



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

Council Chambers
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

July 26, 2021
Monday
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 Orona; Councilmembers Robert Clarke; Mark Infanti; and Jim Thomas

STAFF: Xenia Bradford, City Manager/City Clerk; Chelsea O’Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Infanti

CEREMONIAL ITEMS/COMMENDATIONS

Employee of the Quarter Award

City Manager/City Clerk presented the Employee of the Quarter Award and a Five-year Service Award to Raymond Cano.

PRESENTATIONS

Solvang Rotary Presentation – SYV Leadership Program

Ian Jacobsen, President, Solvang Rotary Club, discussed the organization's new Santa Ynez Valley Community Leadership Development Program.

People Helping People Presentation

People Helping People (PHP), presented an update of recent activities at PHP and discussed their Emergency Services program and new staff members.

Maggie Johnson, Youth Program Director, discussed her responsibilities, PHP youth programs and substance prevention efforts.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL

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

There were no public comments on this item.

2. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford provided the following highlights:

- Discussed a survey regarding the Copenhagen Drive closure
- Announced the State of the City 2021 presentation
- Addressed the General Plan Update
- Spoke about the Advance Calendar and upcoming agenda items

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

Councilmember Infanti provided updates on a recent SBCAG Subregional meeting and the Ground Water Sustainability Agency for the Management A Area.

Councilmember Clarke announced the passing of Fred Koval.

Mayor Uhrig discussed attending a recent SBCAG meeting; announced upcoming City events and provided statistics on food distribution efforts in the City.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Agenda as Presented.
- b. Approval of Minutes of Regular City Council meeting on July 12, 2021
- c. Receive Sheriff's Department Activity Report for month of June 2021
- d. Visit SYV Quarterly report
- e. Approve annual contract with Santa Barbara County Animal Services for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- f. 2021 Updated Public Works – Utilities Standards Details
- g. Water System Risk & Resiliency Assessment report
- h. Sales and use tax contract novation resolution
- i. Approve budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000 for demographic services to perform necessary work to transition to election by district by 2022 election
- j. Second reading of the ordinance establishing the membership, terms of office, duties and organization of the Tourism Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Infanti pulled Item No. j from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Relative to Item No. e, it was noted the designated representative for the Santa Barbara County Animal Services is Angela Gates.

Mayor Uhrig pulled Item No. e from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Mayor Uhrig opened public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Uhrig closed public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Clarke to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, except for Items No. e and j,

which were pulled for separate discussion, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Pulled from Consent Agenda

- e. Approve annual contract with Santa Barbara County Animal Services for Fiscal Year 2021-22

At Mayor Uhrig's request, City Manager/City Clerk Bradford stated since this is a contract for the current year, she would like to move it forward and suggested approving the item in concept with direction to staff to clarify the scope of work.

- j. Second reading of the ordinance establishing the membership, terms of office, duties and organization of the Tourism Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Infanti expressed concerns regarding requirements for membership; suggested changing language to indicate membership is open to Santa Ynez Valley/Los Alamos residents, business owners and Visit SYV and discussed the need to clarify the conflict-of-interest section relative to the Political Reform Act.

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford noted the item will return for consideration at future Council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to change the membership requirement regarding Item No. j, to Santa Ynez Valley/Los Alamos residents and business owners and approve it as amended, seconded by Mayor Uhrig, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Motion by Mayor Uhrig to approve Item No. e, as amended to clarify the scope of work, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

5. SANTA YNEZ VALLEY THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Consider grant application from Santa Ynez Valley Therapeutic Riding Program in the amount of \$5,000

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford reported reaching out to the Santa Ynez Valley Therapeutic Riding Program; noted they have submitted their grant application requesting \$5,000 and referenced City Council's Grants Funding Policy.

Robin Serritslev, Executive Director, Santa Ynez Valley Therapeutic Riding Program; addressed students, volunteers, and staffing; discussed classes and services; thanked the City for its support and encouraged those interested to visit www.SYVTherapeuticRiding.org for more information.

Councilmember Thomas commended and thanked the organization and their services to seniors.

Mayor Uhrig opened public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Uhrig closed public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve the grant application from Santa Ynez Valley Therapeutic Riding Program in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Councilmember Thomas, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

6. RECEIVE A REPORT REGARDING FJORD BY-PASS/EXTENSION CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDED IN THE EXISTING GENERAL PLAN CIRCULATION ELEMENT AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AN UPDATE ON CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Receive a report regarding Fjord bypass/extension that was recommended and included in the existing General Plan Circulation element (2008) and Capital Improvement Program. The City is currently engaging the community in a comprehensive General Plan Update based on existing conditions today and the city's vision. Staff is not working on Fjord extension project and does not have such direction from the City Council.

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the item and suggested that the matter be considered through General Plan Update process.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of removing the Fjord extension project from the General Plan Update and Capital Improvement Program, whether a vote of the people is required to remove it, potential repercussions from Caltrans and the portion of the project included in the City's Circulation Element.

Mayor Uhrig opened public comments.

C.J. Jackson

- Spoke about this subject taking a life of its own on social media
- Suggested the City develop a social media policy
- Recommended creating a purge process in the General Plan Update to allow for changes
- Encouraged the City to research existing data

Peter Laird

- Referenced a 2020 SYV Circulation Element traffic study that does not mention the Fjord by-pass
- Noted this is an active issue, as it is included in the City's approved CIP

J.L. Duncan (via Zoom)

- Encouraged City Council to consider the big picture
- Agreed the matter needs to be addressed in the context of the General Plan Update

There were no other public comments.

Mayor Uhrig closed public comments.

Discussion followed regarding future updates to the CIP based on the General Plan Update.

Recess/Reconvene

Mayor Uhrig called for a recess at 8:27 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 p.m. with all Councilmembers, present.

7. RECEIVE MARKETING UPDATE

Receive marketing update from IDK

Scott Shuemaker, President, IDK, via Zoom, presented an update on their marketing efforts; discussed

upcoming events, traditional media, digital marketing, and noted a comprehensive report will be presented at the next City Council meeting.

IDK staff, via Zoom, reviewed website traffic data and metrics from the last month; addressed social media statistics, comparisons with nearby cities, and Solvang FAQ collection and presented details of public relations recent, upcoming efforts and new opportunities.

Discussion followed regarding data related to the Food Network commercials, upcoming productions, and upcoming events.

8. RECEIVE A REPORT ON SOLVANG CRIME TRENDS FROM THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Receive a report on Solvang's Crime Trends from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Jeff Green presented an update on Solvang Crime Trends, noted a reduction in property and violent crimes from last year and addressed calls for service.

Discussion followed regarding incidents of stolen packages, traffic violations, citations, DUI arrests, felonies, misdemeanors and tracking where drivers under the influence were served last.

9. APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

The contract cities have reached a tentative agreement with Santa Barbara County for fiscal year 2021-22 law enforcement services contract costs. Review the proposed contract amendment and approve as presented

Mayor Uhrig declared a potential conflict of interest, recused himself from this item and left the Chambers.

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford presented the report and recommended approving the contract.

Discussion followed regarding the percent increase, causes of the increases.

Mayor Pro Tem Orona opened public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Orona closed public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve the contract amendment with Santa Barbara County for Law Enforcement Services for Fiscal Year 2021-22, seconded by Councilmember Thomas, and carried with a roll call vote of 4-0, with Mayor Uhrig, recused.

Mayor Uhrig returned to the Chambers and took his place on the dais.

10. APPOINT A COUNCIL DELEGATE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appoint a Council delegate to the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee

City Manager/City Clerk Bradford presented the report.

Mayor Pro Tem Orona opened public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Orona closed public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to appoint Councilmember Clarke as the Council delegate to the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilmember Thomas, and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

11. AB1234 REPORT OUT AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS - None

12. ADJOURNMENT- Mayor Uhrig adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

XENIA BRADFORD
City Manager/City Clerk