



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

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

July 12, 2021
Wednesday
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Uhrig, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Charlie Uhrig; Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Orona; Councilmembers Robert Clarke; Mark Infanti; and Jim Thomas

STAFF: Xenia Bradford, City Manager/City Clerk; David Fleishman, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Orona

CEREMONIAL ITEMS/COMMENDATIONS

Proclamation to Eileen Knotts, Bethania Church Preschool and Afterschool Director

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Uhrig read and presented a Proclamation to Eileen Knotts for her 20 years of service as Bethania Church Preschool and Afterschool Director.

PRESENTATIONS - None

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

City Manager/City Clerk Xenia Bradford invited members of the public to comment on items not on the agenda.

Jenny Landau, The Horse Trolley

- Reported problems in the alley with cars blocking the trolley, now that Copenhagen is closed
- Noted there are "No Parking" signs, but people park illegally there, everyday

There were no other public comments.

2. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford provided the following highlights:

- Discussed recent City events
- Addressed City Council's recent issuance of a State One Drought declaration
- Spoke about seeking community input regarding the closure of Copenhagen Drive and related surveys

- Provided details of the Advance Calendar
- Noted work continues on the General Plan Update

Brief discussion followed regarding the Copenhagen Drive closure survey results, timing and development of the marketing services RFP and the possibility of moving it up on the calendar.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Orona reported being contacted by the Solvang Rotary Club; discussed their program for people interested in public service and stated they would like to make a presentation to City Council at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Uhrig discussed two recent grand openings; reported receiving a letter from the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club thanking the City for its support of July Fourth events; congratulated Community Partners in Caring noting they were nominated for the Non-profit of the Year Award; addressed new operating hours for the library and thanked Bethania Church for their efforts in feeding the community.

Councilmember Clarke reported the County Library is looking for a Solvang Council representative to serve on their advisory committee and noted he agreed to serve.

Councilmember Infanti reported he is scheduled to present at an upcoming State Court Trial Disposition Committee to consider expanding the library using an existing court facility and offered to send a link to Councilmember Clarke.

Councilmember Clarke thanked Mayor Uhrig for addressing Fjord Drive and commented positively on the recent Fourth of July events.

Councilmember Thomas suggested that City Council discuss the issue of the court prior to Councilmember Infanti making individual contact.

City Attorney Fleishman suggested adding the item to the present agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to add consideration of expanding the library using an existing court facility, to the agenda, as the item came to staff's attention after publication of the agenda and there is an upcoming meeting to address it, seconded by Councilmember Clarke, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Agenda as Presented.
- b. Approval of Minutes of Regular City Council meeting on June 28, 2021
- c. Receive Warrant Register for the month of June 2021
- d. Approve contract extension for Fiscal Year 2021-22 as follows and authorize City Manager to execute the contract: Contract amendment with Mintier Harnish adding Housing Element update

Councilmember Infanti questioned an item in the Warrant Register regarding Air Sage and City Manager/City Clerk Bradford explained the data provided by Air Sage will be used in the development of the City's Economic Element in the General Plan update and to supplement the City's marketing efforts.

Mayor Uhrig opened public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Uhrig closed public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Clarke to approve Consent Agenda, as presented, seconded by Councilmember Thomas, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

5. RECEIVE A REPORT ON SKYTT MESA CODE ENFORCEMENT

Per Council direction, receive status report on code enforcement progress in the Skytt Mesa Neighborhood

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the status of code enforcement in Skytt Mesa.

Discussion followed regarding ADU/shed setbacks, enforcement of the Municipal Code versus CC&Rs, residents currently in violation and next steps.

Code Enforcement Officer Eddie Hsueh reported this is a City-wide issue; noted some residents have responded and some have been hostile and stated the 5' State setback requirements may help some residents.

Mayor Uhrig opened public comments.

Kristin Kellner (via Zoom)

- Reported concerns regarding complaint-based code enforcement
- Stated sheds have never been an issue in the neighborhood
- Spoke about her neighbor's shed noting it towers above her fence
- Noted the structure was not permitted
- Indicated it is more than just the setback, but the large size as well

There were no other public comments.

Mayor Uhrig closed public comments.

City Attorney Fleishman noted the Building Code does not require a permit for a shed under 120 square feet and stated the issue related to the subject shed is not a permit, but rather where it is located.

Planning Consultant Laurie Tamura reported staff will work with the adjacent homeowner to come up with a solution and the matter is being addressed.

Discussion followed regarding side yard setbacks and reasons for the setback including a safety element.

6. DIRECTION ON WWTP PHASE 2 – ALTERNATIVE 3 MBR VS. ALTERNATIVE 2-SFR

Provide direction to staff whether to proceed with final design and engineering on Alternative 3 with Membrane Bioreactors (MBR), or Alternative 2 with Step Feed Process & Rectangular Clarifiers (SFR) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2

Public Works Director/City Engineer Matt van der Linden narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Wastewater Treatment Project Phase 2.

Discussion followed regarding prior consideration and actions regarding MBRs, recycled water treatment and

distribution, cost comparisons, capacity projections in 20 years, costs and allowances related to a preliminary design report, life cycle costs, stand-by generators for back-up and the possibility of installing solar.

Mayor Uhrig opened public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Uhrig closed public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to proceed with final design and engineering on Alternative 2 with Step Feed Process & Rectangular Clarifiers (SFR) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2, seconded by Councilmember Thomas, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Recess and Reconvene

Mayor Uhrig called for a recess at 8:18p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:28 p.m. with all Councilmembers, present.

7. FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, DUTIES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Introduce for first reading an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang establishing the membership, terms of office, duties, and organization of the Tourism Advisory Committee.

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding an ordinance establishing membership, terms of office, duties, and organization of the Tourism Advisory Committee.

City Attorney Fleishman discussed City Council's ability to approve an ordinance at a special meeting and noted the City can proceed with recruitment while the approval process is moving forward.

Discussion followed regarding having fresh voices in the committee, appointing individuals who are not currently on a commission/committee, setting membership to five-seven members, the frequency of meetings and the selection process.

Mayor Uhrig opened public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Uhrig closed public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to introduce for first reading an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang establishing the membership, terms of office, duties, and organization of the Tourism Advisory Committee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Orona, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

8. DISCUSSION OF EXPANDING THE LIBRARY OPERATIONS USING AN EXISTING COURT FACILITY

This item was added to the agenda by City Council action as it came to staff's attention after posting the agenda and needs to be discussed prior to an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Infanti referenced an upcoming meeting of the State Court Trial Disposition Committee to consider expanding the library using an existing court facility; noted he is scheduled to present at that meeting; explained his request and asked for input from Council.

Discussion followed regarding getting support from the County Supervisor or Congressperson.

Lieutenant Jeff Green, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, presented a brief history of the facility; addressed prior plans for the facility including expanding the Sheriff's station and commented on the possibility of sharing the facility with the library.

Discussion followed regarding asking for release of the court for use by the Sheriff's Office and the library, potential funding, and engaging Daryl Parker.

Mayor Uhrig opened public comments.

There were no public comments.


Mayor Uhrig closed public comments.

City Attorney Fleishman reported the item will be under public comment on the State Court Trial Disposition Committee's agenda.

9. AB1234 REPORT OUT AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT- Mayor Uhrig adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

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XENIA BRADFORD
City Manager/City Clerk