

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2020**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeff Drozd called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Drozd, Abel, Denison (Remote), Lombardo (Remote), Schooler

ABSENT:

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Yakimow, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Public Works and Human Resources and Risk Manager Breidenbach-Sterling (remote), Community Services Manager Earnest (remote), Accounting and Finance Supervisor Gumbish, Town Attorney Jex (remote), and Town Clerk Copeland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Finance and Accounting Supervisor Gumbish

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jim Schooler, Council Member
SECONDER: Merl Abel, Mayor Pro Tem
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 - Feb 18, 2020 6:00 PM**

MOTION:

Approve the meeting minutes of February 18, 2020 as presented

3. Town Council - Special Meeting - Mar 17, 2020 5:45 PM

MOTION:

Approve the special meeting minutes of March 17, 2020 as presented

4. Adopt the Review of Covid-19 Emergency Proclamation

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING THE CONTINUING EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AND LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF COVID-19

MOTION:

1. Review the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and determine that a local emergency continues to exist within the Town of Yucca Valley; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 20-12 proclaiming the continued existence of a local emergency and set the review period to be at least once every 60 days, until its termination is proclaimed by the Town Council.

5. Approve the Revised 2019 Novel Coronavirus Pandemic Local Emergency Policy

MOTION:

Adopt the revised Town of Yucca Valley 2019 Novel Coronavirus Pandemic Local Emergency Policy

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. #YuccaTogether Economic Assistance Program Measure Y Funding Allocations

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANTS AGREEMENTS UNDER THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report for the #YuccaTogether Economic Assistance Program Measure Y Funding Allocations. Since the launch of the program on March 31, 2020, 15 applications have been received and reviewed based upon the approved guidelines.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Town Clerk Copeland read public comment into the record from Sarah Tabbush, owner of Nitty Gritty Antiques.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Abel noted the importance of the program for our local small businesses.

Finance and Accounting Supervisor Gumbish provided information on outreach used to announce the program.

Council Member Schooler expressed the program is a good use of Measure Y funds.

Council Member Denison agreed with fellow Council Member comments and thanked the public for its support of Measure Y for the opportunity to provide these types of programs.

Mayor Drozd expected more interest, but hopefully the meeting today will help show businesses the relatively easy process.

MOTION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 20-13 authorizing the Town Manager to execute grants and agreements under the Economic Assistance Program.
2. Approve the attached Grant Agreement, Exhibit A, to be completed by businesses that qualify for assistance under the Economic Assistance Program and have been approved for funding in accordance with the coinciding Resolution.

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

7. Budget Update Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Accounting and Finance Supervisor Gumbish presented the staff report summarizing a budget update for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Gumbish explained the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has affected local government revenue streams through economic loss and increased legislative action.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Abel noted the budget uncertainty during our current public health event, good news that property tax is looking stable and inquired on the Governor's program on sales tax deferral and how it will impact the Town. Abel noted that with conservative budgeting, the Town has healthy reserves for times like these.

Council Member Lombardo expressed thankfulness for Council and staff's conservative budgeting to have available reserves.

Mayor Drozd thanked Gumbish for the presentation.

MOTION:

Receive and file the Budget Update Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020

RESULT: **RECEIVE AND FILE [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Jim Schooler, Council Member
SECONDER: Jeff Drozd, Mayor
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

San Bernardino County Fire Battalion Chief Tuttle provided an update to the Council on recent activity and calls for service.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Captain Niles reported on recent public safety activity.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle reported on current capital projects and cleanup is underway from the recent storms.

Town Manager Yakimow announced the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health is offering a drive thru COVID-19 testing event on Wednesday, April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If demand is present, the Town is ready to support the County efforts with additional testing dates.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Denison thanked everyone for the updates, and thanked staff for shepherding the grant process for our local businesses.

Council Member Lombardo thanked staff for their work during this challenging time.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel noted it is great to see the Pueblo Trail sidewalk project moving forward and thanked San Bernardino County Supervisor Rowe for effective communication between the County and cities. Abel thanked County Fire and Sheriff's for their report and wished them well on the front line. Abel also thanked our postal workers, retail workers and healthcare professionals for the very difficult job right now.

Mayor Drozd thanked Supervisor Rowe for her work and keeping everyone informed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Consensus was made among the Council to hold the next meeting at 2pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 with telecommuting options.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC
Town Clerk