

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

ABSENT:

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Yakimow, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Public Works Director Baldizzone, Human Resources and Risk Manager Breidenbach-Sterling, Police Lieutenant Niles, Town Attorney Jex, and Town Clerk Copeland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Jennisa DeFalco, Treasurer for the Associated Students of Copper Mountain College

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor David DiFalco, Yucca Valley Church of the Nazarene

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS

Introduction of Town Employees

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle introduced new members of the Town's employee team. Lauren Wetzel, Animal Shelter Technician, Jared Jarome, Associate Planner and David Champagne, Facilities Maintenance Worker.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rick Denison, Council Member
SECONDER: Jim Schooler, Council Member
AYES: Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

1. **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.

2. **Town Council - Regular Meeting - Jan 21, 2020 6:00 PM**

MOTION:

Approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2020 as presented.

3. **Approve the Town Council Public Agency Board / Committee Liaison Assignments**

MOTION:

Approve the change of representation for the League of California Cities Desert Mountain Division with Council Member Schooler as the primary and Council Member Lombardo as the alternate and direct the Town Clerk to notify the agency of the change.

4. **Adopt the Town Project No. 9050-2020; Street Storm Drain Improvement Project; Cholla Avenue Drywell Installation; Approval of Plans and Specifications; Authorization to Advertise for Construction.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STREET STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT, CHOLLA AVENUE DRYWELL INSTALLATION PROJECT, IN SAID TOWN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS.

MOTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 20-02, approving the Plans and Specifications for Town Project No. No. 9050-2020, and authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise and receive proposals for the construction of a drywell on Cholla Avenue between Sunland Drive and Coyote Trail.

5. **Approve the League of CA Cities 2020 Strategic Priorities and Update**

MOTION:

Receive and file the update report on the League of California's 2020 Strategic Priorities and advocacy efforts.

6. **Approve the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2019**

MOTION:

Receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the second quarter of FY2019-20. Mayor Drozd opened public comments on the Consent Agenda items. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Prioritization Hearing**

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report for the FY 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Prioritization Hearing. The Town participates with San

Bernardino County's Community Development and Housing (CDH) Department in the administration of CDBG funding. The application period was publicized and proposals were submitted directly to the CDH office. The Town's current allocation for the 2020-21 funding cycle is anticipated to be \$121,131.

Mayor Drozd opened the public hearing. With no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel inquired on past use of CDBG funding for code enforcement programs and inquired on the recommendation to allocate toward only one project.

Council Member Denison spoke in favor of funding North Park Improvements.

Council Member Lombardo expressed favor in using funds toward North Park as a facility for public use.

Council Member Schooler thanked staff for streamlining the prioritization process and inquired if the proposed funding would be enough to complete the North Park improvements.

MOTION:

1. Allocate the entire final Town's FY2020-21 CDBG allocation of \$125,131 to approved Town Project, North Park Improvements: \$125,131 and, direct staff to invite non-funded organizations to apply for General Fund or Measure Y Fund Partnership consideration as part of the FY2020-21 budget process.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jim Schooler, Council Member
SECONDER: Rick Denison, Council Member
AYES: Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

8. Citizens for Safe and Modern Schools in Morongo Unified- YES on Measure C-committee

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report, explaining the Town received a request by the Citizens for Safe and Modern Schools in Morongo Unified to provide a presentation on Measure C, a current ballot measure on the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election Ballot.

Ms. Vonda Viland representative for the Citizens for Safe and Modern Schools in Morongo Unified presented information on the Bond Measure- Measure C placed before the voters in the March 3, 2020 presidential primary election.

David Daniels, Director of Maintenance and Facilities staff for MUSD continued the presentation.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

The following spoke in opposition to Measure C.

- Darrel Pague, Yucca Valley
- Becki Vowles, Pioneertown
- Jackie Gibson, Yucca Valley (read a letter written by Richard Middlebrough, Yucca Valley)
- Forrest McCracken, Yucca Valley

Kevin Slotta, Yucca Valley spoke in favor of Measure C.

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

Council Member Denison noted he understands the large undertaking to address the aging facilities and inquired if MUSD has a process to bring the funding priorities forward.

Council Member Lombardo inquired on funding needs and matching funds based on the presentation.

Council Member Schooler spoke of concern on the prioritization of projects for what seems like routine maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel asked about the choice of election date and spoke of the thoroughness of the prioritization report, including the need for security. Abel spoke on the benefits of newer school facilities.

MOTION:

Receive and file the presentation by the Citizens for Safe and Modern Schools in Morongo Unified- YES on Measure C Committee.

- RESULT:** RECEIVED AND FILED [UNANIMOUS]
- MOVER:** Rick Denison, Council Member
- SECONDER:** Robert Lombardo, Council Member
- AYES:** Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

9. FY 2019/20 Measure Y Funding Request YV BMX

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report for the Town Council's consideration of a Measure Y funding request by Yucca Valley BMX.

Travis Hill from Yucca Valley BMX spoke of the local BMX program and the current needs to provide additional safety and use areas at the track. Track upgrades and maintenance.

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

Mayor Drozd commented on BMX as a family sport.

Travis Hill reported on planned racing activities.

Council Member Denison thanked Hill for the investment in the track for the community and inquired on tips for the beginner racer. Denison asked if track sponsorships were available for those who cannot pay.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel asked if prevailing wages are a requirement for improvements at the track and thanked Hill for his volunteerism to the community.

Council Member Lombardo inquired if children can borrow a bike to see if they like BMX before purchasing their own.

Council Member Schooler noted appreciation of the economic development component the BMX activity provides and thanked Hill for spear heading the program.

MOTION:

Approve the Yucca Valley BMX Measure Y Quality of Life programs partnership funding application in an amount of \$15,000 as part of the FY 2019/20 Measure Y Quality of Life Partnership program.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Rick Denison, Council Member
SECONDER: Jim Schooler, Council Member
AYES: Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

10. Town-Wide Crack Seal Project – Town Project No.7037-00-2020: Approval of Plans and Specifications Authorization to Advertise for Construction

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report for the approval of plans and specifications and authorization to bid the 2020 Town-wide crack seal project.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Abel inquired on the treatment proposed for Onaga Trail near Kickapoo Trail and Onaga west of Yucca Valley High School.

MOTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 20-03, approve the plans and specifications for Project No. 7037-00-2020, Town-wide Crack Seal, and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise and receive bids.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Robert Lombardo, Council Member
SECONDER: Rick Denison, Council Member
AYES: Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Drozd 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

Breidenbach-Sterling reported on available resources for the homeless population.

San Bernardino County Fire Division Chief Tom Marshall reported on the significance of the public health warning on the Coronavirus and the importance of proper hand-washing.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle thanked Public Works Director Baldizzone and Engineering Technician Cooper for assisting in preparing the slurry seal presentation this evening. Stueckle reported the planned maintenance on Highway 62 will not begin until 2021 and gave an update on the significant number of building permits being issued due to the current sewer hook-up projects.

Town Manager Yakimow announced the upcoming Healthy Hearts Run, and Tech Time for Seniors being provided by the Town's Youth Commission. Yakimow presented photos of a recent VIP tour of the King of the Hammers event.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Denison reminded the public to be patient during the King of the Hammers event with increased traffic in the area.

Council Member Lombardo welcomed the new Town employees to the team.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel thanked the public for the participation and opinions expressed this evening for Measure C and is excited to see the new roof being installed at the new library building. Abel congratulated the YVHS Girls Basketball Team for their recent victories.

Mayor Drozd announced the upcoming "with the Mayor" events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

CLOSED SESSION

1. The Town Council will meet in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) to confer with legal counsel with regard to the following matters of existing litigation:

- A. Lawrenson, et al. v. State of California Department of Transportation, Town of Yucca Valley, County of San Bernardino, Daniel Melnyk and Debra Greenwood; case number CIVDS1900446
- B. Rebecca Smithling et al. v. State of California Department of Transportation, Town of Yucca Valley, County of San Bernardino, and Tausif Billah; case number CIVDS1900606

2. The Town Council will meet in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) and (3) to confer with legal counsel with regard to one matter of potential exposure to litigation.

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

Mayor Drozd adjourned the meeting to closed session at 8:16 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

Town Attorney Jex reported Closed Session adjourned at 8:42 p.m. with no reportable action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC
Town Clerk