



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**

Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the Regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Brown, Mayor pro tem, Claudia Orona, Councilmembers Elizabeth Orona, Mark Infanti, Louise Smith

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Craig Steele, City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Administrative Services Director Wendy Berry (via Zoom), Planning Manager Rafael Castillo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Retired Veteran Joe Tyson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- a. Santa Barbara County Sheriff Lt. Mark Valencia Retirement Proclamation
- b. Child Abuse Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness Proclamation
- c. Water Services Proclamation

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Quarterly Marketing efforts presentation**

Representatives from TJA, Islett, Stiletto Marketing & the Visitors Center detailed efforts.

Councilmembers commented favorably regarding the report.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

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

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR - None

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

Councilmember Infanti mentioned attending the Groundwater Sustainability Agency EMA meeting and the recent Chamber of Commerce mixer.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the Chamber of Commerce mixer and reported Jody Williams reached out to her today regarding the grant application; noted she is involved with the Solvang School Education Foundation.

Councilmember Elizabeth Orona reported attending the first workshop on the Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee and a recent EMA JPA meeting.

Mayor Brown attended an SBCAG meeting and the Chamber of Commerce mixer.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented**
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: April 14, 2025**
- c. Receive and file Quarterly Financial Report**
- d. Receive and file Quarterly Public Records Requests Report**
- e. Approve the Ninth Amendment to the Agreement with Meridian Consultants LLC for additional CEQA and NEPA compliance tasks for the WWTP Water Quality Project for an additional \$19,820 for a total Contract Amount not to Exceed \$290,213 for the existing term December 31, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City.**
- f. Receive and file Solvang Council Goals 2024/26 Third Quarter Update**
- g. Receive and file SYVT Quarterly Memo FY 2025 Q3**

Mayor Brown asked to move Item No. 8b prior to Item No. 7.

Motion by Mayor Brown to approve consent items, as amended to hear Item No. 8b prior to Item No. 7.a, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, and carried 5-0.

Mayor Brown moved to Item No. 8b.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 25-1282 Updating and Establishing User and Regulatory Fees for various City services**

Terry Matson, Clear Source, narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding updating and establishing user and regulatory fees for various City services.

Discussion followed regarding proposed new fees, services costs, the goal of full-cost recovery, City subsidies, changes to CPI, areas where cost recovery will be less than 100%, technology charges and General Plan fees.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and invited public comments.

Steve Brown

Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona to adopt Resolution No. 25-1282 Updating and Establishing User and Regulatory Fees for various City services, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 5-0.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Approve the First Amendment to the Agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc for additional Electrical, Instrumentation, and Control Scope and Reduction in Solar System Scope Services for the WWTP Water Quality Project for an additional \$102,680 for a total Contract Amount not to Exceed \$1,699,680, for the existing term to June 30, 2026, and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City.**

Utility Director Acosta presented details of the report.

Discussion followed regarding the scope of the electrical implementation, the salt water analysis, plans for recycled water in the future and updates from Los Olivos CSD.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti, to approve the First Amendment to the Agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc for additional Electrical, Instrumentation, and Control Scope and Reduction in Solar System Scope Services for the WWTP Water Quality Project for an additional \$102,680 for a total Contract Amount not to exceed \$1,699,680, for the existing term to June 30, 2026, and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, and carried 5-0.

Mayor Brown moved to Item No. 8c.

b. Discussion and possible action to receive and file grant funding applications

Mayor Brown recused himself as he is married to one of the grant applicants and left the chamber.

Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona took control of the meeting.

Administrative Services Director Berry provided details of the report.

Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona invited applicants to address City Council.

Karen Brown, Atterdag at Home
Linda Marzullo, Bethania Food Distribution
Lisa Palmer, Santa Ynez Valley Aquatics
Sharon Schugard, Santa Ynez Valley Food, Fruit and Vegetable Rescue, via Zoom
Erica Flores, Santa Ynez Valley People helping People
Kevin Murphy, Santa Ynez Valley Western Heritage Foundation
Lynn Palmer, Solvang Chamber of Commerce
Cassandra Ferris, Danish Days
Thomas Burkeman, Danish Days
Steve Palmer, Fourth of July Committee for the Solvang Rotary Club
Greg Whitesman, Viking Car Show
Christy Castillo, via Zoom, Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum

Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona invited public comments.

Steve Brown
Lee Rosenberg

There were no other public comments on this item.

Mayor Brown returned to the chamber and moved to Item No. 7.

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, to extend the meeting to beyond 9:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 4-1, with Councilmember Claudia Orona, opposed.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding Solvang Mesa Storm Drain Modification

Discussion followed regarding the fiscal impact, whether residents would pay for the costs, timing, quail breeding season, liability and precedent issues and responding to resident concerns.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments on this item.

No action was taken at this time.

d. Discussion and direction to Staff regarding modifications to Title 11, Zoning Ordinance Section 11-10-A, Design District Overlay and Chapter 13, Sign Ordinance

Planning Manager Castillo narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the report.

Discussion followed regarding making exemptions with specific findings, temporary signs, changes and outcomes resulting from the workshop, the lack of a review process for changes and addressing private property, maximum height and paint colors and Fifth Street projects.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

Dennis Beebe

There were no other public comments.

9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:20 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter, CMC, City Clerk