



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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

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

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Chelsea O’Sullivan, City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Administrative Services Director Wendy Berry, Utility Director Jose Acosta, Community Development Director Rafael Castillo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jamie Baker led in 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.

Utility Director Jose Acosta notified residents of the upcoming Nyborg Estates water mainline project.

Aaron Petersen
Lazer Friedman

There were no other public comments.

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

City Manager Murphy provided a reminder of a community cleanup, announced a junior entrepreneur workshop, and a Caltrans workshop about the bridge on Mission Drive over Alamo Pintado Creek

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

Councilmember Smith reported attending the board meeting for the Eastern Management Area ground water rates review.

Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona asked about the possibility of adding to the budget the purchase of a

water bottle filling station.

Councilmember Elizabeth Orona reported attending the board meeting for the Eastern Management Area ground water rates review.

Councilmember Infanti reported that he also attended the board meeting for the Eastern Management Area ground water rates review, the Library Advisory meeting and a Friends of the Solvang Library meeting.

Mayor Brown reported visiting Vandenberg Space Force Base for the changing of Commanders; noted attending the North County Subregional SBCAG meeting; and the Los Olivos Rotary gave him the Paul Harris Award.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Order of Agenda
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: June 23, 2025
- c. Quarterly public records requests report
- d. June Warrants
- e. Quarterly Marketing Reports
- f. Council Goals update
- g. SBC Civil Grand Jury Report 2024-25
- h. Adopt Resolution No. 25-1300 authorizing execution of agreement with SBCAG for SB 125 Transit Program funding
- i. Approve GeoSolutions contract for Fredensborg Canyon Road Multi-Purpose Trail design
- j. SYVT Monthly Report
- k. SBC Fire Quarterly Reports

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried 5-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Resolution No. 25-1299, Ratifying FY 2025/2026 Appropriation Limit

Administrative Services Director Berry presented details of the report.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and invited public comments.

There were no public comments on this item and Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to adopt Resolution No. 25-1299, ratifying the FY 2025/2026 appropriation limit, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 5-0.

b. Resolution 25-1298 Amending the Safety Element of the Solvang General Plan to incorporate the adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and update Figure SAF-8, Fire Hazard Severity Zones

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

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and invited public comments.

There were no public comments on this item and Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona to adopt Resolution 25-1298 Amending the Safety Element of the Solvang General Plan to incorporate the adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and update Figure SAF-8, Fire Hazard Severity Zones, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried 5-0.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Cross-Connection Control

- i. Updated Cross-Connection Control Plan.
- ii. Introduce, for first reading by title only, Ordinance 25-0383 Amending the City's Cross Connection Program and making a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Utilities Director Acosta presented details of the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding hazard assessments, requirements, enforcement, certified testers, and State requirements.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona to receive and file the Cross-Connection Control Plan and Introduce, for first reading by title only, Ordinance 25-0383 Amending the City's Cross Connection Program and making a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 5-0.

b. Approval of Willdan Engineering and 4Leaf, Inc. contracts for Building Official Services, Plan Review, and Inspection.

Planning Manager Castillo presented details of the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding a small claims case filed against the City by a resident who held the City responsible for Willdan approving a permit and then the City rescinded it. The City tendered the claim to Willdan, and they disagreed with the tender.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve the contracts of Willdan Engineering and 4Leaf, Inc. for Building Official Services, Plan Review, and Inspection, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried 5-0.

c. Approval of XIT Inc dba XIT Solutions contract for surveillance camera and related services.

City Manager Murphy presented details of the staff report and noted this is a pilot program.

Discussion followed regarding access to the system/data, a surveillance policy, number of camera locations, advice from the Sherriff's Department, identifying procedures when there is an incident, and having clear guidelines.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve the contract to XIT Inc dba XIT Solutions for surveillance camera and related services, under the premise that staff present a policy for Council to review, at the next City Council meeting, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 5-0.

9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter

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Annamarie Porter, CMC, City Clerk