



**MINUTES  
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

September 26, 2022  
Monday  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor pro tem Infanti called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor pro tem Mark Infanti; Councilmembers Robert Clarke, Claudia Orona and Jim Thomas

Absent: Mayor Charlie Uhrig

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

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Councilmember Thomas led in the Salute to the Flag.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None**

**PRESENTATIONS - None**

**1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON- AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS**

Stacey Otte, Wilding Museum of Art and Nature, spoke about the recent water restrictions and penalties for business; noted the museum is a green standard sustainable business; explained their efforts in water conservation; believed trying to reduce another 20% from 2019 will be virtually impossible and stated \$1,000 per month in penalties will hurt their business.

Paul Benedix, Lemos Feed and Pet Supply, provided background of the business; spoke about efforts to reduce water consumption; discussed COVID-19 impacts; discussed their self-service dog washing stations; noted they have done everything they can to conserve water; felt the \$1,000 per month in penalties will hurt their business and requested that they be considered for an exemption to the City’s commercial fine structure.

There were no other public comments.

**2. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR**

City Manager Bradford discussed the recent Danish Days event; addressed the General Plan Update and presented details of the Advance Calendar.

**3. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Councilmember Clarke referenced comments from the Wilding Museum and Lemos; reported many people and businesses in the City are dealing with the same thing and stated he would like to go back to square one and consider the subject, thoroughly.

Councilmember Orona referenced an article published in the SF Gate about Solvang becoming the next Carmel; spoke about Solvang being a community with residents living downtown who are affected by tourists; discussed ensuring that Solvang thrives as a destination; encouraged residents to become involved in the various committees and provide important input in order for the City to make better decisions.

Mayor pro tem Infanti acknowledged the attendance of Louise Smith who is running for Councilmember in District 3 and Elizabeth Orona who is running for Councilmember in District 4; referenced a letter from the County Clerk Recorder and Assessor's Elections Division noting there will be no voting places for the upcoming election, voting will be by mail only and urged candidates to direct residents to make sure their voter registration is accurate.

Discussion followed regarding being precinct-specific and not for the City as a whole.

City Attorney Fleishman urged residents to contact the County's Registrar of Voters for information.

#### **4. CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approve order of Agenda**
- b. Approve City Council Minutes of September 12, 2022**
- c. Award a Contract to Roy Allen Slurry Seal Inc for the FY 2022-23 Slurry Seal Project No. PW 22-02 in the amount not to exceed \$455,512.20 and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, and approve any change orders within a contingency amount of \$45,515, and authorize the City Manager to Execute on behalf of the City**

There were no public comments on Consent Items.

Public Works Olds reported the item was part of the CIP and reported the City is moving forward with the projects.

Discussion followed regarding the contract amount for the slurry seal.

*Motion by Councilmember Clarke, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, seconded by Councilmember Orona, and carried with a roll call vote of 3-0, with Mayor Uhrig and Councilmember Thomas, absent.*

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **5. APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23**

City Attorney Fleishman presented details of the staff report.

There were no public comments on Consent Items.

*Motion by Councilmember Clarke, to approve the contract amendment with Santa Barbara County for*

*Law Enforcement Services for Fiscal Year 2022-23, seconded by Councilmember Thomas, and carried with a roll call vote of 4-0, with Mayor Uhrig, absent.*

**6. APPOINT ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY ON THE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

City Manager Bradford presented details of the report.

Councilmember Orona reported speaking with both applicants and asked to appoint Shannon Brooks as the new member of the Tourism Advisory Committee.

**7. AB1234 REPORT OUT AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilmember Orona reported attending the Central Coast Committee Energy Annual Meeting and addressed items discussed including investing in renewable sources of energy rather than nuclear energy.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter, City Clerk