



**MINUTES  
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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 5:32 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 Elizabeth Orona, Mark Infanti, Louise Smith

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Chelsea O'Sullivan, City Clerk Annamarie Porter

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona.

**1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ONLY - None**

**2. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Brown recessed to Closed Session at 5:34 p.m.

**a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – pursuant to GC 54956.8(b)**

Property: 790 Ribe Road, APN 137-132-014

Agency negotiator: Randy Murphy, City Manager  
Negotiating parties: Mark Gillaspay, Verizon Wireless

Under Negotiation:  
Price and terms

**b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

Name of case:  
S.Y. Valley Residents Association v. City of Solvang, et al.  
Case No. 25CV01519

**c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):**

one potential case

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Brown reconvened to Open Session at 6:28 p.m.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City Attorney O'Sullivan announced there was no reportable action and Staff was given direction.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brown adjourned the Closed Session at 6:29 p.m.

**6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the Regular meeting to order at 6:30 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 Elizabeth Orona, Mark Infanti, Louise Smith

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Chelsea O'Sullivan, Administrative Services Director Wendy Berry, City Clerk Annamarie Porter

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Councilmember Infanti.

**1. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

a. VFW Post 7139 Proclamation

**2. PRESENTATIONS - None**

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS**

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

Charlene Goetz

There were no other public comments.

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

Presented by City Manager Murphy

**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 California Insurance Town Hall meeting

Councilmember Elizabeth Orona reported an interview with KYET, attending in the California Coastal Commission public hearing via Zoom, suggested a revisit of zoning.

Councilmember Infanti reported attending the Coastal Commission hearing via Zoom, attended a Friends of the Library meeting.

Mayor Brown reported he was the featured speaker at a recent Men’s Forum; attended a Business Forward event sponsored by Econ Alliance and Verizon, the Solvang School fundraiser at Vega Vineyards, the Coastal Commission hearing via Zoom. Suggested a review of business certificate fees, and zoning changes that were made to the Housing Element.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approve Order of Agenda.
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: October 27, 2025
- c. SYVT Quarterly Memo
- d. Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Annual Report for FY 2024/25 Receive and File
- e. Approve October Warrant Register

*Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve Consent Items, as presented, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, and carried 5-0.*

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Consideration of Enhancing City Contribution to Santa Ynez Valley Aquatic Foundation Pool Project

City Manager Murphy presented the report

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

Lisa Palmer, Community Aquatics Foundation

There were no other public comments in this item.

*Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve the \$50,000 increase in pledge challenge, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona.*

*The motion carried 4-1, Councilmember Elizabeth Orona opposed.*

- b. First Reading for Introduction Ordinance 25-0384 Modifying terms for Advisory Body members

City Attorney O’Sullivan presented a report.

There were no public comments on this item.

*Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, to introduce by title only, Ordinance 25-0384, modifying terms for Advisory Body members, for First Reading, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 5-0.*

**9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT – 7:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

*Annamarie Porter*

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Annamarie Porter, CMC, City Clerk