

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2012

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

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 Council Member Abel

INVOCATION

Led by Chaplain Mike Kelliher, Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Huntington moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Lombardo seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve**, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2012, as presented.
2. **Waive**, further reading of all ordinances and read by title only.
3. **Approve**, the National Day of Prayer Proclamation for presentation by the Mayor at the Day of Prayer ceremonies on Thursday, May 3, 2012.
4. **Adopt**, Resolution No. 12-11, directing the preparation of an assessment engineer's report describing any new improvements or any substantial changes in the existing improvements in the existing assessment districts; preliminarily approving the engineering reports for the existing assessment districts and directing the filing of such reports with the Town Clerk; and setting the date for conducting a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, in the Yucca Valley Community Center, 57090 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Sections 22552 and 22553 and Government Code Section 53753.5, to consider the levy of annual assessments upon real property

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, CAUSING AN ENGINEER’S REPORT TO BE PREPARED FOR ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED WITHIN EXISTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS DURING THE 2012-2013 TAX YEAR AND PRELIMINARILY APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ENGINEERING REPORTS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE EXISTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE 2012-2013 TAX YEAR

- 5. **Adopt**, Resolution No. 12-12, adopting the amendments to the Town of Yucca Valley Employee Handbook with Personnel Rules, Policies and Procedures

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK WITH PERSONNEL RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 6. **Ratify**, the Warrant Register total of \$864,373.77 for checks dated April 5, 2012 through April 19, 2012. Ratify Payroll Registers total of \$270,666.73 for checks dated March 30, 2012 through April 13, 2012.

Council Member Hagerman moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 1-6. Council Member Lombardo seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle reported regarding the ongoing General Plan Outreach efforts using extensive tools inviting the community to participate in the process. There are 2 more community workshops this week, on Friday, May 4th between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. focusing on the east side focus area, and Saturday May 5, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

focusing on the midtown area. Today the Mayor recorded a voice over inviting individuals to the workshop via the “One Call” program. The Planning Commission will also be holding a workshop on Tuesday May 8th at 6:00 p.m., and staff is working to make that a combined Planning Commission Parks Recreation and Cultural Commission workshop, and the Planning Commissioners have been challenged to bring at least 15 participants each to the meeting.

Town Manager Nuaimi commended Lynne Richardson and the Museum staff for hosting a FAM Tour reception for 14 travel writers from all over the world. The event was very well received by them and the Town received considerable radio time from K-NEWS in the Coachella Valley and good comments from the Announcer who said we “hit it out of the park” with our event.

Town Manager Nuaimi advised this is probably the last light agenda for quite a while, as we work through a variety of issues through the summer.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

7. Council Member Huntington

Commended staff for the great job they did hosting the foreign travel writers.

Reported regarding attendance at the Earth Day event noting it was well attended and had plenty of activities for everyone.

Reported regarding attendance at the dedication ceremony for the Bob Burke County Building housing the Sheriff’s Department, Probation, Land Use Department, Supervisor and the Assessor’s Office.

Advised there will be a forum for the Supervisor Candidates on Friday, May 4th at the Bell Center at 5:15 p.m.

8. Council Member Lombardo

Reported regarding attendance at Earth Day events.

Reported regarding attendance at the “Titanic” dinner at Copper Mountain College, noting it was well attended. It is nice to have a Community College in our area.

9. Council Member Abel

Reported regarding attendance at the Mojave Desert AQMD Board Meeting where they received an overview of all the programs offered. They plan a bus tour of all their facilities next month that he will be attending. If you have old lawn mower you need to

turn in he has the information.

Reported regarding attendance at the MBTA Board Meeting where they had their annual review of the General Manager and took their first look at the annual budget.

Invited everyone to join the 22nd Annual Grubstakes run on Sunday May 27th

Advised caution to drivers as people are out enjoying weather and getting exercise.

10. Mayor Pro Tem Hagerman

Commented it was a privilege to attend the Earth Day event and provide the opening remarks. Staff did a great job, there were lots of vendors and it was very well attended.

Requested that the Baker family be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers. He congratulated the Sheriff's Office for catching the hit and run driver so fast. Capt. Miller gave an update on Jacob Baker's condition after being hit while riding his scooter.

11. Mayor Rowe

Invited the community to attend National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3rd at Remembrance Park.

Track meet at High School.

Commended the Sheriff's Department and Sgt. Porter regarding the DUI Check point held last Friday.

Commented the FAM tour reception at the Museum was fantastic, and congratulated staff for putting it together.

Town Manager Nuaimi advised the Chamber has done a fantastic job promoting the region and bringing in those FAM Tours. He noted that next week they will be hosting the Mayor and City Manager from Palm Springs for a tour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Town Manager Nuaimi advised there is no need for a closed session at this time.

12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Subsection (a) of Section 54956.9(a), Town of Yucca Valley vs. Bond Blacktop
Inc. CIVMS 1100141.

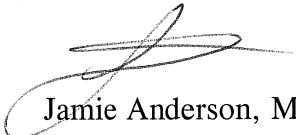
CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager Nuaimi advised there will be a ground breaking ceremony on Tuesday, May 15th for the Southside Neighborhood Park at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Anderson, MMC
Town Clerk