



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Honorary Mayor Audrey Smith, called the Regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Honorary Mayor for the Day Audrey Smith, Mayor David Brown, Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, Councilmembers Elizabeth Orona, Mark Infanti, Louise Smith

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, Acting City Attorney Craig Steele, City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Administrative Services Director Wendy Berry, Planning Manager Rafael Castillo, Parks & Recreation Director Jenny McClurg, Management Analyst Olivia Uribe-Mutal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Honorary Mayor Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Brown presented a City pin to Honorary Mayor Smith in appreciation of her service.

1. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. Office of the City Clerk Presentation

City Clerk Porter narrated a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Office of the City Clerk including its history and responsibilities.

Honorary Mayor Smith left the chamber.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

- Michael Baker
- Dennis Bebee
- Al Cortese
- Craig Kent
- Lansing Duncan
- Steve Martin

There were no other public communications on Non-Agenda and Consent Items.

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

City Manager Murphy announced a public cleanup on February 15, 2025, reported the grant application period is open and there will be a mandatory workshop regarding the application process on February 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. and March 11, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.; and discussed the Solvang Town Hall meeting on February 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

5. GC SECTION 53232.3(d) (aka AB 1234) and GC SECTION 84308 (aka SB 1439) REPORT OUT, COUNCIL COMMENTS, REQUESTS

Councilmember Elizabeth Orona reported participating in the Measure U Workshop and attending the recent REACH Conference in Santa Barbara.

Mayor Brown reported attending the REACH Conference.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: January 27, 2025
- c. Receive and file SYVT Quarterly Memo
- d. This item was pulled from Consent Items, for separate discussion.

Councilmember Elizabeth Orona pulled Item No. 6.d for separate consideration.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, to approve consent items excluding Item No. 6.d, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, and carried 5-0.

EXCLUDED FROM CONSENT

- d. **Approve an Agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc to prepare an Initial Study and prepare documents for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance in connection with Land Use Application LUP-23-242 (Wildwood, APN 139-530-001,002), for the total amount not to exceed \$252,272. For the term February 10, 2025 – December 31, 2026, and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City.**

Planning Manager Castillo explained how the public will be notified of the findings of the various studies, how there can be public input in the plans, how the planning process works, what tribal consultation is, and who bears additional costs.

Acting City Attorney Steele explained this document is just for issues pertaining to CEQA; distinguished between the scope of work for the contract and the scope of the environmental document, itself; addressed preparation of the project description, the CEQA process and hiring a consultant to deliver a legally adequate CEQA document and discussed the ability to modify the scope along the way.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve Item No. 6.d, as presented, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 4-1, Councilmember Smith opposed.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Manager Murphy requested that Council consider Item No. 8.c prior to 8.a and Council concurred.

Mayor Brown moved to Item No. 8.c.

b. Discussion and possible action to:

- i. Expand existing Security Cameras**
- ii. Provide Direction to Staff regarding a Video Surveillance Policy**

Management Analyst Olivia Uribe-Mutal provided background on item 8.c, detailing the need for surveillance and the benefits of upgraded technology.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments.

Staff was provided direction to return with different scenarios of costs and proposed locations.

Mayor Brown returned to Item No. 8.a.

a. Discussion and possible action to approve Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Administrative Services Director Berry provided the background; noted the General Fund balance will increase by \$693,577, the Measure U Fund balance will decrease \$116,000, water will decrease \$138,821, wastewater will increase \$32,000, transit will increase \$5,500 and all restricted funds will increase except for the gas tax which will decrease \$13,123.

Mayor Brown invited public comments. There were no public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, to approve Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for the fiscal year 2024-2025 as presented, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried 5-0.

c. Discussion and possible action to Approve the agreement with Melton Design Group (MDG) for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the amount of \$210,825 with a 10%contingency of \$21,085, for a total amount not to exceed \$231,910. for the term February 10, 2025 – December 31, 2026, authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, and Approve any Necessary Budget Adjustments.

Parks and Recreation Director McClurg provided background; the need to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in order to apply for grants, the RFP evaluation process; and the chosen consultant.

Mayor Brown invited public comments. There were no public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti, to approve the contract with MDG for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 4-1,. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona opposed.

9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember Infanti announced the City of Lompoc passed the Wine BID.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:24 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Annamarie Porter

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Annamarie Porter, CMC, City Clerk