

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

Council Members Present: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, and Mayor Huntington

Staff Members 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 Denison.

With the lack of clergy present for the invocation, Mayor Huntington invited the public in a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS

1. Hi Desert Medical Center

Robert Tyk, Chief Executive Office of Hi-Desert Medical Center presented information on the local health care organization, including an update on the current negotiations for an overseeing affiliate with a subsidiary of Tenet Healthcare.

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

Council Member Lombardo inquired on the review process on the affiliation agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone asked about the ballot voting jurisdiction.

Mayor Huntington received clarification that the Continuing Care Center was under the same affiliation negotiation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Leone moved to approve the agenda for the Town Council Meeting of December 16, 2014. Council Member Lombardo seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Waive** further reading of all ordinances and read by title only
3. **Receive and file** the monthly Statistical Fire Department Reports for the month of November 2014
4. **Adopt Ordinance 253**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 9, YUCCA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY ADOPTING ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 9.05 THRU CHAPTER 9.22, ZONING DISTRICTS AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, ESTABLISHING THE TOWN'S ZONING DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP AND PROVIDING LAND USE STANDARDS AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ZONING DISTRICTS AND OVERLAY DISTRICTS, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 83.020105 THRU 83.020205, SECTIONS 84.0101 THRU 84.0125, SECTIONS 84.0205 THRU 84.0250, SECTIONS 84.0301 THRU 84.0390, SECTIONS 84.0501 THRU 84.0570, SECTION 84.0601, SECTION 84.0605, SECTION 84.0620, SECTIONS 85.0101 THRU 85.0145, SECTIONS 85.020101 THRU 85.020130, SECTIONS 85.020201 THRU 85.020230, SECTIONS 85.020301 THRU 85.020335, SECTIONS 85.020401 THRU 85.020415, SECTIONS 85.020501 THRU 85.020510, SECTIONS 85.030101 THRU 85.030110, SECTIONS 85.030201 THRU 85.030220, SECTIONS 85.030301 THRU 85.030315, SECTIONS 85.030401 THRU 85.030425, SECTIONS 85.030501 THRU 85-030520, SECTIONS 85.030601 THRU 85.030610, SECTIONS 88.0501 THRU 88.0520, AND SECTION 88.0605 AND SECTIONS 88.0701 THRU 88.0715 OF THE YUCCA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CODE.

5. **Adopt Ordinance 254**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 9, YUCCA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY ADOPTING ARTICLE 3, CHAPTERS 9.30 THRU 9.52, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 41.151 THRU 41.1569 OF THE YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND SECTIONS 84.0701 THRU 84.0740, SECTIONS 87.0101 THRU 87.0105, SECTIONS 87.0201 THRU 87.220, SECTIONS 87.0401 THRU 87.0405, SECTIONS 87.0501 THRU 87.0505, SECTIONS 87.0601 THRU 87.0645, SECTIONS 87.0901 THRU 87.0940, SECTIONS 88.0805 THRU 88.0810, SECTIONS 810.0101 THRU 810.0135, , SECTIONS 810.0201 THRU 810.0275, SECTION 84.0610, SECTIONS 87.1110 THRU 87.1180, SECTION 812.01005, SECTION 84.0615, AND SECTIONS 811.301 THRU 811.309 OF TITLE 8 OF THE YUCCA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND

SECTIONS 9.75.010 THRU 9.75.130 OF TITLE 9 OF THE YUCCA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT CODE.

6. Item Pulled

- 7. Adopt** Resolution No. 14-36, approve the specifications for the Community Center Infield Refurbishment project, and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise and receive bids.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTER INFILDED REFURBISHMENT IN SAID TOWN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS

- 8. Approve** Resolution No. 14-37, granting an easement(s) to the public for street and utility purposes for Kickapoo Trail and Benecia Trail, as described in Attachment “A” for APN #586-101-07 and “A” for APN #586-081-05 to this staff report, and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant of easement, and direct the Town Clerk to record the easement with the San Bernardino County Recorder’s Office

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO GRANT DEDICATIONS OF EASMENTS ON KICKAPOO TRAIL APN #586-101-07 AND BENECIA TRAIL APN #586-081-05 FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES

- 9. Receive and file** the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of November 2014

Mayor Huntington pulled Item No. 6.

Mayor Huntington opened public comment on the Consent Agenda. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Council Member Lombardo moved to approve Consent Agenda items 2-5, and 7-9. Council Member Abel seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES:** Council Members Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo and Mayor Huntington
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

ABSENT: None

**Item No 6- SR62 & Dumosa Avenue Traffic Signal Project – Town Project No.8456
SANBAG – Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. C13161
Contract Amendment No. 1 – Albert A. Webb Associates**

Mayor Huntington reported the funding authorization is scheduled to go before the SANBAG board acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority on January 7, 2015 for final funding approval. Huntington requested that the motion be changed to reflect a contingency on final SANBAG approval.

Council Member Abel moved to

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the SR62 & Dumosa Avenue Signal Project- Town Project No. 8456- Project Funding Agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, C13161, AUTHORIZING THE Mayor to sign all necessary documents, contingent upon SANBAG approval expected in January 2015.
2. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Albert Webb Associates, to provide additional required tasks and services specifically described in Consultant’s Proposal dated November 20, 2104 and attached to the proposed amendment as Exhibit “A”; increasing the total compensation under the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services by \$5,800, bringing the total compensation under the Agreement to \$81,800.00,
3. Amend the budget for the Measure I Regional Fund 520 to reflect the revised appropriations and project costs, contingent upon SANBAG approval expected in January 2015.

Council Member Denison seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo and Mayor Huntington

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**10. Jacobs Park Playground Improvements-Town Project No. 8948
Approval of Plans and Specifications
Authorization to Advertise for Construction**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA APPROVING PLANS AND
SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JACOBS
PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS IN SAID
TOWN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK
TO ADVERTISE TO RECEIVE BIDS**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report requesting authorization to move forward with playground improvements at Jacobs Park. The project includes the replacement of existing playground equipment, necessary curbing and the installation of wood chips for ADA access.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Leone received confirmation that the playground upgrade was for safety standards.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-38, approve the plans and specifications for Project No. 8948, authorize the Town Clerk to advertise and receive bids, contingent upon final approval by San Bernardino County, and amends the budget to increase the project budget to the appropriated funding from the County for use of CDBG funds.

Council Member Denison seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES:** Council Members Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo and Mayor Huntington
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

11. Park Monument Signage

Community Services Manager Earnest presented the staff report requesting consideration of placing monument signage at Essig Park and Machris Park. Currently, identifying signage is not installed at these two primary Town park facilities. Existing monument signage is located at Jacobs Park and Paradise Park. To create identifying consistency among all park facilities, as stated in the Town’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) it is recommended to install

similar signage at the Essig Park and Machris Park.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Leone inquired on the possibility of including the term “dog park” with the Essig sign.

Council Member Lombardo suggested to keep the street signage simply “Essig Park” since there are many amenities at the park. A dog park sign within the park boundaries might be a better approach.

Council Member Abel inquired on the cost and asked if the signs could be installed by Town staff. Abel continued to offer the possibility of using the signage project to be opened to local artists as a creative approach to identifying the facilities. The standard monument sign could be a considered as the alternative.

Council Member Denison spoke favorably of a uniformed look among all the park facilities.

Mayor Huntington also voiced favor in uniformity.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone reminded the Council that MBTA used public art within its transportation facility design in addition to the signage.

Council Member Lombardo moved to accept the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission requesting installation of park monumentation signage at Essig Park and Machris Park, and direct staff to proceed with acquisition of the recommended signage in accordance with Town Code, Policies and Procedures. Council Member Denison seconded. Motion carried 4-1 on a roll call vote.

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

12. Town Council Public Agency Board / Committee Assignments

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report, explaining the annual process of selecting Town representation for various regional boards, Joint Powers Authorities (JPA’s) and Ad-Hoc committees with local agencies, as stated in the Council’s Manual of Procedural Guidelines.

A need was identified for the creation of an ad-hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing Town-owned properties, as well as council representation on a Town Audit Committee to assist in the selection of the Town’s financial auditing firm and additional financial related items as needed. A Medical Marijuana Ad-Hoc committee is necessary to review the various options and

requirements in processing the voter initiative ordinance.

Council Members discussed committees no longer having a purpose to meet, including: Council Rules and Procedures, County Budget, Morongo Unified School District, and Senior Housing.

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

Discussion was held, with each council member voicing their request to serve on various boards.

Council Member Abel moved to select representatives to the various Public Agency Boards, and direct the Town Clerk to notify the agencies of any changes in representation, and to create a Public Facilities Ad Hoc Committee and a Medical Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee and assign two Council Members to the newly created committees and dissolve any Ad Hoc Committees as needed. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES:** Council Members Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, and Mayor Huntington
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

Committee Assignments

COMMITTEE	REPRESENTATIVE	MEETING SCHEDULE	LOCATION
CITY / COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES JPA	Huntington Lombardo	12:00 pm. Last Thursday	Yucca Valley
DESERT SOLID WASTE JPA	Huntington Leone (Alt)	10:00 a.m. 2 nd Thursday Feb, May, Aug, Nov	Victorville
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES DESERT MOUNTAIN DIVISION	Lombardo Denison (Alt)	10:00 a.m. 4 th Friday- Quarterly	Varies
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES LEGISLATIVE DELEGATE	Mayor		
LEGISLATIVE TEAM	Huntington Denison	Proposed for Council Members to work with Town Manager meeting with legislators when necessary	
HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP (SBCO) AND INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS	Staff	9:00 a.m. 4 th Wednesday	San Bernardino
MEASURE I	Huntington Abel (Alt)	9:30 a.m. 3 rd Friday	Apple Valley
MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY	Abel Leone Lombardo (Alt)	5:00 p.m. 4 th Thursday	Joshua Tree
MOJAVE AIR QUALITY DISTRICT	Leone Abel (Alt)	10:00 a.m. 4 th Monday	Victorville
SANBAG	Huntington Abel (Alt)	10:30 a.m. 1 st Wednesday	San Bernardino
SPORTS COUNCIL	Denison	6:30 p.m. 2 nd Monday	Yucca Valley

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Ad Hoc Committee Assignments

COMMITTEE	REPRESENTATIVES
AUDIT	Denison Huntington
BREHM PARK	Abel Lombardo
MEDICAL MARIJUANA INITIATIVE	Lombardo Abel
ONLINE VIDEO	Huntington Evans (PRCC)
PUBLIC FACILITIES	Huntington Leone
RDA BONDS	Huntington Leone
SEWER FINANCING	Denison Leone
SUBDIVISION	Huntington Leone

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Town Manager Yakimow thanked the Mayor and the public who participated in the Annual Light Parade, a good time was had by all.

Yakimow reminded the public that Town Hall and non-emergency departments will be closed for the holidays.

Yakimow encouraged the public to apply to the Town’s boards and commissions. The application can be found on the Town’s website.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle gave a brief update on private land development and stated that Building and Safety will remain open during the holidays.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

13. Council Member Abel- thanked the public for attending the meeting and reminded the public to shop local.
14. Council Member Denison- reported that he has seen increased activity in the local stores, thanked those for shopping local. Commended Town staff on the recent holiday activities.
15. Council Member Lombardo thanked the public for attending the meeting and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.
16. Mayor Pro Tem Leone- gave well wishes for the holidays and asked staff to explore the possibility of reducing the speed limit on a portion of Sunnyslope.
17. Mayor Huntington- glad to see the median signs removed from the highway. Reported having a great time at the recent light parade and the Hi Desert Chorus holiday concert. Wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Council will not be meeting at its next regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

The next meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Huntington adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC
Town Clerk