



CITY OF SOLANA BEACH
SOLANA BEACH CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY, PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, & HOUSING AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Joint REGULAR Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 * 6:00 p.m.

City Hall / Council Chambers, 635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

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CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Lesa Heebner
Mayor

Kristi Becker
Deputy Mayor / Councilmember District 2

Jill MacDonald
Councilmember District 4

David A. Zito
Councilmember District 1

Jewel Edson
Councilmember District 3

Alyssa Muto
City Manager

Johanna Canlas
City Attorney

Angela Ivey
City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Deputy Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Present: Kristi Becker, Jill MacDonald, David A. Zito, Jewel Edson

Absent: Lesa Heebner

Also Alyssa Muto, City Manager

Present: Johanna Canlas, City Attorney

Angela Ivey, City Clerk

Dan King, Assistant City Manager

Dan Goldberg, Interim Dir. of Engineering/Public Works

Rachel Jacobs, Finance Dir.

Joseph Lim, Community Development Dir.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: None

FLAG SALUTE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Zito and second by Councilmember Edson to approve. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS: Ceremonial items that do not contain in-depth discussion and no action/direction.

- San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA)

Michael Thornton, SEJPA, presented a PowerPoint (on file).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - COMMENTARY:

An opportunity for City Council to make brief announcements or report on various activities. These items are not agendaized for official City business with no action or substantive discussion.

CITY MANAGER / CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

An opportunity for the City Manager and City Attorney to make brief announcements or report on various activities. These items are not agendaized for official City business with no action or substantive discussion.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR: (Action Items) (A.1. - A.5.)

Items listed on the Consent Calendar are to be acted in a single action of the City Council unless pulled for discussion. Any member of the public may address the City Council on an item of concern by submitting to the City Clerk a speaker slip (located on the back table) before the Consent Calendar is addressed. Those items removed from the Consent Calendar by a member of the Council will be trailed to the end of the agenda, while Consent Calendar items removed by the public will be heard immediately after approval of the Consent Calendar to hear the public speaker.

All speakers should refer to the public comment section at the beginning of the agenda for details. Please be aware of the timer light on the Council Dais.

A.1. Minutes of the City Council.

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Approve the Minutes of the City Council meetings held on February 26, 2025.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Edson and second by Councilmember Zito to approve the recommendation. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

A.2. Register Of Demands. (File 0300-30)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Ratify the list of demands for February 08, 2025 – February 21, 2025.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Edson and second by Councilmember Zito to approve the recommendation. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

A.3. Community Grant Program - Fiscal Year 2025-26. (File 0330-25)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Approve **Resolution 2025-022** authorizing the initiation of the FY 2025-26 Community Grant Program.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Edson and second by Councilmember Zito to approve the recommendation. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

A.4. Sewer and Storm Drain Replacement Project. (File 1040-36, 0850-40)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Adopt **Resolution 2025-005**:
 - a. Awarding the construction contract to Bert W. Salas, Inc., in the amount of \$928,029, for the 2025 Sewer & Storm Drain Replacements Project, Bid 2025-02.
 - b. Approving an amount of \$139,000 for construction contingency.
 - c. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract on behalf of the City.
 - d. Authorizing the City Manager to approve cumulative change orders up to the construction contingency amount.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Edson and second by Councilmember Zito to approve the recommendation. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

A.5. Reclassifications/Organization Update – Engineering Department. (File 0500-00)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Adopt **Resolution 2025-021** approving the reclassification of City Engineer/Deputy Director of Engineering to include the following:
 - a. Creation of the City Engineer/Deputy Director of Engineering classification and the reclassification of the current Deputy Director of Engineering into this new role.
 - b. Incorporate the City Engineer/Deputy Director of Engineering classification to the FY 2024/2025 Management Salary Schedule 1, pay grade M7.
2. Authorize the City Treasurer to amend the FY 2024/2025 Adopted Budget accordingly.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Edson and second by Councilmember Zito to approve recommendation. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (B.1.- B.2.)

This portion of the agenda provides citizens an opportunity to express their views on a specific issue as required by law after proper noticing by submitting a speaker slip (located on the back table) to the City Clerk. After considering all of the evidence, including written materials and oral testimony, the City Council must make a decision supported by findings and the findings must be

supported by substantial evidence in the record. An applicant or designee(s) for a private development/business project, for which the public hearing is being held, is allotted a total of fifteen minutes to speak, as per SBMC 2.04.210. A portion of the fifteen minutes may be saved to respond to those who speak in opposition. *All other speakers should refer to the public comment section at the beginning of the agenda for time allotment.* Please be aware of the timer light on the Council Dais.

B.1. Public Hearing: 705 Barbara Ave., Applicant: Watkins, Application: DRP23-013, APN: 263-091-07. (File 0600-40)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Continue the Public Hearing, date-certain, to April 23, 2025, to allow the Applicant additional time to negotiate an acceptable agreement with the neighbor.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Zito and second by Councilmember Edson to continue this item to April 23, 2025. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

B.2. Public Hearing: 615 N. Granados Ave., Applicant: DMIG 615 North Granados LLC, Case: SMAP23-002, DRP23-011, SDP23-015, APN: 263-082-17. (File 0600-40)

This item was pulled from the agenda and will return at a future date.

C. STAFF REPORTS: (C.1. – C.2.)

Submit speaker slips to the City Clerk.

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C.1. Sewer Rate Study for FY 2026-2030. (File 0870-40)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Provide direction to Staff for setting the annual sewer service charge rate and the duration of the rate; and set a public hearing date on May 7, 2025, pursuant to Proposition 218 to consider an increase in the annual sewer charge.

Rachel Jacobs, Finance Dir., and Steve Gagnon, Raftelis Financial Consultants, presented a PowerPoint (on file).

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Zito and second by Deputy Mayor Becker to approve recommendation by setting the public hearing for May 7, 2025, noticing rate payers with sewer rates (Scenario 8) \$750.54 (2026), \$825.58 (2027), \$891.64 (2028), \$954.04 (2029), \$1,020.84 (2030), allocate a gradual CPI increase to San Elijo JPA, and return to review in 2028. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

C.2. FY 2025/26 Street Maintenance and Repairs Projects. (File 0830-30)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Adopt **Resolution 2025-015**:

- a. Approving Project 1 – Lomas Santa Fe Pavement Repairs Project for construction.
- b. Approving the list of streets scheduled for maintenance and repairs as part of Project 2 – Citywide Pavement Repairs Project for construction.
- c. Authorizing the City Engineer to advertise both projects for construction bids as funding becomes available for each project.

Jason Jung, Sr. Civil Engineer, presented a PowerPoint (on file).

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Zito and second by Councilmember Edson to approve recommendation. **Approved 4/0/1.** Ayes: Edson, Becker, MacDonald, Zito. Noes: None. Absent: Heebner. Motion carried.

WORK PLAN COMMENTS: None

Adopted June 26, 2024

COMPENSATION & REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE: None

GC: Article 2.3. Compensation: 53232.3. (a) Reimbursable expenses shall include, but not be limited to, meals, lodging, and travel. 53232.3 (d) Members of a legislative body shall provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency “City” at the next regular meeting of the legislative body.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Council Committees

REGIONAL COMMITTEES: (outside agencies, appointed by this Council)

STANDING COMMITTEES: (All Primary Members) (*Permanent Committees*)

CITIZEN COMMISSION(S)

ADJOURN:

Deputy Mayor Becker adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Approved: March 26, 2025

Angela Ivey, City Clerk