

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

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, Finance Manager Cisneros, and Town Clerk Copeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Huntington

The Invocation was led by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Chaplain, Mike Kelliher.

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Outgoing Town Commissioners

Outgoing Planning Commissioners Lavender, and Humphreville, and outgoing Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commissioners Harman, Jones, Jones-Poland and Evans were recognized by the Town Council for their time served volunteering for the Town and their service to the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Leone moved to approve the agenda for the Town Council meeting of February 3, 2015. 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

1. **Waive** further reading of all ordinances and read by title only
2. **Approve** the Town Council meeting minutes of December 9, 2014, December 16, 2014 and January 20, 2015 as presented
3. **Receive and file** the Treasurer's Report for the second quarter of FY 2014-15
4. **Ratify** the Payroll Registers total of \$133,846.57 for checks dated January 16, 2015 and

Ratify the Warrant Registers total of \$256,086.21 for checks dated January 22, 2015

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

Council Member Abel moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4. 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

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Prioritization Hearing

Finance Manager Cisneros presented the staff report for the CDBG Prioritization Hearing. The 2015-16 allocation is \$113,531. Cisneros explained that updated CDBG regulations require the Town to guarantee all projects through the Town’s general fund. The Town received eligible program applications from Morongo Basin Unity Home (\$18,000), Reach Out Morongo Basin (\$15,000), San Bernardino County Library Adult Literacy (\$10,000), and Family Services Association (\$10,000). The Town received eligible project applications from the Center for Healthy Generations, (\$3,200), the Town of Yucca Valley (\$181,300 for Paradise Park Renovation, and \$35,000 for Targeted Code Enforcement).

Mayor Huntington opened the Public Hearing and invited public comment. With no members of the public wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Lombardo requested clarification that the requests from non-profit organizations could be considered with the Town’s partnership funding area, during the regular annual budget discussions.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone inquired on the target areas included in the Town’s request for Code Enforcement funding.

Council Member Abel moved to:

1. Allocate the Town’s FY 2015-16 CDBG allocation of \$113,531 to the following approved Town Projects;
 - Paradise Park Renovation, \$78,531
 - Commercial Corridor/Paradise Valley Code Program, \$35,000
2. Direct staff to return selected requests to council for future consideration through the Town’s General Fund Community Partnership Budget, existing lease agreements, or

other in-kind service partnerships.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. Annual Public Safety Report

Police Chief Mondary presented the Public Safety Annual Report including crime statistics, calls for service, the explanation of Part I and Part II crimes, and detail relating to the Town’s current contract for public safety services.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Leone inquired about the coordination of services with the California Highway Patrol on calls along the two State Highways within Town limits.

Council Member Lombardo inquired if there were any response time challenges with the recently installed medians and signals on SR 62. Mondary responded that response time is not affected by the medians.

Council Member Abel thanked Mondary for the services the Sheriff’s Department is provided to the community. Abel inquired on sweep programs in the area. Mondary responded that 87 sweeps were conducted in the past year, most were grant funded.

Council Member Denison inquired on how crime statistics are recorded.

Mayor Huntington commented on response times.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone suggested the creation of an ad-hoc committee to work with the Sheriff’s Department for open dialog on public safety issues.

Town Attorney Laymon explained the difference between an ad-hoc committee and a standing committee.

Mayor Huntington suggested an alternative to a special committee, would be to hold an extended public safety conversation during the budget process relating to the Town’s Schedule A.

Council Member Abel moved to receive and file the annual public safety report and verbal presentation for calendar year 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Leone 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

7. Mid-Year Budget Report for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2014

Finance Manager Cisneros presented the staff report, giving an overview of the fiscal year-to-date revenue and expense totals. Town revenues and expenses are on target with projected activity.

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

Council Member Lombardo moved to receive and file the Mid-Year Budget Report for FY 2014-15. 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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None stated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Huntington opened public comments.

Becki Vowles, Pioneertown, spoke in opposition of allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in Yucca Valley and presented 176 signed letters of opposition to the Town Council.

Dorothy Thomas, Twentynine Palms, spoke in opposition of allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in Yucca Valley.

Jackie Gibson, Yucca Valley submitted a written comment in opposition of allowing medical

marijuana dispensaries in Yucca Valley.

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

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle updated the Town Council on the anticipated construction schedule for the Dumosa Signal Project.

Town Manager Yakimow stated he has been in discussion with the Sheriff's Department regarding the speed limits on residential streets. Yakimow also announced upcoming events being presented by the Town's Community Services Department.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

8. Council Member Abel thanked the public for attending and giving valuable input during the meeting, and thanked the San Bernardino County Sheriff's and Fire Departments for serving the community. Abel encouraged residents to apply for the open seats on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission, and congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Leone as Vice Chair on the MBTA Board of Directors.
9. Council Member Denison thanked everyone in attendance and also thanked the public safety agencies. Denison also thanked the outgoing commissioners for their service to the Town and to the community.
10. Council Member Lombardo thanked the outgoing commissioners and stated it was nice to see so many in attendance this evening.
11. Mayor Pro Tem Leone thanked Town staff for addressing the speed limit issue he spoke about at a previous meeting; thanked outgoing commissioners and reminded drivers to stay off their cell phones while driving.
12. Mayor Huntington also thanked the outgoing commissioners and announced that he and Mayor Pro Tem Leone will be judges at the Yucca Valley Elementary School Science Fair later this week. Huntington also announced that the County of San Bernardino is now accepting nominations for the Annual Visioning Award.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

Town Attorney Laymon announced the Closed Session items.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a) to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation to which the Town is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Frank Lindsay vs. Town of Yucca Valley; 5:15-cv-0036-VAP-DTBx; US District Court

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

Mayor Huntington adjourned to closed session at 7:30 p.m.

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION /ADJOURNMENT

Town Attorney Laymon reported that Closed Session was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with no reportable action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC
Town Clerk