



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL**

May 9, 2022
Monday
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor pro tem Infanti called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Clarke, Claudia Orona, Mayor pro tem Mark Infanti, Mayor Charlie Uhrig (via Zoom);

Absent: Jim Thomas

Staff: City Manager Xenia Bradford, City Attorney David Fleishman (via Zoom), City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Public Works Director Rodger Olds

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Orona

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None

PRESENTATIONS

Law Enforcement Annual Report

Sheriff Department Lieutenant Garrett TeSlaa presented details of the Law Enforcement Annual Report including a shift in crimes during COVID-19, crime statistics for Part 1 and Part 2 crimes during and post COVID-19, calls for service, citations and trends.

Discussion followed regarding increases in drug arrests, gasoline thefts, use of fentanyl, increased traffic in specific areas of Solvang and enforcement.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

Hank Homburg spoke about the Sheriff's contract with the City and its impact on the City's budget; suggested the need for a feasibility study to review other policing options besides the Sheriff's and encouraged City Council's consideration of the topic.

Dennis Beebe discussed attempts to change the name of the Santa Ynez Airport; announced an upcoming celebration of life for Jimmy Kunkle and Airport Day.

Vashti Wilson announced an upcoming Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Solvang Park.

There were no other public comments.

2. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

City Manager Xenia Bradford narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Manager report including the General Plan update, the Community Design Element update, special events, requests for proposals, and the Advance Calendar.

Councilmember Orona spoke about receiving input from the public regarding the inconvenience of road closures during special events and commented on avoiding scheduling several special events on the same dates.

It was noted that once the City hires an events manager and generates a universal City calendar, that should be avoided.

3. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mayor Uhrig spoke favorably on the recent marathon event.

Councilmember Orona discussed attending the recent California JPIA Leadership Academy with Councilmember Clarke.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented. – *Moved Item 6 before Item 5*
- b. Approve the Minutes of the City Council meeting of April 25, 2022
- c. Adopt Resolution 22-1168, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the City of Solvang Meeting Bodies
- d. Approve Warrant Register for the Month of April 2022
- e. Adopt Resolution No. 22-1169 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the SYVT Bus and Charging Infrastructure Project, \$152,002
- f. Receive and file SBC Sheriff's Office January and February 2022 Monthly reports
- g. Approve Contract Amendment No. 5 with Meridian Consultants LLC and Contract Amendment No. 4 with GSI Water Solutions Inc for participation in and preparation for the Administrative Hearing regarding the City's River Wells project.
 - i. Approve Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement with Meridian Consultants LLC and Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. for professional services to participate in and assist in the preparation for the administrative hearing regarding the City of Solvang's Petition for Change to its Permit to divert Santa Ynez River underflow before the Administrative Hearing Officer of the California Water Resources Control Board.
 - ii. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 5 with Meridian Consultants LLC in
amount
of \$96,700.
the amount of \$50,000 and Amendment No. 4 with GSI Water Solutions Inc. in the
amount
of \$96,700.
 - iii. Approve budget amendment in the amount of \$146,700 from the Water Fund balance to cover the costs
- h. Authorize City Manager to send 30-day notice cancelling the Marketing Services contract with Cogs & Marvel in accordance with contract terms in preparation for restructure of marketing operations
- i. Receive and file Quarterly Investment Report Jan – Mar 2022

Councilmember Orona commented on Item No. 4h noting there will be gap in Marketing Services until a new provider is approved and asked about plans in the interim.

City Manager Bradford reported most of the events that will take place will be handled by the Public Works Department; discussed the RFP for Marketing Services which will be reviewed by the Tourism Advisory Committee; addressed options on stand-by regarding social media and commented on the availability of PR options.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Mayor Uhrig, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, seconded by Councilmember Orona and carried with a roll call vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Thomas, absent.

Mayor Uhrig requested skipping to Item No. 6 at this point as the presenter is not feeling well.

Motion by Mayor Uhrig, to skip to Item No. 6 and return to Item No. 5 upon its completion, seconded by Councilmember Clarke and carried with a roll call vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Thomas, absent.

6. SANTA YNEZ VALLEY PRIDE EVENT APPROVAL

Consider approving SYV Pride Event including a parade to take place in Solvang for the first time

City Manager Bradford introduced the item; reported the proposal was reviewed and approved by the TAC and noted the applicant is proposing a different parade route.

Mayor Uhrig stated he did not believe use of Lot 72 would be available and noted staging would need to occur on the public street and not in Lot 72.

Councilmember Clarke noted that Solvang is a family-friendly town and expressed concerns about nudity on the floats.

Discussion followed regarding food trucks at the event, the party at the park, after the parade, plans for additional trash receptacles at the park and the need for extra portable restrooms.

Mayor pro tem Infanti invited public comments.

Mary White opined the event should be tabled because of human trafficking concerns and suggested that City Council receive additional public input regarding the subject.

Vashti Wilson referenced the City's special event permit application and reported it outlines the requirements for use of portable restrooms and trash receptacles; noted that equating pedophilia with a pride event is problematic and stated people should be supporting one another.

Sheriff Department Lieutenant TeSlaa reported the Department takes human trafficking very seriously and noted that nothing suggests that human trafficking has anything to do with the LGBTQ community.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Orona, to approve SYV Pride event , seconded by Mayor pro tem Infanti and carried with a roll call vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Thomas, absent.

City Council returned to Item No. 5. (Heard after item 6)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 22-1170 CONFIRMING AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR SOLVANG MESA LANDSCAPE & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to hear testimony on the proposed assessments for the Solvang Mesa Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District; and
2. After hearing testimony, adopt Resolution 22- 1170, a Resolution of the Solvang City

Council confirming and levying assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-23, and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents, on behalf of the City, to place the assessments on the property tax roll for Fiscal Year 2022-23

City Manager Bradford introduced the item and deferred to Public Works Director Olds for a report.

Public Works Director Olds narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the proposed project.

Discussion followed regarding the location of the two newly proposed street lights.

Mayor pro tem Infanti opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments and Mayor pro tem Infanti closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Clarke, to waive further reading and adopt, by title only, Resolution 22-1170, a Resolution of the Solvang City Council confirming and levying assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-23, and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents, on behalf of the City, to place the assessments on the property tax roll for Fiscal Year 2022-23, seconded by Councilmember Orona and carried with a roll call vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Thomas, absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. **Heard before Item 5 - SANTA YNEZ VALLEY PRIDE EVENT APPROVAL**
7. **FISCAL YEAR 21-22 3rd QUARTER (THROUGH MARCH 2022) FINANCIAL REPORT**

Receive and file current fiscal year 3rd Quarter Financial Report.

City Manager Bradford narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the FY 2021-2022, 3rd Quarter Financial report.

There were no public comments on this item.

City Council concurred to receive and file the report.

6. **AB1234 REPORT OUT AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS - None**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**- Mayor pro tem Infanti adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter, City Clerk