

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2020**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler, Drozd

ABSENT:

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Yakimow, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Public Works Director Armando Baldizzone, Community Services Manager Earnest, Human Resources and Risk Manager Breidenbach-Sterling, Town Attorney Jex, Sheriff's Captain Newport, and Town Clerk Copeland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Recommendation:

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

- 2. Town Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 3, 2019 6:00 PM**

Recommendation:

Approve the meeting minutes of December 3, 2019 as presented

- 3. Town Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 17, 2019 6:00 PM**

Recommendation:

Approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2019 as presented

4. Approve the Rejection of Claim**MOTION:**

That the Town Council rejects one Claim filed against the Town of Yucca Valley for vehicle damage submitted on December 18, 2019 by Erich Jacobs.

5. Approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and Gillis + Panichapan Architects, Inc, for Town Project No. 8965 : Branch Library Project, Architectural Services Agreement.**MOTION:**

That the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and Gillis + Panichapan Architects, Inc. (GPa), for architectural design services of the PFF/Yucca Valley Branch Library Building design and renovation project in the amount of \$36,400.00, for a total contract value of \$270,807.00, and authorizes the Town Manager, to sign all necessary documents to complete the project.

6. Approve the Notice of Completion for the Welcome Center Parking Lot Repair - Town Project No. 5009A**MOTION:**

That the Town Council accepts the project as substantially complete, authorizes staff to file the Notice of Completion, authorizes the reduction of the Faithful Performance Bond to 10%, and directs staff to retain the Labor and Material Bond for six (6) months for Project No. 5009A.

7. Approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and Seto Construction Inc, for Town Project No. 8965 - Branch Library Project Construction Management Agreement.**MOTION:**

That the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and Seto Construction, Inc., for the construction management of the Yucca Valley Branch Library project in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, for a total contract value of \$100,000.00, and authorizes the Town Manager, to sign all necessary documents to complete the project.

8. Approve the Town of Yucca Valley Library Lease Amendment #2 Approval**MOTION:**

That the Town Council approve the proposed Lease Agreement Amendment #2 between the Town of Yucca Valley and the County of San Bernardino for the 15-year term lease of the property at 57271 29 Palms Hwy (APN No. 0595-162-09-0000) in accordance with the terms and conditions as incorporated within, consistent with prior Council direction, and authorize the Mayor to execute the amendment subject to non-substantive changes in final form as approved by the Town Attorney.

9. Approve the AB1234 Reporting Requirements**MOTION:**

Receive and file the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of December 2019.

10. Approve the Ratification of Warrant Registers

MOTION:

Ratify the Payroll Registers totaling \$167,114.18 dated December 13, 2019, and \$175,952.48 dated December 27, 2019.

Ratify the Warrant Registers totaling \$97,028.72 dated December 4, 2019, and \$923,904.80 dated December 23, 2019.

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

11. Resolution Adoption for Town of Yucca Valley Title VI Implementation Program

Human Resources and Risk Manager Breidenbach-Sterling presented the staff report for the Title VI Implementation Program. As a recipient of federal funds, the Town of Yucca Valley is required to be compliant with Title VI.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Arthur Ayala, Yucca Valley inquired on specific demographics included in the program.

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

Council Member Denison inquired on use of additional languages.

Council Member Lombardo requested clarification that this does not change what the Town has done in the past, but just formal documentation of the current policy needed for federal funding requirements.

MOTION:

That the Town Council adopt Resolution 20-, establishing the Town of Yucca Valley Title VI Implementation Program.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Merl Abel, Mayor Pro Tem

SECONDER: Rick Denison, Council Member

AYES: Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler, Drozd

12. Notice of Completion for the Welcome Center Exterior Project - Town Project No. 5009

Public Works Director Armando Baldizzone presented the staff report for the completed Welcome Center Exterior Repair Project.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Ed Keesling, Yucca Valley commented on the Simi Dabah Public Art piece.

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

Council Member Denison thanked staff for overseeing the project and thanked the project contractor for completing the challenging job.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel commented favorably on the new exterior colors and other features. Abel noted is nice to be able to set an example for other businesses to update their buildings along the highway.

Council Member Lombardo spoke highly of the new colors and the updated look gives a new landmark in the community. Lombardo thanked Town staff for overseeing the project.

Council Member Schooler concurred with other comments; very positive outcome.

Mayor Drozd explained he is hearing nice comments on the building update, including out of town visitors he has interacted with.

MOTION:

That the Town Council accepts the project as substantially complete, authorizes staff to file the Notice of Completion, authorizes the reduction of the Faithful Performance Bond to 10%, and directs staff to retain the Labor and Material Bond for six (6) months for Project No. 5009.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Jim Schooler, Council Member

SECONDER: Jeff Drozd, Mayor

AYES: Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler, Drozd

13. Regional Transportation Planning Meeting Report

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report, sharing information at a recent regional transportation planning meeting with Caltrans, SBCTA, the Town of Yucca Valley, the City of Twentynine Palms and San Bernardino County staff.

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

Council Member Lombardo inquired if Caltrans will provide any funding for future highway projects.

Council Member Schooler asked if we are moving toward any type of master plan for signals along the highway. Stueckle explained we've started the conversation with Caltrans, Caltrans reported not have heard of such a plan.

Council Member Schooler also inquired if other projects, not specifically Caltrans-related, might assist with traffic congestion in the commercial area. .

Council Member Denison provided comments on concerns with capacity and safety issues along the highway. Denison noted that the corner at Sage Ave continues to be a safety concern.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel agreed with the need for increased safety measures and inquired on additional passing lanes on Hwy 247 toward Lucerne Valley. Abel would like a committee discussion to review statistics on safety issues in specific areas along Hwy 247. Abel inquired on the discussion of additional medians on the east end of Town and requested that missing reflectors be replaced on the highway medians. Abel continued by requesting staff to research road improvement funding for Sunnyslope and Onaga as major arterials to assist with viable alternative routes away from the highway.

Mayor Drozd expressed the concern on many of our area schools are along the designated arterial routes, and spoke on safety issues along Hwy 247 at the top of the hill at El Cortez as it narrows to one lane.

Council Member Lombardo inquired on the process of improving the major arterials.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle explained traffic is not at capacity on current major arterials. The extension of Onaga Trail is being discussed with SBCTA.

MOTION:

That the Town Council receives and files the report, and consider directing the Mayor (Drozd) and Council representative to the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency (Denison) to submit the attached draft letter to Assembly Member Mayes (District 42) highlighting the Town's desire for state, regional and local coordination with Caltrans with respect to specific needs on state highways 62 & 247.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

Mayor Drozd adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC
Town Clerk