

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2011**

Mayor/Chair Huntington called a joint Closed Session with the Redevelopment Agency to order at 5:04 p.m. with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators.

Property: APN 595-371-11, portion of the Northwest Corner of Dumosa and SR 62
Town of Yucca Valley/Yucca Valley Redevelopment Agency
Mark Nuaimi, Real Property Negotiator
Real Property Negotiations

Mayor/Chair Huntington adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:04 p.m. and adjourned the Closed Session at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor Huntington called the regular meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Nuaimi, 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

INVOCATION

Led by Jerel Hagerman, Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS

2. Proclamation proclaiming April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Huntington read and presented the proclamation to Arden Wiltshire and Cynthia Crawshaw, who distributed pins and wrist bands to the Council and staff.

AGENCY REPORTS

Fire Department

3. Monthly Report for February 2011

Battalion Chief Benfield gave the monthly statistical Fire Department Report for February 2011, and reminded all that next month is Disaster Preparedness Month.

Chamber of Commerce

4. Monthly Report for February 2011

David Eckenberg, Chamber President, gave the monthly statistical Chamber of Commerce Report for February 2011.

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

5. Approve, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2011 as presented.

6. Waive, further reading of all ordinances and read by title only.

7. Adopt, Resolution No. 11-12 finding private, non-maintained dirt road repairs were necessary on Terry Lane following the February, 2011 storm event.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT PRIVATE NON MAINTAINED DIRT ROAD REPAIRS WERE NECESSARY FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 2011 STORM EVENT

8. Adopt, Resolution No. 11-13, amending the FY 2010-11 budget and adopt Resolution No. 11-14, authorizing finding a public emergency to exist in support of non-competitive solicitation of professional services, California Energy Commission, EECEBG Grant Program

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2010-11 BUDGET

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, FINDING A PUBLIC EXIGENCY OR EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN SUPPORT OF NON-COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROFESSIONALLY MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) NO. CBG-09-029

- 9. **Receive and file**, AB 1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of February 2011.
- 10. **Award**, contract for construction of the Community Center Doors, CDH Project No. 123-32111, Case No. 2926, to Paul LeMay Construction in the amount not to exceed \$38,640, establish a \$4,000 contingency and authorize the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and the Mayor to sign all necessary documents; and authorize the Town Manager to expend the contingency funds if necessary to complete the project.
- 11. **Receive and file**, the General Plan 2010 Annual Report and the Annual Element Progress Report, Housing Element Implementation tables.
- 12. **Approve**, recommended amendments to the Town's facility use policy and direct staff to implement the revisions within 30 days.
- 13. **Receive and file**, Hi Desert Nature Museum's 2010 Annual Report.
- 14. **Ratify**, Warrant Register total of \$122,079.60 for checks dated February 24, 2011. Ratify Payroll Registers total of \$293,090.98 for checks dated February 18, 2011 through March 4, 2011.

Council Member Luckino moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 5-14. Council Member Hagerman 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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

15. Financing Alternatives for Wastewater System Development

Council Member Luckino recused himself due to his employment at Hi Desert Water District and left the dais.

Town Manager Nuaimi gave a Power Point presentation regarding potential alternative financing strategies to reduce the costs to the property owners and provides a future revenue stream to the general fund.

Ed Muzik, Hi Desert Water District General Manager, gave a presentation regarding formation of an assessment district and the requirements that must be met.

Ramon Mendoza, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the cost to the citizens.

Margo Sturgis, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the numbers given and questioned the amount paid by non residents.

David Mahaffee, Yucca Valley, commented regarding other taxes that will be required.

Curt Duffey, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the costs noting that there are seniors in the community who won't be able to afford any additional charges.

Richard Harlan, Yucca Valley, questioned the cost for phases 2 and 3.

Town Manager Nuaimi commented and answered questions brought up during the public comments section.

Council Member Hagerman commented that as citizens of Yucca Valley we are facing an unfunded mandate from the state of California, noting he has not seen better options brought forward than were presented tonight. Councilman Hagerman invited anyone with alternatives to bring them forward for consideration.

Council Member Mayes stated there was no assumption for inflation in the presentation, and noted that Council needs to give policy direction regarding whether or not to give a 0.5% loan when inflation is 3%.

Council Member Rowe questioned what would happen to the project if the sales tax projections fall short. Town Manager Nuaimi explained that the District will borrow against the proposed revenue source, noting the number of revenue streams in place will determine what the State Revolving program will say should be the coverage factor. He noted that the O & M shown in our charts refers to the financing and not operation and maintenance of the system.

Mayor Huntington agreed with Council Member Mayes regarding the analysis and assumptions that need to be made.

Council Member Mayes added that there will need to be polling data available before the Council determines how to structure the length of time of a sales tax measure. Town Manager Nuaimi advised there is a track record for a 30 year measure with the 76% approval margin in this community for the renewal of Measure I. Mr. Muzik added that the pipeline measure was also a 30 year measure.

Council Member Rowe commented the difference between scenario 2 and 3 is the fact that scenario 3 credits funds back to rate payers. Mayor Huntington stated he also favors scenario 3.

Council Member Mayes commented regarding the proposed \$20,000,000 that will be generated for road and park needs and the fact that revenue to maintain new roads also needs to be factored in. Town Manager Nuaimi stated that is part of the current strategy, noting the initial wave of funding for road maintenance takes care of our current deficit by bringing a one time infusion into the roads to get them where they need to be, and then the recurring lease payment provides potential funds to make sure they stay maintained.

Mayor Huntington advised consensus regarding a sales tax measure is Scenario 3 with some refinement.

Mayor Huntington questioned if staff looked at an analysis of a 10% TOT rather than 12%. Town Manager Nuaimi advised that analysis wasn't done but a lower percentage will cut down the subsidy resources and take longer to pay off hotel connect fees. Mayor Huntington commented that raising the TOT is a good strategy but he is not sure about 12%.

Council Member Hagerman added he is not sure he wants the Town to be on top of scale, noting it seems the norm is 10%.

Council Member Mayes stated that having a sales tax and TOT would actually be 2 separate questions on the ballot. Town Manager Nuaimi advised there would be 3 measures with the sales tax measure, the TOT measure, and there will be an expenditure plan measure. If the current plan amendment is adopted and the clock starts ticking for septic prohibition the Town will have what is needed to declare a fiscal emergency.

Town Manager Nuaimi advised that staff has received enough direction to move forward with the item.

Mayor Huntington recessed the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

16. FY 2010-11 Mid-year Budget Report

Administrative Services Director Yakimow gave a Power Point presentation showing projected revenues and expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Ramon Mendoza, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the report noting it appears that unemployment here is about 16%.

Council Member Luckino questioned the unemployment percentage. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised it is a little difficult to determine for the Town because of the limited data, but we are continuing to use information supplied by John Husing. It is known that the industries that are prevalent in our area got hit really hard with unemployment. Council Member Luckino commented he thought the Town set aside funding for the General Plan update at one time which was delayed while waiting for the impact of AB 32. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised there was an allocation of \$130,000 made for the development code update, and staff would return to Council with a funding structure when the General Plan update were brought forward.

Council Member Mayes commented as we go into the next budget it is important that Council look at the entire organization and Council priorities and make the difficult decisions today.

Mayor Huntington commented it is refreshing to see the Town is holding its own even though we have decreasing revenues.

Council Member Rowe moved to receive and file the Mid-year Budget Report. Council Member Mayes seconded. No objections stated.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Luckino requested discussion relating to the Johnson Valley Off Road Vehicle Park, that the Council comes out with a strong statement to support that park. Council Members Rowe and Hagerman agreed.

Council Member Luckino requested that Council discuss and give a commitment for the Brehm Youth Sports Park.

Council Member Luckino requested discussion regarding the Native Plant Ordinance. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised the ordinance is included in the development code update contract, noting that Council will have opportunity at a joint meeting in late April or early May to provide policy direction before the next steps move forward.

Council Member Mayes requested discussion regarding pension reform, and maybe implementing a 2 tier pension for new hires. Town Manager Nuaimi advised the subject is something he is actively engaged in and has a group of employees looking at it in addition to his participation in discussions at the League level.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ramon Mendoza, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the condition of the water and the costs to the community of a wastewater system.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Town Manager Nuaimi advised the Council will be making Commissioner appointments at the first meeting in April

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10. Council Member Mayes

None

11. Council Member Hagerman

None

12. Council Member Rowe

Advised of the Viet Nam Veterans Day Appreciation event on Wednesday, March 30th from 3-6 p.m.

Thanked the Museum staff for their annual report

13. Mayor Pro Tem Luckino

Wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

14. Mayor Huntington

None

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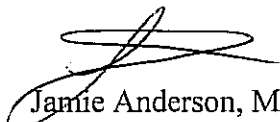
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Town Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Anderson, MMC
Town Clerk