

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2011**

Mayor Huntington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Abel, Hagerman, 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

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS

1. National Park Proclamation

Mayor Huntington read and presented the proclamation to Mark Butler, Superintendent.

Seth Shire, National Park Conservation Association, commented regarding the park.

2. Longevity Awards

Presented to Skilled Maintenance Worker II Rice for 10 years of service and Engineering Technician II Nobel for 5 years.

AGENCY REPORTS

Chamber of Commerce

3. Monthly report for May, 2011.

Dave Eckenberg, Chamber President, gave the monthly statistical Chamber annual report for FY 2010-2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Abel moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approve**, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2011 as presented.
5. **Waive**, further reading of all ordinances and read by title only.
6. **Adopt**, Ordinance No. 227, Alternative Procedures for Filling of Vacancies on Town Council

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2.05.060½ TO CHAPTER 2.05, TITLE II OF THE YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE FILLING OF COUNCILMEMBER VACANCIES CONSISTENT WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 36512

7. **Adopt**, Resolution No. 11-26, authorizing the Town Manager to submit a grant application to the San Bernardino Associated Governments for funding consideration in the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities call for projects for the Yucca Valley Community Center Pedestrian Access Improvement Project.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS TDA CALL FOR PROJECTS

8. **Adopt**, Resolution No. 11-27, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Cooperative Agreement for the PA&ED Phase of the SR 62 Widening Project (EA 0M890) District Agreement No. 08-1503, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, DISTRICT AGREEMENT NUMBER 08-1503 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SR 62 WIDENING PROJECT 08-SBD-62-8.75/9.31 AND 11.38/12.64; EA 0M890

9. **Approve**, Special License, SPL 11-11 based on the recommended Conditions of Approval, Rocky's Pawn Shop
10. **Approve**, contract agreement with the County of San Bernardino for providing animal shelter services for FY 2011/12

- 11. **Authorize**, staff to procure veterinary services and supplies from Companion Animal Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$22,000 for FY 2011/2012 and waive the formal bidding procedures (Chapter 3.12) finding that adherence would be impractical in this situation
- 12. **Authorize**, the Animal Shelter to contract with three veterinarian offices, Hi Desert Animal Hospital, Animal Clinic of Desert Hot Springs and Companion Animal Clinic for spay/neuter services for FY 2011/2012, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$45,000, and to waive the formal bidding procedures (Chapter 3.12) that would be inefficient and unnecessary in this instance.
- 13. **Authorize**, animal shelter staff to contract with D & D Services for the removal and disposal of dead animals for fiscal year 2011/2012 in the amount not to exceed \$11,000.00.
- 14. **Authorize**, the Animal Shelter to contract with up to three vendors (Cowboy Corral, Wal-Mart and Newco Distributors) for the purchase of animal food, litter and bedding for FY 2011/2012, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$18,000, and to waive formal bidding procedures finding that the established procedures (Chapter 3.12) would be impractical for these purchases.
- 15. **Ratify**, Warrant Register total of \$128,007.13 for checks dated June 2, 2011. Ratify Payroll Registers total of \$152,427.04 for checks dated May 27, 2011.

Council Member Abel requested an explanation of Item 7, authorization to submit Transportation Development Act Grant. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised there is currently a call for projects which includes an opportunity for sidewalks and staff is recommending sidewalks along SR 62 and 247 to tie into the proposed senior housing project. This item is authorization to submit a grant application and direct staff to return with Measure I changes.

Council Member Rowe moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 4-15. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES:** Council Member Abel, Hagerman, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None.
- ABSENT:** None

PUBLIC HEARING

- 16. **Annual Assessment Engineer’s Report for Previously Formed Street & Drainage and Landscape & Lighting Maintenance Districts, Levying Annual Assessments**

Upon Real Property Within Districts, Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ENGINEER’S REPORTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND STREET AND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND DECLARING ITS INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS UPON REAL PROPERTY WITHIN SAID DISTRICTS FOR THE 2011-2012 TAX YEAR

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report in the printed agenda and gave a PowerPoint presentation. The assessment of an annual fee upon properties within the district provides the revenue to offset the cost of maintenance of the public improvements necessary to serve the development.

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

Council Member Abel moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-28, approving and confirming the assessments as set forth in the Engineer’s Reports and declare its intent to levy and collect assessments upon real property within the existing districts for the 2011-12 tax years and authorize the levy of assessments as recommended in the Engineer’s Reports. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES: Council Member Abel, Hagerman, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: None

17. Church Street, Between Onaga Trail and Joshua Drive, Improvement Project, Acquisition of Property

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE ACQUISITION OF FEE INTERESTS IN PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NO. 0587-011-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE ACQUISITION OF FEE INTERESTS IN PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NOS. 0587-011-04 & 0587-011-024

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining eminent domain requirements. Town Staff has attempted to acquire portions of the properties necessary for the project from the two property owners, however it is believed that Jacobiec is deceased and Kazangian has not contacted the Town on any of our offers. He noted that eminent domain is never one the Town wants to use, and has only been used one other time in the Town's history, however that proceeding was never completed due to negotiations with the property owner.

Mayor Huntington opened the public hearing.

Ruth Vuncannon, Yucca Valley, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the 7th day Adventist Church. She also requested that the street sign on the corner of Church and Joshua Drive be replaced.

Fritz Koenig, Yucca Valley, commented he does not see any evidence that shows this is necessary for public safety, stating this road is no different than any other dirt roads in the Town. There has also been no discussion regarding legal costs.

Margo Sturges, Yucca Valley, suggested that more information is needed.

Amy Fauls, Yucca Valley, spoke in favor of the request.

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

In answer to the comment that this road is no different than other dirt roads in the community, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised there is a significant difference between this road vs. neighborhoods where dirt roads are primarily located. The density on this road is ½ acre lots or less, and paved access is absolutely necessary for that intense development. With regard to the request to replace the street name sign at Joshua Drive and Church, staff will make sure that happens either with the construction or through our maintenance program.

Town Attorney Laymon explained the judicial process associated with eminent domain proceedings.

Town Manager Nuaimi commented regarding the safety issues noting this past winter the Town received an emergency call from neighbors concerning the immediate erosion happening on Church Street, and we were required to dispatch resources to repair it. Once the development project close by moves forward there would be less water, however there is a natural water course through that development that is not mitigated by the Mesquite 55 project, nor are they obligated to mitigate that.

Council Member Abel questioned if the Town is allowed at this time to readjust the requirements of the developer's conditions of approval. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle commented there was no nexus based upon trip generation coming out of that project to make construction of those improvements a requirement. Council Member Abel commented that the developer is required to keep water on their own property, noting the problem that is occurring now is not because of development, it is just the nature of that parcel and land. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised that project constructed a retention basin designed to capture incremental increase in storm flows caused by increasing the amount of impervious areas. Onaga trail at Church has always filled up with sand in larger storms. Council Member Abel questioned if we have heard from the residents that currently have homes on the west side of Church Street having concerns about the proposed paving. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle stated that staff has worked diligently with the property owners to make sure impacts were eliminated or minimized to make sure the improvements on their property were not disturbed. Council Member Abel expressed concern regarding spending the people's money every year to bulldoze the dirt back onto the road. He is glad to see the Town is going to be addressing this particular section of road.

Council Member Hagerman commented regarding the safety concerns due to flooding threats and dirt going onto Onaga. He is happy to see the Town taking the steps to get the road paved.

Council Member Rowe stated she would hope that the appraisal was taken at the height of the market rather than at the bottom. Town Manager Nuaimi commented that is not typical when talking about property that would be dedicated for easements, noting that land has nominal value regardless of the intent of the property that is going to be taken. He noted that many people donate their easements. Council Member Rowe commented if the property owner subdivided their property it would trigger that right-of-way, but not if they want to maintain it as an empty piece of property. We ought to make sure we are justly reimbursing them. She questioned what the Council's involvement is in the issue from here on out. Town Attorney Laymon advised if there is any form of settlement proposed it would have to come back to the Council for approval.

Mayor Huntington questioned if the Town is required to pay for an appraisal if the property owner obtains on his own. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle stated that is correct noting we would have to pay up to \$5,000.

Council Member Rowe questioned if the budgeted amount takes legal fees into consideration. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle commented there is a small amount but if there are significant fees they are not covered in the project.

Mayor Huntington commented the property owner is getting a benefit for that property.

Council Member Hagerman moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-29 and Resolution No. 11-30, declaring that the public interest and necessity require acquisition of fee interests in portions of the property known as Assessor’s Parcel No. 0587-011-18 and Assessor Parcel Nos. 0587-011-04 & 0587-011-024. Council Member Abel seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES: Council Member Abel, Hagerman, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: None

18. FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget Adoption.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND APPROVING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012 AND DESIGNATING THOSE OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE REQUISITIONS FOR ENCUMBRANCES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE SPENDING LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING POSITIONS AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, FOR EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Administrative Services Director Yakimow gave the staff report presented in the printed agenda and a PowerPoint presentation. The proposed budget is an operationally balanced budget for all Town Funds. With regard to the Public Safety program, the primary goals remain to provide excellent public safety. It is proposed to continue the FY 2010-11 Schedule A Budget which equates to a \$149,000 reduction from the proposed FY 2011-12 Schedule A cost. The proposed approach to accommodate the reduction is execution of the FY 2011-12 Schedule A as proposed and reduction in the School Resource Officer effective October 1, 2011 depending on initiative outcomes, submission of COPS Hiring Program grant, outreach and information sharing with the

Morongo Basin School District involving Town Staff and the Sheriff's Department regarding potential impacts of SRO reduction, County negotiation resolution and state budget resolution. Staff will return to Council with an update on the initiatives in September.

Mayor Huntington opened the public hearing.

Richard Harlan, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the budgeted amount for signs and the fact that the illuminated signs on the highway do not last very long.

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

Council Member Rowe requested an explanation of the approach regarding the contract with the Sheriff's Department. Administrative Services Director Yakimov advised the approach is that the Schedule A line item cost in the budget remains at 3.1 million which is the same as for the 2010-11 budget. The idea is that the initiatives laid out will enable us to continue that current contract.

Council Member Abel questioned if the Town will approach the school district about participating in the School Resource Officer program regardless of the outcome of the initiatives. Administrative Services Director Yakimow stated yes, that discussion is worthy of having particularly if we can consolidate that discussion with the Sheriff's Department in attendance. He noted the district was committed to funding a portion of the position until 2 years ago. There is a definite benefit to having that position, not only in terms of response time, but in terms of preventative action as well. Council Member Abel questioned if all services will remain same level and we will have answers regarding the grant and school district participation by the time Council readdresses this issue. Administrative Services Director Yakimow stated yes noting that the \$150,000 is not a make or break issue, the point is that for the last 4 ½ years the Town has cut made cuts in all our departments, and the last thing we want to do is trim back public safety, but in continuing reduced revenues there is only so much we can contract. Council Member Abel commented there is probably no way the Town will be able to get 50% participation from the district, but if they see value to them they will see a benefit to at least funding a portion of it.

Council Member Hagerman requested updates along the way about how these other funding sources are coming, noting these types of discussions aren't taken lightly. The School Resource Officer does and can act like a backup deputy if there is other crime going on.

Mayor Huntington thanked staff for meeting the challenge of bringing a balanced budget forward again and maintaining a reserve within policy limits.

Council Member Rowe moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-31, approving the Fiscal Year 2011-12 proposed budget, and designating those officials authorized to make requisitions for encumbrances against appropriations; adopt Resolution No. 11-32, establishing the spending limitation for Fiscal Year 2011-12; adopt Resolution No. 11-33, authorizing positions for Fiscal Year 2011-12, and authorizing pay ranges for such positions for Fiscal Year 2011-12, effective July 2, 2011; adopt Resolution No. 11-34, that Town Employees contribute eight percent of the Employee Portion of the employee’s PERS retirement plan, effective July 2, 2011; limit merit increases for eligible employees to a one-step increase (2.5%), and approve a transition assistance package for current employees whose positions have been eliminated for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year; approve an amendment to the contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, and authorize the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the Town; approve the staff recommendation regarding the public safety budget including the continuation of the FY 2010-11 funding level, with the intent to absorb any potential reduction in hours through grant applications, current grant funding, or specialized task force activity, and direct staff to return prior to October 1, 2011 with an update; approve the staff recommendation of the proposed employee benefits package that was presented to Council on May 17, 2011, and direct staff to update, revise and return the Town’s Employee Handbook to Council for ratification in August 2011; and approve the staff recommendation for the reservation of fund balance in an amount of \$700,000 to be used in meeting a portion of the Town’s infrastructure deficit. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES: Council Member Abel, Hagerman, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: None

Town Manager Nuaimi acknowledged the staff in attendance in the audience, and specifically thanked Administrative Services Director Yakimow and Senior Accountant Ainsworth for going above and beyond to get the budget document in the Council’s hands. He also thanked all the other staff for allowing us to bring forward a balanced budget and making an investment in deferred infrastructure.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

19. Memorandums of Understanding Between Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California, San Bernardino County, and the City of Twentynine Palms

Human Resources/Risk Manager Lassetter gave the staff report in the printed agenda, noting the City of Twentynine Palms will be seeking approval of the MO U’s at their next meeting.

Council Member Hagerman questioned how these MOU's work with the Marine Base as far as prioritization. Human Resources/Risk Manager Lassetter stated they will be called in as a last resort, noting we contact the County first, who will then contact the state if necessary and if they are too overwhelmed to assist, then assistance will be requested from the Base.

Mayor Huntington commented these agreements are very straight forward, noting the Marine Corps is a valuable asset to the basin.

Council Member Abel moved to approve the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for Emergency Management, Communication Support, Public Works Support, Transportation Support, Logistics Management and Resources Support, and External Affairs between the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, California, San Bernardino County, and the City of Twentynine Palms. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

20. Authorization to Submit Grant Application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for Proposition 84 Funding.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

Town Manager Nuaimi advised of the need to pull the item and call special meeting for next week.

21. General Plan Update, Preliminary Staff Report, Award of Contract Service Agreement

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation. The General Plan Proposal Review Committee interviewed The Planning Center, Hogle Ireland and RBF on June 16th and recommended the contracted be awarded to The Planning Center/DC&E in an amount not to exceed \$1,019,741. He introduced Brian Judd, Principal in charge for the update, and Wendy Grant, General Manager for the update.

Mr. Judd insured the Council the Town will be getting more from his firm than they promise, noting he is excited to be able to build on the Town's identity.

Wendy Grant displayed a chart showing the process and time line, noting the primary exercise they will start out with is the visioning process. They will create a community

profile looking at demographics and how Yucca Valley compares in the region.

Margo Sturges, Yucca Valley, questioned why this company was selected as opposed to the other two that are already known to the Town.

Council Member Hagerman commented he is happy to see a fresh set of eyes looking at our Town. He commented regarding frustration and concern that every time we do something like this the same people attend the same meetings, and questioned the most effective approach to reach the average citizen. Ms. Grant stated that they go where people are going and set up a booth where people gather. They will also have an on-line forum that will help track where comments are coming from.

Council Member Abel commented that he is also pleased to have a fresh set of eyes look at the General Plan, and questioned if they will be reviewing the Parks Master Plan and Old Town Specific Plans. Ms. Grant stated that as they sit down and work with the existing plans, they may come up with alternative suggestions. Council Member Abel questioned how many cities the Planning Center is dealing with presently and if there are any similar to Yucca Valley. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised the firm has a number of different offices all across the state, and has a high number of General Plan updates recently completed. He noted one of the questions key to the committee's decision was the availability of the Project Manager. Ms. Grant advised she is working on 3 or 4 other projects that have very different time lines. They will work through schedules and make sure there isn't a conflict so that the Town gets the attention it requires.

Council Member Rowe welcomed the Planning Center to Yucca Valley and commented regarding the cost and the financial challenges the Town is facing, noting any wiggle room they can find in the budget would be greatly appreciated.

Mayor Huntington stated he is also excited, noting he had the pleasure of working on the original general plan, and is looking forward to the process.

Town Manager Nuaimi commented all three of the candidates gave outstanding presentations, noting one choice for the committee was the fact that they are a new set of eyes. Another thing that really swayed the decision was the depth and breadth of their organization. He added they really want to engage the Youth Commission in the process also.

Council Member Rowe moved to award the General Plan Update Contract Services Agreement to The Planning Center/DC&E in an amount not to exceed \$1,019,741.00, authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate the final contract sum and scope of services within the not to exceed amount, and authorizing the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to sign the agreement and adopt Resolution No. 11-35, amending the

Fiscal Year 2010-11 Adopted Budget by appropriating \$450,000 of General Fund Reserves to assist in the funding of the General Plan Update. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES: Council Member Abel, Hagerman, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: None

22. Approval of the GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy and Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY RESERVE COMMITMENT OF FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND

Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised this item is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The policy explains the five components of fund balance and formally delegates to the Administrative Services Director, as required by the statement, the assignment of fund balance for specific purposes for inclusion in the annual financial reports. Prior to GASB Statement No. 54, these amounts were reported by the Administrative Services Director as unreserved and designated and did not require Town Council delegation.

Council Member Hagerman Moved to approve the Fund Balance Policy and Adopt Resolution No. 11-36, approving the Town of Yucca Valley General Fund Emergency Contingency commitment of fund balance for the General Fund. Council Member Rowe seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Huntington requested selection of a new Mayor Pro Tem, selection of an ad hoc committee to meet with the School District, and reorganization of Council committees and assignments. Council agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Harlan, Yucca Valley, requested further discussion regarding purchase of illuminated signs on the highway and noted he agrees with placing a 1% sales tax on the ballot but does not agree with charging .05% interest to the Water District.

Sherry Goodlander, Yucca Valley, animal shelter, commented regarding grading activity at the animal shelter.

Ernie Goodlander, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the activity at the animal shelter.

Town Manager Nuaimi advised that biological studies such as the desert tortoise and native plant studies have been done and trenching is underway as part of the seismic evaluation portion of the necessary environmental reports.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised that the Engineering staff will be proceeding with advertisements for bids for the slurry and cape seal projects approved this evening, and the item will be on the agenda in August for award of bid.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

23. Council Member Abel

Wished Joshua Tree National Park a happy 75th birthday.

Reported regarding attendance at the San Bernardino homeless partnership event and thanked them for coming to Yucca Valley. We need to get the word out in our community that there are organizations here to help in these economic times. He also thanked the MBTA for adjusting their times and schedules to get people to the event.

Thanked new businesses for coming to Yucca Valley.

Reminded everyone that the concerts are starting Saturday, June 25th.

Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Luckino for his years of service to the town.

24. Council Member Hagerman

Thanked Administrative Services Director Yakimow and his staff for their work on the budget

Thanked the Management Team for all the hours they put in.

25. Council Member Rowe

Thanked Senior Accountant Ainsworth for the late night drop off of the agendas and budgets.

26. Mayor Huntington

Welcomed the Planning Center to Town.

Mayor Huntington recessed the council meeting at 8:45 to the Special Meeting to discuss filling the vacancy on the Council, and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 2, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Huntington advised no reportable action is anticipated.

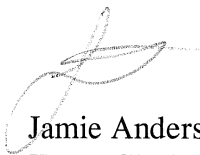
27. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Subsection (c) of Section 54956.9, the legislative body is deciding whether or not to initiate litigation.

Mayor Huntington adjourned to closed session at 8:50 p.m., returned to open session at 9:30 and announced there was no reportable action taken. There were no members of the public present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Anderson, MMC
Town Clerk