



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL**

Council Chambers  
1644 Oak Street  
Solvang, Ca. 93463

July 25, 2011  
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 Wood

STAFF: Brad Vidro, City Manager; Roy Hanley, City Attorney; Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director; Arleen Pelster, Planning & Economic Development Director; Lt. Julie McCammon; Mary Ellen Rio, City Clerk

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

Mayor Richardson requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Leo Mathiasen, a past City Administrator, Mayor and City Council Member.

**PRESENTATION**

Tracy Farhad, Director of the Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau distributed CD's to Council with the statistical update of SCVB goals and objectives and presented a video of advertising highlights and a review of the events of His Royal Highness, Prince Consort's visit.

**CITY MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT**

Informational report only.

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1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN OR VERBAL

Tanner Hamson

- Would like permission to ride bicycles in the skatepark
- There is nowhere in the City to ride bikes legally
- Provided a list of cities that allow joint usage
- Solvang sponsors Amgen which encourages bicycling

Mayor Richardson asked and received a consensus of Council to bring this back as a regular agenda item.

2. COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Jamieson asked and received consensus for a future agenda item to discuss the possibility of city provided laptops for Council Members.

Council Member Duus requested city flags be lowered in memory of Leo Mathiasen until his memorial service is held.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

City Attorney requested an additional closed session item under GC54956.9 (b) (3) potential litigation regarding the contract with URS, vendor for the EIR of the water plan. This was just brought to our attention after the agenda was posted and requires immediate attention.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Richardson, seconded by Council Member Palmer to add this item to the current agenda. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.

4. JULY 11, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Motion** was made by Council Member Wood, seconded by Council Member Jamieson to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda read by City Clerk.

- a. Approval of pre-issued warrants dated July 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 2011
- b. Approval of warrant register dated July 25, 2011
- c. Receive and file Sheriff's report for the month of June 2011
- d. Memorandum of Understanding between Teamsters Union Local 381 and City of Solvang:
  1. Approve MOU between Teamster Union Local 381 and the City of Solvang effective July 1, 2011
  2. Adopt Resolution No. 11-\_\_\_\_, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang to provide the same negotiated benefits to the unrepresented Management staff positions
  3. Approve amended employee handbook

- e. Engineering services for Highway Safety Improvement Project of Alisal Curve:
  1. Approve a Consultant Contract with Penfield & Smith Engineers in the amount of \$45,391
  2. Authorize City Manager to execute contract

**Motion** was made by Council Member Jamieson, seconded by Council Member Duus to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote of 5 ayes.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### 6. SANTA YNEZ VALLEY HOTEL ASSOCIATION, INC. UPDATE

Report given by Bill Phelps, President of the Santa Ynez Valley Hotel Association, Inc.

- No changes being suggested to the TBID
- Reviewed the revenues and expenses
- Thanked Solvang for serving as lead agency

City Manager inquired if Council would like to see future reports as part of the Consent Agenda. Mayor Richardson responded that he is proud of what this group has accomplished and would like their presentations verbally.

Public Comment: None

**Motion** was made by Council Member Duus, seconded by Council Member Wood to approve the report as presented. **Motion carried** with a verbal response of 5 ayes.

#### 7. WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE MODIFICATIONS AND INCREASE

Staff report by City Manager

- Consultant unable to attend
- Council directed staff to return with the Prop 218 Notice of Intent
- Reviewed the revised fees
- Staff looking for direction

Council Members discussed the proposed rate structure and expressed a doubt that the rates as shown will successfully generate the revenue needed. City Manager responded that he had not seen backup to prove these numbers so is uncomfortable at this time with moving ahead; there is not a rush at this time as rate increases are normally put into effect during the winter months.

Public Comment:

Willi Campbell

- Don't understand why the public is not in attendance, we do care

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- I trust your judgment and realize that Council's before you had not taken steps to increase rates since 2006
- Realize rates are capital front end loaded
- Rate increases need to be done conservatively; take your time
- We are all willing to pay for what we get, but urge Council not to waste money

Fred Kovol

- Unclear as to how the percentage increases will be made and when the decision to increase rates will be made
- Protests are extremely difficult when they require a written response; suggest using a post card approach which would generate more responses

Council Members discussed the Capital Improvement Projects with the possibility of delaying some or reducing the number of projects. While the consensus is not to utilize reserves to supplement the costs of providing water, it was decided that more information is needed to clarify the numbers, don't see this increasing revenue. It was agreed that this item would be tabled to the meeting of August 8, 2011.

8. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS (Oral reports: Each Council Member will give oral reports on their activities in relation to the following committee or agencies. In addition, each member may report on items that will be included on the agenda for such committee or agency and seek guidance from the Council as a whole on such items, including on what position to take on behalf of the City)**

- **Centennial Organizing Committee**

Council Member Jamieson verified the date for Centennials My Fairy Tale event as August 27<sup>th</sup>; there will be a reception with a charge per person at Root 246 prior to the play at Theaterfest – tickets are currently available

- **Santa Barbara County Association of Governments**

Mayor Richardson reported on a workshop held to discuss the mission statement of SBCAG; a draft of goals and strategies was completed. The Board has been unhappy with the leadership and wanted people to understand the purpose of SBCAG

- Air Pollution Control Board

- **Joint Wastewater Committee**

Mayor Richardson reported that the Capital Improvement Project list was reviewed; payment to JPIA was discussed; purpose of this committee, and a suggestion for developing a mutual aid agreement for the trade of equipment and personnel. Consensus of Council agreed to a future agenda item for review of a mutual aid agreement; next meeting will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> in Solvang

- Finance Committee

- Water Committee

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Public Comment: None

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Council entered into closed session at 8:55 p.m.

GC54956.9 (b) (2) Potential litigation and 54956.9 (3) (e).

Council adjourned to open session with Mayor Richardson reporting no reportable action

10. **ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

  
Mary Ellen Rjo, City Clerk