

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 1, 2011**

Mayor Huntington called the regular meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Hagerman, Luckino, Mayes, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.

Staff Present: Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Town Attorney Laymon, Community Services Director Schooler, Administrative Services Director Yakimow, Police Capt. Miller, and Town Clerk Anderson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Huntington

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Luckino moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Rowe seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Approve**, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2011 as presented.
2. **Waive**, further reading of all ordinances and read by title only.
3. **Adopt**, Ordinance No. 223, amending the Town of Yucca Valley Municipal Code regarding Mayor and Town Council, Revising Commission Terms, and Disbanding Public Arts Advisory Committee, Traffic Commission and TEAM Yucca Valley Commission.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 2.05 OF TITLE 2 RELATING TO MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL, REPEALING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 4.02 OF TITLE 4, RELATING TO BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS, AMENDING SECTION 4.04.010 OF CHAPTER 4.04 RELATING TO PLANNING COMMISSION CREATION AND TERMS, AMENDING SECTION 4.10.030 OF CHAPTER 4.10 RELATING TO PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCY, REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 4.11 OF TITLE 4 RELATING TO PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 4.14 OF TITLE 4 RELATING TO TRAFFIC COMMISSION, AND REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 4.16 OF TITLE 4, RELATING TO TEAM YUCCA VALLEY COMMISSION

- 4. **Receive and file**, Treasurer’s Report for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2010-11, ending September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010.
- 5. **Amend**, agreement with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, to be the Town’s Independent Auditor for a three year period beginning with the fiscal year 2010-11 audit.
- 6. **Ratify**, the Town’s Project Application to the State Office of Emergency Services for participation in the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and **adopt** Resolution No. 11-10 designating the Town’s Authorized Agent concerning all necessary written correspondence regarding the Town’s Project Application and any other related forms regarding the December 2010 storm event and the related local declaration of a state of emergency, FEMA-1952-DR.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, FOR DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT’S AGENT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

- 7. **Ratify**, Warrant Register total of \$389,143.08 for checks dated February 10, 2011. Ratify Payroll Registers total of \$146,632.60 for checks dated January 7, 2011 thru February 4, 2011.

Council Member Luckino moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 1-7. Council Member Rowe seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote, except Item 3 which carried 4-1

- AYES:** Council Member Hagerman, Luckino, Mayes, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.
- NOES:** Council Member Luckino on Item 3 only.
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 8. **Senate Bill (SB) 1693, Five Year Findings for Public Facility Development Impact Fees, Resolution.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, CONTINUING THE PUBLIC FACILITY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle reported the Mitigation Fee Act requires that if funds have not been spent, the Town must make the requirement findings regardless of whether the funds are committed or uncommitted. These findings need to be made only once every five years.

Mayor Huntington opened the public hearing, and since no one appeared to speak, he closed the hearing.

Council Member Rowe questioned when the approximate dates on which the funding is expected to be deposited into the appropriate account or fund will be presented. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle explained.

Council Member Mayes moved to receive the report and adopt Resolution No.11-11. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

9. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Prioritization Hearing.**

Community Services Director Schooler reported the Town will receive an allocation of \$126,395 and has requests for \$201,829 for programs, of which only 15% or \$25,111 can be allocated, and \$628,889 for projects. The recommendation is to allocate the entire amount to the Town's Code Enforcement project. He noted that although two years of CDBG funds have been allocated to the Community Center playground project, staff recommends identifying other funding to complete that project and will return to Council for authorization to participate in the County's plan modification process in October to reallocate the playground funds.

Mayor Huntington opened the public hearing

**Christine Rodriguez**, Hippotherapy Inc., requested funding for their therapeutic program for disabled and low income participants.

**Ronald Bridges**, Reach Out Morongo Basin, requested funding to continue their senior and handicapped transportation services.

**Margo Sturges**, Yucca Valley, spoke in opposition to using the funding for Code Enforcement instead of applying the funds to the playground project, and encouraged the Council not to punish the low income mothers and toddlers because they are mad at her.

**John Yonushonis and Kari Grimes**, Morongo Basin Senior Support Center, requested funding to continue their senior services and renovations to their facility.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Huntington closed the public hearing.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle clarified that Council gave direction that the Community Center playground and splash park improvements continue moving forward and that staff is applying to HUD for reallocation of funding received for the southside park to the Community Center park improvements. Council's commitment to that project is continuing to move forward and staff is evaluating financial opportunities to assure that

the improvements are constructed while simultaneously stretching the Town's limited capital dollars as far as possible for other physical improvements within the community. Additionally, the first two years of CDBG revenues allocated to the Community Center Park improvements continue to be allocated to the improvements, and as presented by Jim Schooler, the Council will have the opportunity to revisit the allocation of those funds prior to the County's Plan Modification in October of this year.

Council Member Luckino questioned if the allocation to Code Enforcement would account for one employee and a contract position. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised that the decision on the ultimate configuration of employees has not taken place. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle added that the current allocation of \$50,000 is paying programmatically for a portion of three positions in that department.

Council Member Mayes commented regarding the frustration Council has had with the allocation process over the years and the difficulty in accomplishing anything with the amount of money that is received. The idea of using this allocation on one project and being able to do some financial rearranging to complete a project is good business.

Council Member Hagerman disagreed to using the entire amount for Code Enforcement noting he has seen what this money does for the non profits in town.

Council Members discussed the fact that there is an allocation in the General Fund to backfill CDBG funding for non profit organizations which does not require the administrative costs and paperwork that allocating CDBG funding does.

Council Member Luckino advised he will go along with the recommendation but doesn't want the funding to continue for Code Enforcement in future years. This is a stop gap measure at this time.

Mayor Huntington added that the federal government is currently funding CDBG to the tune of \$6 billion, but there is a proposal in the congress to cut that funding in half and in the senate to eliminate it completely. CDBG is probably not going to be available for many more years. Mayor Huntington agreed that this should be a stop gap measure for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, but that funding Code Compliance with CDBG dollars should not continue after that time.

Council Member Hagerman commented that he will make his case for the non profit organizations during the general fund budget discussions.

Council Member Mayes moved to recommend that the Town's entire 2011-12 net CDBG allocation of \$126,395 be applied to the Town of Yucca Valley's Code Enforcement project, and direct staff to reflect the additional anticipated revenue in the 2011-2012 budget proposal. Council Member Luckino seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call

vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Hagerman, Luckino, Mayes, Rowe and Mayor Huntington  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Mayes commented regarding the need for Council to discuss pension reform and look at a two tier program. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised that the Town Manager is working on the issue and has set up a staff committee to come up with recommendations to take to Council. Council Member Mayes commented regarding the Little Hoover Commission report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jackie Taylor**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding homeless issues and lack of assistance from agencies.

**Margo Sturges**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the condition of the lectern, and the need for Council Members to show citizens respect.

### **STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Community Services Director Schooler stated there has been discussion regarding the Red Cross closing their offices in Yucca Valley, and advised that the office in its present location will be closing but the Red Cross will maintain a presence in the basin.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**10. Council Member Mayes**

None

**11. Council Member Hagerman**

None

**12. Council Member Rowe**

Thanked Reach out Morongo Basin and Morongo Basin Adult Health Services for

coming out and letting Council know what they do.

**13. Mayor Pro Tem Luckino**

None

**14. Mayor Huntington**

None

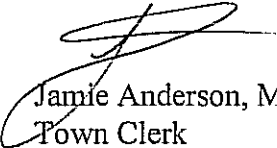
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Town Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jamie Anderson, MMC  
Town Clerk