

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Yakimow, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Town Attorney Laymon, Police Chief Mondary and Town Clerk Copeland

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Leone

While no formal invocation was presented, Mayor Lombardo led the public in a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Town Employee of the Quarter

Code Compliance Office Shelly Eich was awarded as the Town's Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter, 2014.

2. Private Land Development Update

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented an update on the major private land development projects currently underway in Yucca Valley.

Mayor Lombardo opened public comments with the following individual commenting on the item.

Ramon Mendoza, Morongo Valley

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Lombardo closed public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Huntington moved to approve the agenda for the Town Council Meeting of September 2, 2014. Council Member Abel seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Abel, Huntington, Leone, Rowe and Mayor Lombardo
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Waive** further reading of all ordinances and read by title only
4. **Approve** the minutes of the Town Council meeting of July 15, 2014 as presented
5. **Award** the service contract to Quality Street Services, Inc., authorizing the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to sign all necessary documents, in the amount of \$50,000.00 annually for general on-call street sweeping services, and appropriating \$25,000.00 from the Catastrophic Events Reserve for the Storm Recovery street cleaning program, and authorizing the Town Manager to expend the funds following storm events.
6. **Item Pulled**
7. **Award** working out of class pay to the Deputy Town Manager for assuming the duties of Acting Town Manager from August 20, 2013 to July 15, 2014.
8. **Adopt** Resolution No. 14-28 revising the titles of staff who submitted a grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development to seek Housing-Related Parks Program funding for additional Paradise Park improvements and revising the title of the staff authorized to execute the grant documents to Town Manager or designee. **Authorize** the Town Manager or designee as the official designated and authorized to represent the Town on current and subsequent park specific grant documents, reimbursement requests and reports.
9. **Appropriate** the unused budgeted partnership funds of \$250 back to the Center for Healthy Generations for other programming needs.
10. **Ratify** the Payroll Registers Total of \$148,842.70 for checks dated August 1, 2014 and **Ratify** the Warrant Registers total of \$141,076.73 for checks dated August 21, 2014

Council Member Leone requested to pull Item No. 6 from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Mayor Lombardo opened public comments for the consent agenda items. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Huntington moved to approve consent agenda items 3-5, 7-10. Council Member Rowe seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Abel, Huntington, Leone, Rowe and Mayor Lombardo
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Item No. 6-

**Resolution No. 14 –
Tract Map 10680**

Acceptance of Grand Avenue from Navajo Trail north to Onaga Trail, Lisa Circle from Grand Avenue east to end of Cul-de-sac, Taos Circle from Grand Avenue east to end of Cul-de-sac, and Navajo Trail from Grand Avenue east to Navajo Trail into the Town’s Maintained Roadway System.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report on the item.

Mayor Lombardo opened public comments for the item. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Council Member Leone moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-27, accepting Grand Avenue from Navajo Trail north to Onaga Trail, Lisa Circle from Grand Avenue east to end of Cul-de-sac, Taos Circle east from Grand Avenue east to end of Cul-de-sac, and Navajo Trail from Grand Avenue east Navajo Trail into the Town’s Maintained Roadway System. Mayor Pro Tem Huntington seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Abel, Huntington, Leone, Rowe and Mayor Lombardo
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**11. Traffic Signal Synchronization, Phase II Funding Request
San Bernardino Associated Governments**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report.

Mayor Lombardo opened public comments for the item. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Council Member Leone spoke of concern on reality versus theory on synchronizing traffic signals.

Council Member Abel inquired on adjustability of signal timing after the synchronizing project is complete.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle stated signal maintenance requires continual monitoring.

Mayor Pro Tem Huntington inquired on funding sources and if the amounts stated would cover the entire project.

Council Member Rowe moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-28, requesting allocation of all remaining CMAQ funding for Phase II Traffic Signal Synchronization, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the funding request letter. Mayor Pro Tem Huntington seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Abel, Huntington, Leone, Rowe and Mayor Lombardo
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

**12. Resolution No. 14-29
SR62 & Dumosa Avenue Traffic Signal Project – Town Project No.8456
Award of Construction Contract
DBX, Inc., Temecula, CA
Funding request – San Bernardino Associated Governments**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report.

Mayor Lombardo opened public comments and the following individuals commented on the item.

Susan Simmons, Yucca Valley
Margo Sturges, Yucca Valley

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Council Member Abel commented on the traffic at this intersection, and would like to see this project move forward.

Council Member Rowe inquired on the reconfiguring of the existing medians to accommodate the new turn pockets at a new signal and also asked if a four-way stop is possible at the corner of Dumosa and Antelope.

Council Member Leone stated he was against the signal, because it is too close to the existing signal located at Hwy 247 and suggested making the corner, right-hand turn only, and extending the turn pocket used to enter north-bound Dumosa from the highway.

Mayor Pro Tem Huntington spoke favorably on the project and addressed the public comment on funding sources.

Council Member Rowe stated that though traffic signals are not everyone’s favorite topic right now, this particular signal is important because of the high-level of pedestrian traffic in the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Huntington moved to

- Adopt Resolution No 14-29, requesting additional Major Local Highway Program (MLHP) Funds, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the funding request letter, and execute the funding agreement for the new MLHP funds under the same general terms and conditions as the current funding agreement covering the first allocation;
- Award the construction contract to DBX, Inc., contingent upon SANBAG allocating additional LMHP funds, in the total contract amount of \$588,338 authorizing the Mayor, Town Manager and Town Attorney to sign all necessary documents, and authorizing the Town Manager to expend the contingency fund, if necessary, to complete the project.
- Amend the FY 2014-16 adopted budget as reflected in the attached FY 2014-16 Fund 520 proposed amended budget.

Council Member Rowe seconded. Motion carried 4-1 on a roll call vote with Council Member Leone voting no.

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

13. San Bernardino County Operational Area Emergency Management Strategic Plan

Administrative Assistant III Jessica Rice presented the staff report.

Mayor Lombardo opened public comments for the item.

Ramon Mendoza, Morongo Valley commented on the presentation.

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Council Member Rowe moved to receive and file the informational update on the San Bernardino County Operational Area’s Emergency Management Strategic Plan, and direct the Town Manager to sign a letter of concurrence supporting the Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Huntington seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Abel, Huntington, Leone, Rowe and Mayor Lombardo
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

14. SB270 (Padilla) Solid Waste: Single-Use Carryout Bags

Administrative Assistant III Jessica Rice presented the staff report.

Mayor Lombardo opened public comments and the following individual commented on the item.

Lori Herbel, Yucca Valley

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Council Member Leone spoke in favor of supporting SB270.

Council Member Abel commented favorably on the item and suggested that the Town provide reusable bags to local residents, preferably if they were made with recycled materials.

Council Member Rowe also spoke in favor SB270

Mayor Pro Tem Huntington commented favorably on the bill, and on the benefits of standardizing a plastic bag ban throughout California.

Mayor Pro Tem Huntington moved to receive and file the informational update on SB 270 banning the use of single-use carryout bags and discuss and determine the Council’s preference regarding sending a letter of support to the Governor’s Office. Council Member Leone seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Abel, Huntington, Leone, Rowe and Mayor Lombardo
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Lombardo opened public comments.

Margo Sturges, Yucca Valley invited the public to a candidate forum for candidates seeking the office of Hi Desert Water District Board Member in the upcoming election.

Cristina Kayvon-Pierce and Dr. Petrus, Yucca Valley spoke in favor of a local equine clinic.

Mindy Ross, a local realtor, spoke in support of a local equine clinic proposed for Yucca Valley.

Lori Herbel, Yucca Valley spoke in support of the proposed equine clinic and introduced her new puppy, Cheyenne. Herbel encouraged local residents to spay and neuter their pets.

Ramon Mendoza, Morongo Valley recommended a book on the subject of water.

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Lombardo closed public comments.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Town Manager Yakimow explained the application process for the upcoming Youth Commission season, with a deadline of October 2, 2014.

Yakimow also updated the council on the increase of local jobs with the recent opening of Petco, Tractor Supply and soon to be opened, Marshalls.

Yakimow commended staff, especially Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Town Project Engineer Qishta, Town Inspector Behrens on a job well-done on the Safe Routes to Schools project on Sage Avenue.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- 15.** Council Member Abel congratulated Eich on her award as Employee of the Quarter, and thanked Stueckle on his extra service as Acting Town Manager for this past year. Abel reminded the public of the continued effort of water conservation in our community.
- 16.** Council Member Leone congratulated Eich, and thanked Stueckle for taking care of the extra work responsibilities.
- 17.** Council Member Rowe thanked Stueckle for his dedication to the community and the Town organization, it is much appreciated. Rowe also thanked Eich on her hard work as Code Compliance Officer.
- 17.** Mayor Pro Tem Huntington commented on the difficult job Eich has, and congratulated

