



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025**

Special Closed Session – 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

5:30 PM SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the Special Closed Session meeting to order at 5:30 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 Mark Infanti and Louise Smith

Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Orona

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Craig Steele, City Clerk Annamarie Porter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Murphy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ONLY –

None

2. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Brown recessed to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – The Closed Session is authorized by Government Code Section 54957.6

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:
Randy Murphy, City Manager

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION:
All Unrepresented Employees

- b. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR** – The Closed Session is authorized by Government Code Section 54957.6

AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:
Dave Fleishman, Assistant City Attorney

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION:
Teamsters Union Local 986

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION reconvened to Open Session at 6:28 p.m.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Attorney Steele announced there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the Closed Session at 6:28 p.m.

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the Regular meeting to order at 6:32 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 Mark Infanti and Louise Smith

Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Orona

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Craig Steele, City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Public Works Director Bridget Paris, Planning Manager Rafael Castillo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dennis Beebe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS

a. Public Works Week Proclamation

Received by Public Works Director Paris

b. Memorial Day Proclamation

2. PRESENTATIONS - None

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

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

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

SBCFD Battalion Chief Tom Himmelrich and Captain Andrew Wedell spoke of the structure fire incident (Molle incident) on May 2, 2025 and stated the case is under investigation.

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

Councilmember Infanti reported attending the opening ceremony at the new Chumash Museum and announced a California Air Resources Board public landscaper work group meeting on May 28th.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the Community Aquatics Foundation reception, the Chumash

Museum opening ceremony, the Rotary Run for the Roses Fundraiser, the Ad Hoc Budget Committee meeting on May 8th, and the campaign kickoff for Carla Mead.

Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona reported attending the Rotary Run for the Roses Fundraiser.

Mayor Brown reported attending the Chumash Museum opening ceremony and the Community Aquatics Foundation reception.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented.
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: April 28, 2025
- c. Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Cannon Corporation to Support the AMI Meter Changeout Project to extend the term to December 31, 2026.
- d. Approve the First Amendment to the Agreement with Cannon Corporation to Support the HCA Middle Well Reliability Project to extend the term to December 31, 2026.
- e. Approve the First Amendment to the agreement with Cannon Corporation for Nyborg Estates Waterline Replacement Project Services to extend the term to June 30, 2026.
- f. Approve the Second Amendment to the agreement with Cannon Corporation for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Manual and Climate Adaption Plan Services to extend the term to June 30, 2026.
- g. Approve the Eighth Amendment to the agreement with GSI Water Solutions Inc for the River Wells Project Administrative Hearing Participation Services to extend the term to June 30, 2026.
- h. Approve the First Amendment to the agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc for the Source Water Improvement Study Project Services to extend the term to June 30, 2026.
- i. Adopt Resolution No. 25-1291, Updating and Establishing User and Regulatory Fees for various City services.
- j. Approve an Emergency Facility Use Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for Solvang Veteran's Hall at No Cost, for the term May 12, 2025 – May 11, 2030 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute on Behalf of the City.
- k. Approve April 2025 Warrants
- l. Approve October, November, December 2024 and January, February, March 2025 Warrants.
- m. Receive and file SYVT April 2025 ridership, productivity, and manager summary reports.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve Consent Items as presented, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 25-1290 Confirming and Levying Assessments for the Solvang Mesa Landscape & Lighting Maintenance District No. 2004-1 for Fiscal Year 2025-26.**

Public Works Director Paris reported the assessment levied this year would be a 3% increase from last

year and that the Solvang Mesa LLMD reserves are in good shape.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and invited public comments.

There were no public comments at this time and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mayor Brown to adopt Resolution No. 25-1290 Confirming and Levying Assessments for the Solvang Mesa Landscape & Lighting Maintenance District No. 2004-1 for Fiscal Year 2025-26, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Discussion and possible action to receive and file the Design Review Committee (DRC) Role

Planning Manager Castillo narrated a staff report.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

Dennis Beebe
Esther Jacobsen Bates
Susan Bott (via Zoom)

There were no further public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to Receive and File the Design Review Committee (DRC) Role, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

b. Discussion and possible action to receive and file the Solvang Entitlement and Building Checklist.

Planning Manager Castillo narrated a staff report.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no comments.

Motion by Mayor Brown to receive and file the Solvang Entitlement and Building Checklist, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

c. Discussion and possible action to introduce by Title Only, Ordinance No. 0380 Amending the Title of Chapter 6 of Title 2 of the Solvang Municipal Code and Sections 1-11-2(B)(10), 2-6-1 8 12 16 20 24 28 31 34 68 79 90 152 170 194 196 240 3 Agenda 2025-05-12 CC and 2-6-3(A) and (B) to revise the name of the Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Revenue Measures Oversight Committee and Finding such action to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to introduce by Title Only, Ordinance No. 0380 Amending the Title of Chapter 6 of Title 2 of the Solvang Municipal Code and Sections 1-11-2(B)(10), 2-6-1 8 12 16 20 24 28 31 34 68 79 90 152 170 194 196 240 3 Agenda 2025-05-12 CC and 2-6-3(A) and (B) to revise the name of the Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Revenue Measures Oversight Committee

and Finding such action to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

- d. Discussion and possible action to Introduce by Title Only Ordinance 25-0381 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California amending Section 7-3-10 (Recreational Vehicles) and Chapter 6 (Camping) of Title 5 (Public Health and Safety) of the Solvang Municipal Code to Establish Camping Regulations in the City and Making a Determination of Exemption Under the California Environmental Quality Act for Introduction and First Reading.**

City Attorney Steele noted he had just received feedback from the County, and recommended this item be continued to a next meeting so staff can respond to the County's concerns and compare this ordinance to the newly announced model ordinance from the state.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no comments.

There was a consensus by the Council to continue this item to the next meeting to allow staff to revise as needed with the new guidance.

9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter, CMC, City Clerk