



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

Regular and Adjourned Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Infanti called the Regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mark Infanti, Mayor pro tem David Brown, Councilmembers Robert Clarke, Elizabeth Orona, Claudia Orona

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Chelsea O’Sullivan, City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Planning Manager Rafael Castillo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Buellton Mayor-Elect David Silva 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 Infanti invited public comments.

Al Cortese
Lansing Duncan
Steven Martin

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

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

City Manager Murphy reported the tree burn was rescheduled to January 3, 2025; noted an email from SBCAG reminding everyone there is still an opportunity to provide input for unmet transit needs.

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

Mayor pro tem Brown thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the parade and the tree-lighting ceremony and his approval of the crossing guards.

Councilmember Elizabeth Orona thanked Staff for the parade event and reported she (virtually) and Mayor pro tem Brown attended the Valley Wide Groundwater Management Area (Central, Western and Eastern Management Area) JPA Committee meeting.

Mayor Infanti thanked Staff for the Friday and Saturday events.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: November 25, 2024
- c. Receive and File Visit SYV 2nd quarter report
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 24-1274, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Solvang California Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024, and Declaring the result and such other matters as provided by law; and

Declare the Vote of the People to Adopt by Title only Ordinance No. 24-379, an Ordinance of the People of the City of Solvang, California Amending Section 3-2-2 of the Solvang Municipal Code to Continue and Modify the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate from 12 Percent to 14 Percent and Make a Determination of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act

- e. Receive and file SR 154 and Roblar Avenue Intersection Safety Concerns letter

Motion by Councilmember Clarke to approve Consent Items, seconded by Mayor pro tem Brown and carried, 5-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to:

Adopt by title only, Ordinance No. 24-376 rezoning APN 137-290-013, 012, 022, 024, 029, and 137-310-001 from Recreational (REC) to Open Space (OS) and Amend the official Zoning Map of the City of Solvang to reflect the same. For second reading

Adopt by Title Only, Ordinance No. 24-377 Creating the Village Design District Overlay Zone (DD-1); Rezoning the Tourist Commercial (TRC) Zone to Village Mixed-use (VMU); Rezoning the Institutional (I) Zone to Public/Institutional (PI); Rezoning APN 139-300-001 (Creekside Open space) from Recreational (REC) to Open space (OS); Rezoning APN 139-181-014 5 10 24 46 49 Agenda 2024-12-09 CC (Solvang Park) from Recreational (REC) to Parks (P); Rezoning APN 139-181-061 (parking lot across from Solvang Park), APN 139-173-018 (parking lot between Mission Street and Copenhagen Drive), APN 139-174-040 and APN 139-174-042 (Oak Street parking lot), and APN 139-191-008 (annex building) from Tourist Commercial (TRC) to Public/Institutional (PI); and Amending the official Zoning Map and Title 11 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Solvang Municipal Code to reflect the same. For second reading

Adopt by Title Only, Ordinance No.24-378 of the City Council of the City of Solvang California Repealing and Replacing Title 11 (Zoning Regulations) of the Solvang Municipal Code and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Solvang. For second reading.

Planning Manager Castillo presented details of the report.

City Attorney O'Sullivan noted these updates make up for the lack of updates for decades; reported the hope and goal is to get the City to a point where going forward, the updates will be more "bite size" that are more reactive to State law as it comes about.

Mayor Infanti invited public comments.

Steven Martin
Al Cortese
Craig Kent
Aaron Petersen
Ed Skytt

There were no other public comments on this item.

Regarding Ordinance No. 24-377, Councilmember Claudia Orona declared she has conflict of personal interest within 500-1,000 feet of the zone change in question; recused herself and left the chamber.

Regarding Ordinance No. 24-377 and Ordinance No. 34-376, Councilmember Elizabeth Orona declared she has conflicts of personal interest within 500-1,000 feet of the zone change in question; recused herself and left the chamber.

Discussion followed regarding the consequences and alternatives to not adopting Ordinance No. 24-377, timing, Staff recommendations and alternatives, most recent communication with HCD, Staff's responsibility to provide Council with advice that provides the least risk option and the importance of having a compliant Housing Element.

Motion by Mayor Infanti to adopt by title only Ordinance No. 24-377 and direct staff to bring forward for a community public workshop within 60 days the following:

- *Amendment to the general plan to remove the R-3 lots from the Village Design District*
- *Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal Chapter 10 objective standards for the Village Design District (DD-1)*
- *Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Table 11.7 to only allow up to 49% of the gross floor area for residential uses in the VMU, seconded by Mayor pro tem Brown, and carried 3-0. Councilmembers Claudia and Elizabeth Orona absent (recused).*

Councilmember Claudia Orona returned to the chamber.

City Attorney O'Sullivan addressed Ordinance No. 24-376.

Motion by Mayor pro tem Brown to adopt by title only Ordinance No. 24-376, seconded by Mayor Infanti, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent (recused).

Councilmember Elizabeth Orona returned to the chamber.

Motion by Mayor Infanti to adopt by title only Ordinance No. 24-378, seconded by Councilmember Clarke, and carried 5-0.

9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS

Thanks from Councilmembers to outgoing members, and thanks to the City Manager.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Infanti adjourned to an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council on December 9, 2024, immediately after outgoing member Reception.

OPEN SESSION – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

PRESENTATIONS

City Clerk Porter administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect David Brown, and Council Members-Elect Mark Infanti, District 1 and Claudia Orona, District 2.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the Regular meeting to order at 8:23 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Brown, Councilmembers Mark Infanti, Elizabeth Orona and Claudia Orona

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Al Cortese led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS

a. Carey McKinnon, Senior Library Technician Retiree

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON- AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

Craig Kent
Steven Martin

3. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

City Manager Murphy reported rescheduling the tree burn to January 3; announced a reception honoring Carey McKinnon for her service; reminded applications are open for the vacancies and recognized Rodger Olds for his service to the City and wished him well.

4. GC SECTION 53232.3(d) (aka AB 1234) and GC SECTION 84308 (aka SB 1439) REPORT OUT, COUNCIL COMMENTS, REQUESTS - None

5. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented

b. Approve amendment 2 to the agreement with SaberDome Corporation dba Lanspeed for IT services for an additional amount not to exceed \$34,205, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$219,541, and to extend the term to June 30, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City

c. Approve Amendment 1 to the Agreement with Brightview Landscape Services for Landscape Maintenance Services for Solvang Mesa for the additional amount of \$22,146, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$577,285.58, and to extend the term to March 31, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City

- d. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Lompoc, Buellton, Solvang and the County of Santa Barbara for the operation and shared funding of the inter-agency transit service for the amount not to exceed \$20,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029 and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City
- e. Approve Amendment 1 to the agreement with Cannon Corporation for Wastewater Treatment Facility Manual and Adaption Plan Services to extend the term to June 30, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City
- f. Approve 2025 City Council meeting calendar

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona to approve Consent items, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 4-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding:
 - i. Designation of Mayor pro tem for 2025
 - ii. Establishing council seating arrangements.
 - iii. Councilmember appointments to Outside Agency Boards and Committees

Motion by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona to appoint Councilmember Claudia Orona as Mayor pro tem for 2025, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, carried 4-0.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no public comments at this time.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to accept the present seating position, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, carried 4-0.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to appoint: Mayor Brown as the SBCAG and APCD representative with Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona as the alternate, City Manager Randy Murphy as the California League of Cities representative with Mayor Brown as the alternate, Councilmember Elizabeth Orona as the EM-GSA representative with Councilmember Infanti as the alternate, Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona as the Central Coast Community Energy representative with Councilmember Infanti as the alternate, Councilmember Infanti as the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee representative with Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona as the alternate, the to-be-determined Councilmember as the representative for JPIA with Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona as the alternate, seconded by Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, carried 4-0.

8. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor Brown wished Staff and residents a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

9. ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Annamarie Porter

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Annamarie Porter, CMC, City Clerk