

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Huntington called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 (via tele-connection), and Town Clerk Copeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Huntington

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Town and Initiative Proponents Tolling Agreement

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report explaining the main provisions of a tolling agreement between the Town and the Medical Marijuana Citizen Initiative proponents. The agreement provides a tolling period through March 17, 2015 for both parties to continue good faith negotiations on an amended measure, retaining the purpose of exempting a limited number of medical marijuana dispensaries within Town limits.

The Medical Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee (Abel and Lombardo) reported that negotiations have been going well and both parties have been very amicable in their discussions.

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

Council Member Lombardo moved to enter into a tolling agreement with the proponents of the citizen-sponsored initiative measure (“Citizen Initiative”) permitting medical marijuana dispensaries, in order to permit the proponents and the Town additional time to consider an amended measure to be submitted to the electorate. 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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

2. Council Member Abel voiced he is in favor of moving the medical marijuana dispensary item to the voters for final decision.
3. Council Member Denison thanked the ad-hoc committee for their work and was pleased to see everyone working well together to bring one unified measure before the voters.
4. Council Member Lombardo expressed the public to contact the ad-hoc committee for any concerns.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Leone spoke of the initiative process.
6. Mayor Huntington thanked the ad-hoc committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Huntington opened public comment.

Mr. Vowles, Yucca Valley spoke in opposition of allowing medical marijuana dispensaries.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Huntington adjourned the special meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC
Town Clerk