

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Council Members Present: Abel, Hagerman, Huntington, Lombardo, and Mayor Rowe.

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 Capt. Miller

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS**

**1. Introduction of Miss Yucca Valley and Court**

2012 Miss Yucca Valley Mariana Falossi introduced herself and 3<sup>rd</sup> Princess Cassie Cannon. 1<sup>st</sup> Princess Charlotte Rowell and 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess Danielle Harrington were not able to attend.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**Chamber of Commerce**

**2. Monthly Statistical Report for January 2012.**

Jennifer Collins, Chamber of Commerce, reported regarding the information distributed during the King of the Hammers event and the amount of visitors attending the event. Noted the website had over 1,000,000 hits due to the King of the Hammers and the ad in sunset Magazine.

**Desert Regional Tourism Agency**

**3. California Welcome Center Activity Report**

Cary Harwin, DRTA, gave the report for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2011.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **Approve**, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2011.
5. **Waive**, further reading of all ordinances (if any in the agenda) and read by title only.
6. **Receive and file**, the AB 1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of January 2012
7. **Receive and file**, Monthly Statistical Fire Department Report for January 2012
8. **Award**, contract for professional design services to Albert Grover & Associates related to the design of Signal Synchronization Project and the preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimates, including bid ready construction documents, in the amount of \$48,750, and authorize the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and the Mayor to sign all necessary documents to complete the project, SR 62, Camino del Cielo to Acoma, Town Project No. 8028, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant.
9. **Approve**, the Cost Distribution Agreement between the Town and Caltrans for the traffic signal located at SR 62 and Airway Avenue, and authorize the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and the Mayor to sign the Agreement, Project EA No. 08-0M440.
10. **Approve**, amendment to the tolling agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and the County of San Bernardino, relative to property tax administration fees charged by the County of San Bernardino, and authorize the Mayor, Town Manager, Town Attorney, and the Town Clerk to sign all necessary documents.
11. **Approve**, Proclamation proclaiming February 23, 2012 as Rotary Day in Yucca Valley.
12. **Authorize**, Town Staff to solicit informal bids from three vendors for the purchase of the FY 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) computer equipment and a portable solar message board, and to waive the informal bidding procedures finding that the established procedures (Chapter 3.12) would be impractical for these purchases.
13. **Adopt**, Resolution No. 12-04, supporting the transfer of Ontario International Airport (ONT) to Local Control.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE TRANSFER OF ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ONT) TO LOCAL CONTROL

14. **Ratify**, the Warrant Register total of \$1,688,382.01 for checks dated January 12, 2012 to February 9, 2012. Ratify Payroll Registers total of \$633,784.90 for checks dated December 22, 2011 through February 3, 2012.

Council Member Huntington moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 4-14. Council Member Lombardo seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Mayor Rowe opened the public hearing and requested the staff report.

Community Services Director Schooler gave the staff report contained in the printed agenda and displayed a PowerPoint Presentation. The allocation for fiscal year 2012-13 is \$104,603. Up to 15% or \$15,690 can be allocated to public service programs, or the entire allocation may be directed to projects. It was noted that the Town did enter into a three year agreement with the County for participation in the Senior Home Repair Program for 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12. The recommendation is to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to add the Town's entire CDBG allotment for 2012-13 to the Town's Community Center Playground Project.

Mayor Rowe questioned if any written communication has been received on the item. Town Clerk Anderson advised that one e-mail has been received from Heidi Morgan requesting that the status of the nonprofit organizations requesting funding is researched to determine that they are registered and in good standing with the Attorney General Charitable Trust.

Mayor Rowe opened the floor to comments.

**Linda Grove**, Yucca Valley Library, introduced Tracy Carillo, Literacy Specialist, and thanked the Council and residents for their continued support of the literacy program at the library.

**Robin Schlosser**, Reach Out Morongo Basin, requested funding for senior and handicapped transportation services.

**Kari Grimes**, Morongo Basin Senior Support Center, requested funding for services for seniors.

**Susan Metzger**, Boys and Girls Club, requested funding for youth services and recreational activities.

**Steven Tuttle**, Joshua tree, Copper Mountain Mesa Community Association, requested funds for the community center for a new roof, HVAC and doors.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Rowe closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Lombardo questioned if the funds recommended for the Community Center Playground is for the splash pad. Community Services Director Schooler advised the original thought was for a splash pad but it is not yet known if there will be enough funding to add that.

Council Member Huntington questioned how the City of Twentynine Palms came out in relation to last year's funding allocation. Community Services Director Schooler advised he has not received information regarding allocation to other communities. Council Member Huntington questioned if it is anticipated we will continue to fund those programs we have in the past with the general fund. Administrative Services Director Yakimow will come back during budget time regarding that issue. Council Member Huntington advised the Town also has a use contract with the Boys & Girls Club.

Council Member Abel commented it is his understanding that when the Council made the decision to go for one large project, the money was set aside for the Community Center Park to bring it up to minimum standards. Community Services Director Schooler explained that the first two years were allocated to the Park, and what would have been the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding last year was allocated to a special code enforcement project. He noted the play equipment we have now is no longer compliant to safety standards. Council Member Abel questioned if the Town is looking at another project after this one completed, or if we can go back to looking at funding these other agencies. Community Services Director Schooler advised that next year when the CDBG cycle begins we will receive new proposals. Council Member Abel commented he knows how painful it was for the previous Council to make that decision to allocate the funds to one project, and he would like to see us finish the vision of the previous Council.

Council Member Hagerman commented there is a need to finish with this round of CDBG funding, but he does want to look at funding some of these requests out of our general fund when it comes around.

Mayor Rowe explained why the Town couldn't give as much as requested for programs and questioned how the agencies go about applying for those budgetary funds from the Town. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised they can approach a Council Member, send a letter to the Town Clerk, or come to the lectern request funding. He noted we are anticipating a very tight budget year this year, but is sure those discussions will take place as we go through the process

Council Member Huntington commented that CDBG funding in general is not a good deal for the individuals who lose half the money in labor costs because of the requirement to pay Davis Bacon wages and the administrative charges.

Council Member Hagerman moved to Recommend that the Town's entire 2012-2013 CDBG allocation of \$104,603 be applied to the Town of Yucca Valley's Community Center Playground Renovation project, and direct staff to include the anticipated grant revenue in the 2012-13 budget proposal. Council Member Abel seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**16. FY 2011-12 Mid-year Budget Report**

Administrative Services Director Yakimow gave the staff report contained in the printed agenda and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. Staff recommendation is to receive and file the mid-year report and approve budget amendments in the amount of \$20,000 for IT Professional Services, \$20,000 for Community Relations professional services, and a reduction in Community Relations contributions of \$7,000, for a total addition of \$33,000.

Council Member Lombardo commented he is glad to see that the Town is maintaining reserves.

Council Member Abel advised he is looking forward to receiving good news this next month.

Council Member Hagerman questioned how much was set aside for deferred road maintenance last year. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised it was \$240,000

Council Member Lombardo moved to receive and file the Mid-year Budget Report and approve budget amendments in the amount of \$20,000 for IT Professional Services, \$20,000 for Community Relations professional services, and a reduction in Community Relations contributions of \$7,000, for a total addition of \$33,000. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Richard Harlan**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the internally lit street signs on the highway and recommended that the state be told to come replace them with the regular green signs for no charge, rather than spending the \$32,000 sign budget replacing them.

**STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised that internally illuminated signs are commonly used in cities throughout the state for ease of identification at night time. Several cities in the low desert have experienced similar problems. He noted the Town does not spend its entire sign budget on these signs, there are thousands of street and traffic signs in the community.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**17. Council Member Huntington**

Commented the Town has an agreement with Caltrans that we will provide the signs and they will install them.

Congratulated Miss Yucca Valley and her Court

Recognized the work of the nonprofits in the community and commented that the Town needs to support them as much as we can. He appreciates them for being there.

**18. Council Member Lombardo**

Congratulated Miss Yucca Valley and her court and asked them to get involved in the community.

**19. Council Member Abel**

Reported regarding his attendance along with Council Member Lombardo at the League of California Cities New Mayors and Council Members conference in Sacramento.

Reported regarding attendance at the Morongo Basin Station Volunteer Recognition dinner, noting it was fantastic to see how many volunteers we have out there.

Commented he knows that Miss Yucca Valley and her Court have a lot of things to do within the community noting he appreciates all their hard work.

Thanked the nonprofit organizations for all they do.

**20. Mayor Pro Tem Hagerman**

Congratulated Miss Yucca Valley and Court noting they will be seen everywhere in the community and that it is big learning experience.

Congratulated Tami Roleff, KCDZ, for winning a Golden Mike award

**21. Mayor Rowe**

Congratulated Miss Yucca Valley and her Court.

Thanked Administrative Services Director Yakimow for all the work on the budget.

Mayor Rowe recessed the Town Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m. to convene the Successor Agency to the Yucca Valley redevelopment Agency and reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Rowe requested a time and date members would be available to hold a Special Successor Agency meeting on either February 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. General Consensus was to hold the meeting on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Lombardo advised he will not be able to attend.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**22. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

The legislative body is deciding whether or not to initiate litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c). (1 case)

**23. Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators.**

Property: located along SR 247, within Section 11, T1N, R5E, SBM  
Caltrans/Town of Yucca Valley  
Mark Nuaimi /Shane Stueckle, Real Property Negotiator  
Real Property Negotiations

Mayor Rowe adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:20 p.m., reconvened at 7:34 p.m., and announced there was no reportable action taken. There were no members of the public present.

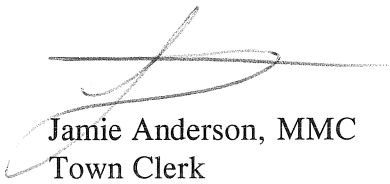
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jamie Anderson, MMC  
Town Clerk