



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025**

Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Acting City Attorney Steele advised the Council to make a motion to allow Councilmember Infanti to participate remotely due to an illness, per Government Code Section 54953.

Motion by Mayor Brown to accept Councilmember Infanti’s request to attend remotely via Zoom, due to illness, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, and carried 5-0.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Resident Linda Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS** - None
2. **PRESENTATIONS** - None
3. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS**

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

Jamie Baker

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

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

City Manager Murphy announced the goats are here to eat the vegetation and asked the public not to pet them and reported that there will be a Measure U Oversight Committee meeting on Friday.

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

Councilmember Smith reported attending a fundraiser for the Julia Child Foundation on May 17th.

Mayor pro tem C Orona reported attending the Memorial Day Service.

Councilmember E Orona reported participating in the recent ad hoc budgetary workshops.

Councilmember Infanti reported attending a GSA meeting.

Mayor Brown reported attending the Memorial Day Service; the Air Pollution Control District has monetary incentives to switch out wood burning fireplaces; reported attending the SBCAG meeting and subregional meeting on May 14th, a Board of Directors meeting on May 15th, and a meeting with the City Manager and Congressman Carbajal on May 23rd.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented.
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: May 12, 2025

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona to approve Consent Items, as presented, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 5-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Public Hearing to consider introduction by title only for first reading Ordinance 25-0382 to amend Title 10, Building Code Regulations, Chapter 2 Fire Prevention and Protection, adopting the Fire Severity Zone Map in a local responsibility Area (LRA) pursuant California Government Code Section 51178.5, as recommended by the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection under the direction of the Office of the State Fire Marshal.**

Planning Manager Castillo narrated a PowerPoint presentation on Fire Severity Zones.

Discussion followed on how the new map differs from the old map, how the new changes will affect homeowners' insurance, and what is being done to mitigate hazards in high-risk zones.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and invited public comments.

Resident Roberta Beebe

There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mayor Brown to introduce by title only for first reading Ordinance 25-0382 to amend Title 10, Building Code Regulations, Chapter 2 Fire Prevention and Protection, adopting the Fire Severity Zone Map in a local responsibility Area (LRA) pursuant California Government Code Section 51178.5, as recommended by the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection under the direction of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, and carried 5-0.

- b. **Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 25-1292 to approve the SB1 – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account – Project List for 2025/26.**

Public Works Director Paris gave a staff report.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and invited public comments.

There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona to adopt Resolution No. 25-1292, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 5-0.

c. Public Hearing to consider to receive and file AB 2561 local agencies report of vacancies, recruitment and retention efforts.

Administrative Services Director Berry gave a staff report, noting the Teamster Union will not present on this item.

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 Councilmember Elizabeth Orona to receive and file AB 2561, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried 5-0.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Discussion and possible action to Award Human Services Grant Funding Requests.

Mayor Brown recused himself citing personal conflicts; turned the meeting over to Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona and left the dais at 7:17 pm.

Administrative Services Director Berry gave a staff report, which included the approved grant funding requests.

Discussion followed on the pledge for the Aquatic Center and how the process went this year.

Mayor pro tem C Orona invited public comments.

Erica Flores (via Zoom)

There were no further public comments.

Motion by Councilmember E Orona to accept the recommendations for grant funding adds to the budget, as stated in the agenda package, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried 4-0,. Mayor Brown was absent (recused).

Mayor Brown returned to the Chamber at 7:33 p.m..

b. Discussion and possible action to Adopt Resolution No. 25-1293 Approving the Measure A 5-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2025/26-2029/30.

Public Works Director Paris gave a staff report.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Mayor pro tem C Orona to adopt Resolution No. 25-1293, seconded by Councilmember E, and carried 5-0.

c. Discussion and possible action to approve request from Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency to extend loan repayment terms for member agency contributions.

City Manager Murphy gave a staff report.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments.

Discussion followed on how much money has already been allocated and budgeted for this project.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve the request from Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency to extend loan repayment terms for member agency contributions with deferred interest, seconded by Mayor pro tem C Orona, and carried 5-0.

d. Continued discussion and possible action to Introduce for first reading by Title Only Ordinance 25- 0381 an Ordinance of the City Council 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.

Acting City Attorney Steele gave a staff report and reviewed the changes suggested by feedback from the County.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Councilmember E Orona to Introduce for first reading by Title Only Ordinance 25- 0381 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, seconded by Mayor pro tem C Orona, and carried 5-0.

9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter, CMC, City Clerk