Drive in the early morning hours while it is still dark would appreciate it if the City could look into lighting the area
- ❖

David Jamieson

- ❖ Currently there is a World War II Victory Ship in San Francisco Bay by the name of Mission Santa Ynez being refurbished, and which will ultimately be making its way to Texas to be dismantled

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- ❖ It is the property of the United States Navy, but it would be nice for a group to attempt to obtain a part of the ship for a display locally to have a bit of this history, especially since it is one of the ships which was named after our local mission
- ❖ Might be coming back to Council asking for a letter of support to make this happen

**2. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Jamieson

- ❖ I would think every City which had one of these ships named after a Mission in their City would also want a part of this history; these ships did such a good service during the wars and should be remembered somehow
- ❖ Appreciated the workshop that was held on the Alamo Pintado Road Improvement Project, there was an excellent turnout. My only concerns were that the consultants were unable to answer questions on how pedestrians deal with the roundabouts and although extensive study has been done on these two intersections, we do not know the traffic impacts past these areas
- ❖ Not really sure if the scope of work in the Request For Proposal did not expand to include outer areas, or it is something we need to go back to take a look at

Duus

- ❖ City staff did a great job keeping the City in good shape during the rain
- ❖ Echo Council Member Jamieson's comments on the Alamo Pintado Road Improvement Project, we must look much further than just this one small area

Palmer

- ❖ I too am concerned with the scope of work by Quincy Study on the Alamo Pintado Road Improvement Project
- ❖ A short time ago the crosswalk was moved at the Nielsen's Market intersection with a promise that if it did not work, we would look at it again, not enough work was done on this intersection in the study
- ❖ City Manager has said this item would be brought back again soon
- ❖ The Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) has requested the Department of Water Resources to provide an additional 12,000 acre feet of state water each year. It would be nice if all the cities who are members of the CCWA including the City of Solvang, have either Mayor Richardson or the City Manager send a letter of support

Skytt

- ❖ Agree with the comments of Council Members Jamieson, Duus and Palmer on the Quincy Study also Council Member Duus' comments on how well the City was maintained during the rain

Richardson

- ❖ All Council Members attended the workshop held by Quincy Engineering on the Alamo Pintado Intersection Improvement Project and listened to the comments and questions posed by the community; I believe Quincy learned a lot by the questions and comments and look forward to another workshop where all of these issues will be addressed

**3. JANUARY 11, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council Member Duus requested a change on his vote for Item 6, the Solid Waste Services Contract item stating he had actually voted no.

Public Comment: None

**Motion** was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Duus to approve the minutes as amended. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

The City Manager announced that **item 4i** was being pulled from the Consent Agenda as the signed contract had not been received.

Consent agenda read by City Clerk.

- a. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated January 8 and 12, 2010
- b. Approval of warrant registers dated January 25, 2010
- c. Receive and file Sheriff's Department reports for the month of November and December 2009
- d. Receive and file Santa Barbara County Fire Department for the month of December 2009
- e. Ratification of two reappointments to the Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
- f. Solvang Centennial Logo License Agreement:
  1. Approve Logo License Agreement
  2. Authorize City Manager to execute agreements
- g. Approve the revised list of duties for the Hans Christian Andersen Park Host
- h. Accept the FY 2009/2010 Pavement Overlay Projects and direct City Manager to execute and send Notices of Completion for recordation
- i. Approve the second amendment to Cell Tower Lease Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute
- j. Authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Buellton and Solvang for development of a Community Emergency Preparedness Program

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Skytt, to approve Consent Agenda **items 4a – 4h** and item **4j** as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**5. DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE DRAFT LOT 72 LEASE AGREEMENT**

Mayor Richardson clarified that the discussion tonight is strictly on the Negative Declaration.

Staff report by David Foote, Firma

- ❖ Guidelines of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) require an environmental determination for a ground lease
- ❖ Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to these requirements, proper noticing with 30 day comment period took place in which 4 comment letters were received
- ❖ None of the comment letters have a significant environmental impact requiring mitigation on the Negative Declaration and the document is before you for Council Approval

City Attorney responding to an inquiry by Council Member Jamieson as to why the draft lease document was included in the packet, reviewed the procedures required by CEQA in order to move forward with the lease. The environmental impacts are a part of what is included in the lease and would only pose a problem with the Negative Declaration if significant changes, such as additional construction changes were added in the lease after the Negative Declaration was approved.

Public Comment:

Bob Andrews

- ❖ Property adjoins Lot 72, we agree with the Negative Declaration and urge you to approve it

Larry Musgrove

- ❖ Urge you to accept the Negative Declaration and to move forward

Scott Pickens

- ❖ Negative Declaration is premature, if any changes are made to the lease, and significant changes should be made, the result would require a new Negative Declaration being prepared

Robert Kemper

- ❖ Urge approval of the Negative Declaration and to move forward at a future date with the lease to enter this area into the Santa Ynez Mission natural trail network

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Melissa DeLeon

- ❖ Was prepared to speak on the lease tonight and had a prepared letter from Earl Petersen which I would like included in the record
- ❖ Echo the earlier comments by Scott Pickens

Jim Mills

- ❖ Support the agreement with the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, this is a sensitive and trustworthy group

Jarrell Jackman

- ❖ In complete agreement with the Negative Declaration as is the entire board and staff of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

Richard Rozzelle

- ❖ District Superintendent of State Parks in which 2 of the parks are currently under lease to the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation; the state finds this group very trustworthy in dealing with the state parks and urge you to approve this Negative Declaration

Sheila Benedict

- ❖ As the administrator of the Mission can tell you that we strongly approve of this Negative Declaration and look forward to discussing the lease

Sharon Steele

- ❖ Here tonight representing Don Bratt, distributed a letter regarding the lease to Council
- ❖ Strongly feel the Negative Declaration is premature

Aaron Petersen

- ❖ Have worked with the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation for years and find them very trustworthy, however feel very sorry for them, as I and you can tell from the many questions of others as well, do not understand the process
- ❖ Concerned that any changes made to the lease will necessitate another Negative Declaration which is very costly
- ❖ Very concerned with the process

City Attorney cited CEQA requirements require that a Negative Declaration precede the agreement, which in this case is the lease. The lease sets the parameters of which the environmental impact is studied; changes can be made to the lease as long as the changes do not involve the original footprint.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Skytt to approve the Negative Declaration for the Lot 72 Lease Agreement, **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

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City Manager received consensus of Council to bring the lease agreement item back as soon as he deems suitable.

At this time a short break was taken.

**6. ELECTION OF 2010**

Staff report by City Attorney

- ❖ This issue can arise when a City converts to a directly elected Mayor
- ❖ State code allows for two legal options for revising the terms of election which best suit the City

Public Comment: None

**Motion** was made by Council Member Palmer, seconded by Council Member Skytt selecting option one, placing two 4-year terms and one 2-year term on the ballot allowing a candidate to choose which Council term they will be running for. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, 1 no, with Mayor Richardson voting no.

Mayor's 2-year term will also be on the 2010 ballot.

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

❖ **SBCAG**

Council Member Skytt reported the main items for discussion dealt with Senate Bill 375, the major reorganization of City Planning; support for additional funding for 101 High Occupancy Volume lanes, the main project of Measure A; his appointments as an alternate to the Cal Cog organization and primary representative on the Coast Rail Coordinating Committee

❖ **SOLVANG CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Council Member Skytt reported that the Centennial Calendar and website were discussed, additional events are added as they come up, a trip to Denmark is being planned, the kick off is planned as a New Years' celebration in 2011, the budget is being developed and at Mayor Richardson's request a letter of support will be sent to the Mission urging beautification of their lot on the corner of Mission and Alisal in time for Centennial

❖ **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Member Duus reported that the Budget Committee had met with staff and is pleased to report the City is in good financial condition

**8. ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

  
Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk