

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Abel, Denison, Leone, Huntington

ABSENT: Lombardo

Staff members present were: Town Manager Yakimow, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Finance Manager Cisneros, Town Attorney Laymon, Police Captain Joling, and Town Clerk Copeland

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Led by Mayor Huntington**

**INVOCATION**

**Led by Pastor Matt Jennings- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS**

**1. San Bernardino County Fire**

San Bernardino County Fire Division Chief Chamberlin introduced a 79' aerial ladder engine recently added into the fleet at San Bernardino County Fire in Yucca Valley.

**2. Unity Home Proclamation**

Mayor Huntington presented a proclamation commemorating Domestic Violence Awareness Month to Paul Hoffman, representing Unity Home of the Morongo Basin.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem

**SECONDER:** Merl Abel, Council Member

**AYES:** Merl Abel, Rick Denison, Robert Leone, George Huntington

**ABSENT:** Robert Lombardo

**MOTION:**

Approve the Town Council meeting agenda for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 as prepared.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Merl Abel, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Rick Denison, Council Member  
**AYES:** Merl Abel, Rick Denison, Robert Leone, George Huntington  
**ABSENT:** Robert Lombardo

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. **Adopt the Budget Amendment Code Compliance Abatement Program- 7801 Barberry Demolition**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2015-16 BUDGET**

**MOTION:**

Adopt Resolution No- 15-22 and amends the FY 2015-16 Budget, appropriating \$12,000 from the Undesignated Reserves for Code Compliance abatement program implementation and the demolition of a fire damaged single family residential structure at 7801 Barberry Avenue.

5. **Adopt the Resolution No. 15 - Acceptance of Roads Into The Town's Maintained Road System Tract Map 16587 Acoma Trail, South of Onaga Trail Traffic Safety Policy #5**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING ROADS WITHIN TRACT MAP 16587 INTO THE TOWN'S MAINTAINED ROAD SYSTEM.**

**MOTION:**

Adopt Resolution 15-23, accepting the roads within Tract Map 16587 into the Town's Maintained Road System as identified in the attached Resolution.

6. **Approve the Ad Hoc Committee Name Change**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council, modifies the name of the Sewer Financing Ad Hoc Committee to the Wastewater Project Ad Hoc Committee.

7. **Approve the Town Council Meeting Calendar Update**

**MOTION:**

Receive and file the Town Council Meeting Calendar through January 2016.

**8. Approve the Warrant Registers**

**MOTION:**

Ratify the Payroll Register totaling \$136,155.95 for checks dated September 11, 2015.

Ratify the Warrant Register totaling \$101,333.01 dated September 17, 2015.

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**9. Authorization to Release Requests For Proposals SR 62 Traffic Control Synchronization Project (Phase II)**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report, requesting the authorization to release requests for proposals for the second phase of the State Highway 62 Traffic Control Synchronization Project. The traffic controls included in the second phase is from Sage Avenue to Yucca Mesa/La Contenta Road.

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

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council authorizes the release of the Request for Proposals for SR62 Traffic Control Synchronization Phase II Project.

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

**10. Homeless Services Update**

Finance Manager Cisneros presented the staff report, providing an informational update on the recent activity regarding homeless services in the Morongo Basin.

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

Mayor Huntington invited Captain Joling to explain the San Bernardino County HOPE program for homeless individuals.

Council Member Abel thanked Cisneros for the report, noting that homelessness concerns affect every city. Abel suggested encouraging the State's governor for increased support services.

Mayor Huntington commented on the numbers of students considered homeless, and also inquired on the level of funding that actually reaches the local area.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone commended San Bernardino County Sheriff's HOPE program for the compassionate work the officers do.

Council Member Denison inquired on alternative funding to possibly support a homeless shelter in our area.

Mayor Huntington noted he believes the focus is changing on homelessness in the Morongo Basin.

**MOTION:**

Receive and file the informational Homeless Services Update.

- RESULT:** RECEIVED AND FILED [UNANIMOUS]
- MOVER:** Merl Abel, Council Member
- SECONDER:** Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
- AYES:** Merl Abel, Rick Denison, Robert Leone, George Huntington
- ABSENT:** Robert Lombardo

**11. San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) Representative Report- Statutory Entity Ad Hoc Committee**

Mayor Huntington presented the staff report as the SANBAG representative for the Town, explaining SANBAG's proposal of changing its organizational structure. One component of the proposal is to create an additional statutory entity, which would provide a layer of liability protection for member agencies such as the Town of Yucca Valley.

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

Council discussion ensued, with positive consensus on the matter.

**MOTION:**

1. Receive and file the verbal presentation by Mayor Huntington.
2. Authorize the SANBAG representative to vote affirmatively on the recommendations of the Statutory Entity Ad Hoc Committee (SEAHOC) and authorize the SANBAG staff to proceed with drafting appropriate legislation.

**RESULT:** RECEIVED AND FILED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem  
**SECONDER:** Rick Denison, Council Member  
**AYES:** Merl Abel, Rick Denison, Robert Leone, George Huntington  
**ABSENT:** Robert Lombardo

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None stated.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Huntington opened public comments for items not on the agenda. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

**STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None stated.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- Council Member Abel- thanked the public for participating at the Strategic Planning Workshop, and thanked San Bernardino County Fire for the new equipment for our area. Abel reported on recent attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

- Council Member Denison- thanked the public for attending the workshop, and the valued input received and thanked Finance Manager Cisneros for the informative update on homelessness.

- Mayor Pro Tem Leone- stated he enjoyed the Strategic Planning Workshop and thanked the public for their input.

- Mayor Huntington- reminded the public of the upcoming Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tour.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

The Yucca Valley Town Council will hold a Strategic Planning Session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

Mayor Huntington adjourned the meeting in memory of Bill Brehm Sr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC

Town Clerk