



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers  
1644 Oak Street  
Solvang, Ca. 93463

February 8, 2010  
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 and Skytt  
Council Member Palmer absent.

STAFF: Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney; Dana Waite,  
Finance Director; Tully Clifford, Public Works Director; Lt. Julie  
McCammon; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

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

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Richardson presented a proclamation commemorating Capuchin Franciscan Heritage Days to Father Gerald Barron of Mission Santa Inez.

**CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT**

Informational report only.

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

None.

2. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Jamieson

- ❖ Ask City Clerk to give a status report on obtaining artifacts from the Mission Santa Ynez ship.

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Richardson

- ❖ Had the opportunity to meet and spend time with 7 journalists from Denmark who are visiting our area

**3. JANUARY 25, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Skytt to approve minutes as presented. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 4 ayes, 1 absent, Council Member Palmer absent.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda read by City Clerk.

- a. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated January 20, 25, 27, 28, 29, February 1, 2, 2010
- b. Approval of warrant register dated February 8, 2010
- c. Approve and authorize Mayor to execute a contract extension for auditing services with Terry Krieg, CPA
- d. Receive and file Santa Barbara County Fire Department monthly report for January 2010
- e. Adopt Resolution No. 10-\_\_\_\_\_, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang supporting the Highway 101 High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes project as the highest transportation priority for federal funding in Santa Barbara County
- f. Adopt Resolution No. 10-\_\_\_\_\_, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang authorizing the Mayor to sign the application for Preserve America Grant funding
- g. Water and Wastewater Rate Study Bid Award:
  1. Approve professional services agreement with NBS in the amount of \$40,000 for the completion of a water and wastewater rate study, preparation of a model and reserve level recommendations
  2. Authorize City Manager to execute any change orders if within contingency of \$4,000
  3. Approve Budget Appropriation Revision to fund the rate study

Council Member Jamieson referring to **item 4c** inquired how long we have had the present auditor and if it is not good practice to place a limit on terms. Finance Director responded in the past the terms have varied with no consistent pattern; with approval of Mr. Krieg's contract he will be auditing for a total of 7 years. Council Member Duus expressed concern in **item 4d** at the response time for some of the calls. City Manager responded that normally a report had been included justifying response times and he will request the report.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, Council Member Palmer absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. RENEWAL OF SOLVANG HORSE DRAWN CONVEYANCE CONTRACT

Staff report by City Manager

- ❖ Per City Code renewal requires a Public Hearing
- ❖ Renewal includes a few minor changes; sign verbiage was added at the request of the Board of Architectural Review; Applicant requested permission to take and sell photos of tourists in Danish Costumes and possibly sell additional promotional items to provide an additional revenue source; and an additional sentence was adding requesting the applicant to pay the cost of publishing the Public Hearing notice
- ❖ City has found the operation to be very satisfactory

Mayor Richardson opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Sal Orona

- ❖ Proud to be working in Solvang, we have been here two years now
- ❖ Requesting the photo opportunity as an additional revenue source
- ❖ Would also like to sell Solvang related tee shirts on the trolley

Public Hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Skytt, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to approve the renewal. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 3 ayes, 1 no, 1 absent. Council Member Duus voting no, Council Member Palmer absent.

Council Member Duus requested that the heat index be considered and added to the agreement; after Council discussion consensus declined this addition at this time.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. VALLEY EXPRESS COMMUTER SERVICE

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) provided an update on the commuter service, Valley Express. Provided a graph showing ridership which had been down and resulted in the use of only 3 of the 4 buses. This decrease due to economic times, loss of jobs and furloughs however it has recently increased again. We are not here asking for financial support from the City but asking Council to give approval to the SBCAG representative to support the new fiscal year funding which SBCAG pledged to the Valley Express service.

Public Comment: None

Consensus of Council gave support to the SBCAG representative to approve the distribution.

7. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Staff report by Finance Director

- ❖ Report provides a lot of valuable information in an easy to read format
- ❖ Introduce auditor to present report

Terry Krieg, CPA briefly summarized the financial status of the City reporting it to be in a good financial position.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Richardson asked about the state water debt, the amount owed and scheduled payoff date. City Manager responded that this report does not give the full picture and information can be provided to answer those questions.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Jamieson, seconded by Council Member Skytt to accept the 2008/2009 CAFR as presented by Terry Krieg, CPA. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, Council Member Palmer absent.

8. 2009/2010 MID YEAR BUDGET ADOPTION

Staff report by Finance Director

- ❖ Revenue is down with the largest decline in interest income
- ❖ General Fund is surviving without the use of reserve funds
- ❖ City was fortunate not to experience loss of any employees or enforcing furloughs

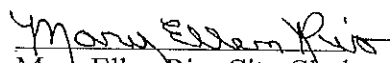
Public Comment: None

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Skytt to adopt Resolution No. 10-\_\_\_\_, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang amending the 2009/2010 budget. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, Council Member Palmer absent.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports)

- ❖ North County Regional Subcommittee of SBCAG  
Election of officers took place with Victoria Pointer elected Chairman and Joni Gray Vice Chair. Also discussed was the Census outreach, with forms currently being mailed out, transit services for north and south counties, the 101 High Occupancy Volume lanes, support of federal funding for Highway 101 and Mussel Shoals. (Correction on spelling of Joni Gray's name)

10. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

  
Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk