## TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES BUDGET WORKSHOP May 20, 2014

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Administrative Services Director Yakimow called the budget workshop to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced that the purpose of the meeting is to provide an informal opportunity for the public to discuss the Proposed FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 Budgets and if any member of the public wishes to address the council specifically, may do so at the formal public hearing later in the evening.

Council Members present in the audience: Leone, Huntington, Rowe, and Mayor Lombardo.

Staff Present: Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Administrative Services Director Yakimow, Senior Accountant Cisneros, and Town Clerk Copeland

## 1. FY 2014-15 and 2015-16 Proposed Budget Update and Review

Administrative Services Director Yakimow presented an overview of the Town's budget process and how the proposed numbers were derived. Yakimow reviewed the questions and staff responses to inquiries submitted since the last workshop. The questions were related to a variety of line-items and the reasoning for the proposed budget request.

Ron Cohen, Yucca Valley stated he submitted 97 of the questions staff responded to, and would like to see 10 concerts in the summer line-up.

Lori Herbel, Yucca Valley inquired on the percentage of salaries charged for Successor Agency administration, suggested zero based budgeting procedures and requested an increase to the Museum's budget by \$70,000.

Max Witt, Yucca Valley agreed with the approach of having fewer concerts in the park so that better talent can be recruited.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle explained that during the past couple of years, the Town has seen a reduction in \$750,000 of ongoing expenditures. The FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 proposed budget was prepared based on the Town Council's guiding principles.

The special budget workshop was adjourned by Administrative Services Director Yakimow at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC Town Clerk