

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor George Huntington called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

ABSENT:

Staff Members present were Town Manager Yakimow, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Community Services Manager Earnest, Finance Manager Cisneros, Management Analyst Rice, Police Captain Joling, and Town Clerk Copeland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Huntington

INVOCATION

Led by Bishop Jeuschke, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Yucca Valley Stake

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS

1. Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Desert

The Town Council received a brief update on the purpose, the mission and current program offerings of the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi Desert.

2. Community Services Department- Summer Season Recap

Community Services Manager Earnest presented a recap from the summer programming presented by the Community Services Department. Museum Program Supervisor Ritter continued the presentation giving an update on the summer programming at the Hi Desert Nature Museum.

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

Council Member Lombardo spoke favorably of the programming and a great use of funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone commented on the Adult Excursions and other senior events which are offered at a nominal fee.

Mayor Huntington thanked staff for their dedication in presenting quality programming to the residents of the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merl Abel, Council Member
SECONDER: Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

MOTION:

Council Member Abel moved to approve the meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Mayor Pro Tem Leone seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Robert Lombardo, Council Member
AYES: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

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

3. Waive further reading of all ordinances (if any in the agenda) and read by title only.

MOTION:

Waive further reading of all ordinances and read by title only.

4. Approval of September 1, 2015 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of September 1, 2015

5. Adopt the 2014-15 Purchase Order Encumbrances and Project Carry forwards

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 ADOPTED BUDGET.

MOTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 15-20 Approving the 2014-15 Purchase Order Encumbrances and Project Carry forwards as identified.

6. Approve the Yucca Valley High School Swimming Pool Lease Agreement - First Amendment

MOTION:

That the Town Council approves the first amendment to the Yucca Valley High School swimming pool lease between the Town of Yucca Valley and Morongo Unified School District.

7. Approve the Ad Hoc Committee Dissolution

MOTION:

Review the current Ad Hoc Committee Assignments and dissolve those Ad Hoc committees that are no longer needed.

8. Approve the AB1234 Reporting Requirements

MOTION:

Receive and file the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of August 2015

9. Approve the Warrant Registers

MOTION:

Ratify the Warrant Register totaling \$399,758.38 for checks dated September 3, 2015.

Ratify the Payroll Register totaling \$147,667.69 for payroll dated August 28, 2015.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

10. Emergency Management Update

Management Analyst Rice updated the Town Council on the Town's involvement in Emergency Management.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Leone inquired on specifics on the Great Shake Out on October 15th.

Council Member Denison inquired on collaboration of SEMS/NIMS training with the teen CERT group at the Boys and Girls Club.

Council Member Abel inquired on the status of staff training for disaster preparedness.

Mayor Huntington commented on social media use during a disaster.

MOTION:

Receive and file the informational emergency management update.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Lombardo, Council Member
SECONDER: Rick Denison, Council Member
AYES: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

11. Allocation of Positive Net Change in Fund Balance for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 and resulting FY2015-16 Budget Amendments for Designated Appropriations

Finance Manager Cisneros presented the staff report on the allocation of \$540,168 positive net change in fund balance for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015 and resulting FY 2015-16 Budget Amendments for designated appropriations.

Cisneros continued by explained the CALPERS side fund loan which was created with the Town's pension plan was pooled with other small cities and agencies. The side fund balance at 6/30/15 is \$762,990, at an interest rate of 7.5%. A benefit of paying down the Side Fund Balance is a reduction of interest expense since the rate is higher than the Town's current investment options.

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

Council Member Denison requested clarification on infrastructure funding as presented.

There was consensus among the Council for Finance Manager Cisneros to bring back an analysis for policy discussion on the remaining balance of the CalPERS Side-Fund loan.

MOTION:

- o Review and provide direction to staff regarding allocation of the FY2014-15 General Fund Net Change in Fund Balance
- o Amend the 2015-16 Budget transferring \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Reserve Fund 800 in the Town Wide Infrastructure line item.
- o Authorize payment in the amount of \$140,000 to CalPERS to continue reducing the unfunded liability and amend the 2015-16 General Fund Budget appropriating \$140,000 of the prior year positive net change in fund balance.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Robert Lombardo, Council Member
AYES: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

12. Resolution No. 15- ; Measure I Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, 2015/2016 to 2019/2020, Measure I Expenditure Strategy

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR MEASURE I CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015/2016 TO 2019/2020.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report on the Measure I Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, 2015/16 to 2019/20 Measure I Expenditure Strategy. Jurisdictions receiving Measure I program revenues must annually adopt by formal action, an outline of specific projects which will be using these funds.

Stueckle explained the crucial coordination with Hi Desert Water District for the plans for installing the wastewater treatment system throughout the town. Based upon the Hi Desert Water District's implementation of the wastewater collection system, the Town's Measure I program for the next several years is considered flexible. Stueckle also noted that there are extensive roadway improvement needs throughout the community which far exceed the available funds for construction or reconstruction of roadways. Other major items were pointed out. Several projects along or near Indio Ave between Highway 62 and Yucca Trail are pending, which may require the need for developing the new roadway. The pending safety improvement study along Yucca Trail between Sage and La Contenta may also identify items to address in this time period. With neighborhood improvements pending, the design for future road construction on Golden Bee from Acoma to Cholla may also need resources.

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

Council Member Lombardo inquired on possibility of two left turn lanes From State Route 247 onto State Route 62.

Council Member Denison inquired on the process of reducing congestion along Hwy 62 between State Route 247 and Warren Vista.

Council Member Abel commented on the cost of the proposed extension of Onaga Trail to Camino Del Cielo.

Mayor Huntington gave input on SANBAG's priority of addressing congestion on State Route 62 and inquired on the development near Golden Bee.

MOTION:

That the Town Council adopts Resolution 15-21 approving the Measure I Five-Year Capital Improvement Program and Expenditure Strategy for Fiscal Years 2015/2016 to 2019/2020.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: George Huntington, Mayor
SECONDER: Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

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

Captain Joling announced the Desert Run Event on October 3 being presented by the Morongo Basin Search and Rescue and updated the Council on recent burglaries in the community. Also, a Community Watch program meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle reported that road crews will be out clearing debris from the roads caused by today's rainstorm.

Town Manager Yakimow reported on legislative session recently adjourned until January 2016, and announced the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting schedule in October.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Council Member Denison- reported on a recent Sports Council meeting he attended and stated he is excited to see renewed enthusiasm at the Boys and Girls Club. Denison thanked Finance Manager Earnest for the informative presentation.
- Council Member Lombardo- thanked the public for attending the meeting and stated his appreciation of the Town's dedicated and professional staff members.
- Mayor Pro Tem Leone- also thanked Town staff for what they do for the community and also thanked Management Analyst Rice for the emergency management presentation.
- Mayor Huntington- reported on upcoming SANBAG activity and a creation of a new entity for transportation functions and spoke of his visits with local business owners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room

The Yucca Valley Town Council will hold Strategic Planning Sessions on October 6, 2015 and October 20, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC

Town Clerk