

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

Mayor Huntington called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Council Members Present: Abel, Hagerman, Lombardo, 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 Lt. Boswell, and Town Clerk Anderson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Huntington

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS

1. Employee of the Quarter

Presented to Human Resources/Risk Manager Dani Lassetter

AGENCY REPORTS

Hi Desert Medical Center

2. Overview of Medical Center Operations

Pulled from Agenda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2011.

- 4. **Waive**, further reading of all ordinances and read by title only.
- 5. **Receive and File**, the Treasurer’s Report for 1st Quarter 2011-12
- 6. **Ratify**, Warrant Register total of \$131,863.20 for checks dated October 17-24, 2011.
Ratify, Payroll Registers total of \$140,559.53 for checks dated October 14, 2011.

Council Member Lombardo moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 3-6. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 7. **Long Canyon Basin/Channel Project, US Army Corps of Engineers & San Bernardino County Flood Control Agreement between Town/San Bernardino County Flood Control District.**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle gave the staff report contained in the agenda and retained in the project file. A PowerPoint presentation was displayed during the discussion. A feasibility study was performed in 2007 for the Long Canyon Channel/Basin and the project was selected to move forward to a 2nd tier feasibility study. The Corps and the County have entered into an agreement for the preparation of this second study, and an agreement between the Town and the District is necessary for establishing the costs to be shared by the Local Sponsor, which includes the Town and the District.

Council Member Lombardo questioned if the proposal is to build the retention basin with the channels to be built later. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised the evaluation process is going to look at both. The advantage to that is if the channel doesn’t qualify hopeful the basin will. Town Manager Nuaimi advised originally in consultation with the County we were going to spend collectively over a million dollars and would have a feasibility study that would likely conclude that the project doesn’t qualify for federal dollars. We scaled the project back and determined that expansion of the basin gets us 70% there.

Council Member Hagerman moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign all necessary agreements with the San Bernardino County Flood Control District for implementing the Long Canyon Feasibility Study project as outlined in the April 2011 Letter Report Management Plan, as attached to the Staff Report. Council Member

Lombardo seconded.

Council Member Rowe requested an explanation of the difference in funding. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised of some of the options listed in the CAP Report.

Mayor Huntington questioned if the 50/25/25% funding is normal throughout the project. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised that, specific to this project, the typical split is 65/35% and then the hope is that the 35% is split between the Flood Control District and Town. Town Manager Nuaimi added the expectation is that the likelihood of getting further dollars to construct the project is not high, but what we do hope to get out of the dollars is the necessary information to design the basin.

There being no objections stated, the motion stands approved.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Huntington advised that SANBAG has sent a letter requesting that the Council look at the County Vision Statement and adopt it on an individual basis, noting he would like to bring it forward for formal adoption.

PUBLIC COMMENT

River Don, Yucca Valley, advised of River Don Sanctuary for homeless citizens, presented facts regarding the homeless situation in Town and advised of support needed.

Stacey Irwin, Yucca Valley, requested support from the Town for the homeless population.

Bruce Baldy, Yucca Valley, requested community support for the homeless at River Don's and advised of the need for money, vehicles, trailers and uninhabited Town buildings to help people survive.

Richard Harlan, Yucca Valley, questioned who will be responsible for the maintenance of the Long Canyon Channel discussed in Item No. 7. Town Manager Nuaimi advised it is part of a regional system and will be a County maintenance responsibility.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Town Manager Nuaimi advised of a Joint Meeting with the Council and Hi Desert Water District at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, in the Yucca Room where the results of the fiscal analysis for the proposed sales tax will be presented. Advised there was a 2nd site visit today for the Prop 84 grant funding for the Brehm Youth Sports Park complex.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

8. Council Member Lombardo

None

9. Council Member Abel

Thanked the Sheriff's Department and Administrative Services Director Yakimow for their presentation, noting he appreciates the officers out there making this community safe place.

10. Council Member Hagerman

Congratulated Human Resources/Risk Manager Lassetter noting that after election she was the first person he got a call from.

11. Mayor Pro Tem Rowe

Congratulated Human Resources/Risk Manager Lassetter and advised that she will be missed when she retires.

Thanked the Sheriff's Department

Thanked the residents from River Dan's for letting the Council know the need.

12. Mayor Huntington

Congratulated Human Resources/Risk Manager Lassetter.

Reported regarding AB 341 that was signed into law requiring mandatory recycling for commercial properties that generate more than 6 cubic feet of trash per week, which includes big box stores and any residential unit over 5 units. He noted the Material Recycling Facility JPA has allotted monies to educate communities regarding their part. There are still a few holes in the law right now so we are not sure how enforcement is going to go.

Advised that the Inland Empire quarterly report has been released, noting there was interesting data for the last quarter where Yucca Valley is ranked 43rd in population but is in the upper 50% in a number of items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

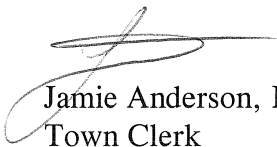
Subsection (a) of Section 54956.9(a), Town of Yucca Valley v. Bond Blacktop, Inc., et al. (San Bernardino Superior Court Case. No. CIVMS1100141)

Mayor Huntington adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:56 p.m., reconvened to open session at 7:15 p.m. and advised 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 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Anderson, MMC
Town Clerk