

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 30, 2012**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mayor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Nuaimi, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Community Services Director Schooler, Administrative Services Director Yakimow, Police Capt. Boswell, and Town Clerk Anderson

Capt. Boswell introduced Lt. Brad Toms.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Lt. Toms

**INVOCATION**

Led by Pastor Chris Begnaud, Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS**

**1. Presentation to Kathy Ainsworth.**

Tile Plaque presented to Senior Accountant Kathy Ainsworth in honor of her retirement.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**Chamber of Commerce**

**2. Monthly Chamber of Commerce Report for September 2012**

Jennifer Collins, Chamber President, gave the monthly statistical Chamber of Commerce Report and introduced the committee putting on the Gourd Festival, November 3-4, 2012.

Hi Desert Water District

**3. Water and Wastewater Project Updates.**

Sarann Graham, Hi Desert Water District President, gave the monthly wastewater project update, noting the wastewater treatment plant will not have open beds that discharge odors.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Huntington moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Lombardo seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **Approve**, Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of October 2, 2012, as presented.
5. **Waive**, further reading of all ordinances and read by title only.
6. **Receive and file**, Monthly Statistical Fire Department Report for September 2012
7. **Receive and file**, report outlining the Winter 2012-13 programs and events to be organized and conducted by the Community Services Department.
8. **Receive and file**, AB 1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of September, 2012.
9. **Adopt**, Resolution No. 12-40 updating the Town's authorized signatories at the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY,  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING  
DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAWAL IN THE STATE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT  
FUND**

10. **Rescind**, temporary suspension of enforcement of the Town's leash law during certain morning hours at Machris Park, and direct staff to immediately resume normal enforcement activities.
11. **Receive and file**, the Treasurer's Report for the first quarter of FY 2012-13.

- 12. **Receive and file**, FY 2012-13 First Quarter Budget Report.
- 13. **Adopt**, Resolution No. 12-41, approving the 2011-12 Purchase Order Encumbrances and Project Carryovers as identified.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 ADOPTED BUDGET

- 14. **Ratify**, Warrant Register total of \$267,632.81 for checks dated October 4, 2012. Ratify Payroll Registers total of \$318,506.28 dated September 28, 2012 and October 12, 2012.

Council Member Huntington moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 4-14. Council Member Lombardo seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 15. **Street Vacation SV-01-12, Southern California Gas Company, Approximately twelve (12’) feet by three hundred thirty one feet (331’) of right of way on Pioneertown Road, Assessor’s Parcel No. 594-061-08**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING STREET VACATION SV-01-12 TO VACATE THAT PORTION OF EASEMENT ON ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NO. 0594-061-08 AS IDENTIFIED HEREIN

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised an application was submitted to the Town by Southern California Gas Company to vacate a portion of Pioneertown Road. The Town’s General Plan, Circulation Element, identifies the road as an 80’ wide collector. Based upon existing dedications, the existing right of way is 12’ wider than required by the Circulation Element. The Planning Commission reviewed the street vacation request and confirmed that it is in conformance with the General Plan.

Mayor Rowe opened the public hearing, and as no one appeared to speak, she closed the hearing.

Council Member Huntington questioned if the vacation of the easement affects the public utilities easements. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised it does not, noting the Town does not have the authority to vacate the underlying rights of other entities.

Council Member Lombardo moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 12-42, vacating approximately twelve (12') feet of that portion of easement(s) on the east side of Assessor's Parcel Number 594-061-08. Council Member Huntington seconded. Motion carried 4-0

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Ed Montgomery**, Yucca Valley, spoke in opposition to Measure U, stating it is a general fund tax so it is illegal for the Town to designate the money to anything. He accused the Town of lying about Measure U, calling it an effort to create a slush fund, give employee raises, and other various allegations. He told the council he smelled recall.

**Ellin Loveless**, Yucca Valley, spoke in favor of Measure U and thanked the Council for having the foresight to bring the issue before the community and addressing the infrastructure and safety of our Town.

**Jennifer Collins**, Yucca Valley, spoke in favor of Measure U, stating that many members of the community are yes on U. She thanked the Council, Mayor and Town Manager for looking out for the Town's future.

**Bill Neeb**, Indio, thanked the Council, Town Manager and everyone responsible for bringing forward Measure U and giving us a chance to go forward to a bright future, and giving our property and businesses a chance to thrive. He encouraged citizens to attend the strategic planning sessions to see how the Town's money is spent.

**Sarann Graham**, Yucca Valley, commented the Town needs to consider how long the citizens and residents want to wait to have good infrastructure in the community. It depends on sales tax, and if we don't grow the community we don't grow sales tax. We as citizens demand and want good services and a good decent quality of life. The Town needs to make sure it has the revenue to meet those demands.

## STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Town Manager Nuaimi it is not surprising that Mr. Montgomery makes his comments and leaves without hearing a response. The Council and Staff have talked about fiscal responsibility for this community and the Town lived within its means, and demonstrated fiscal restraint. This town has stepped up, scrapped and cut everything it can to be prudent with the citizens' resources, and to have Mr. Montgomery call the Council liars is a slap to the people of this

community. His comments are a disservice to everyone who lives here. Town Manager Nuaimi thanked the people who have been attending the sessions over the past year. He also expressed appreciation for everyone's patience during the recent road construction.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**16. Council Member Huntington**

Congratulated Kathy Ainsworth on her retirement and wished her well, noting she has always held her job to highest standards.

Reported regarding attendance at a tour of a manufactured housing facility in San Jacinto on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The firm that is going to build the senior housing facility in Yucca Valley has experience this type of construction in other locations.

Reported regarding attendance at the October 13<sup>th</sup> opening of the South Side dog park.

Commented that he and Nancy hosted their 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion.

Reported regarding attendance on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at an assembly regarding recycling at Yucca Mesa Elementary School with Joel Green from the PBS show Curiosity Quest. Mr. Green is a highly entertaining and active person, and able to get the kids involved.

Reported regarding attendance at the Animal Care JPA meeting looking at the bid results for the replacement animal shelter. The item will be coming to the Council at the next meeting.

Reported regarding attendance at the Morongo Basin Transit Authority meeting, noting they will be looking at the Wal-Mart opening and bus route changes.

Encouraged all to attend the Gourd Festival on November 3-4, 2012

**17. Council Member Lombardo**

Congratulated Kathy Ainsworth on her retirement noting it was very moving to see her presentation.

Reported regarding attendance at the League of California Cities Desert Mountain Division Meeting in Hesperia on October 26<sup>th</sup>, where he had the opportunity to brag about Yucca Valley and all our projects.

**18. Mayor Pro Tem Abel**

Thanked Kathy Ainsworth for all her years of work for the Town, noting it speaks well to have so many long term employees.

Reported regarding attendance at the Hi-Desert Opportunity Conference, noting it was nice to see them promoting the area.

Congratulated the Recreation Staff for last weekend's activities, noting he attended his first pumpkin splash.

**19. Mayor Rowe**

Welcomed Lt. Toms.

Thanked former Mayor/Council Member Bill Neeb for attending tonight's meeting.

Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the "Shop Local" card.

Commented she was asked to represent Yucca Valley at the start of the Hammers event, noting it was a great opportunity to reach out to the race community.

Thanked Community Services Director Schooler and his staff for all the activities last weekend.

Echoed everyone sentiments regarding Kathy Ainsworth, noting she will be missed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Anderson, MMC  
Town Clerk