

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 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, Community Services Manager Earnest, Human Resources and Risk Manager Breidenbach-Sterling, Public Works Director Baldizzone, Police Lieutenant Niles, Town Attorney Jex, and Town Clerk Copeland

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS**

**Hi Desert Medical Center Update**

Karen Faulis, CEO of Hi Desert Medical Center (HDMC) provided an overview of health care services offered at HDMC.

Council Member Lombardo thanked Ms. Faulis for the presentation and for the increased availability of local services.

Council Member Schooler thanked Ms. Faulis for the informative presentation.

Council Member Denison inquired on any additional services being considered beyond the current scope.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel commented favorably on the education programs being offered and inquired on remote healthcare access, and on the challenges being faced by small healthcare facilities.

Mayor Drozd complemented Hi Desert Medical Center on the quality of care.

**Mara's Christmas Wish**

Gigi Connell, Karin Messaros, and Natasha Petterson, organizers for Mara's Christmas Wish presented an overview of the December 2019 event to the Town Council and

thanked the many volunteers and supporters of the cause. Ms. Messaros praised San Bernardino County Fire for their involvement with Santa's Toy Room.

Town Manager Yakimow thanked the group for the efficient delivery of a community favorite.

Council Member Lombardo thanked the group for being organized and offering a way for the community to come together.

Council Member Schooler thanked the many community volunteers and the organizers for the hospitality.

Council Member Denison commented favorably on the event and thanked Mara's Christmas Wish for another successful year.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel thanked the event organizers for being organized and bringing a quality event to the public.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Robert Lombardo, 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.**

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

- 2. **Town Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 4, 2020 6:00 PM**

**Recommendation:**  
**Approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2020 as presented.**

- 3. **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 February 10, 2020 by California Auto Insurance Company on behalf of Monster Door and Hardware.

- 4. **Adopt the Resolution No. 20-, Little League Drive Pedestrian Improvements – Town Project No. 8970 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Grant Project No. ATPL-5466(024) Program Supplement Agreement for State Funded Projects - Environmental Studies and Permits Fund Allocation**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. T70 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR STATE FUNDED PROJECTS NO. 00394S FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PERMITS PROJECT COMPONENT OF LITTLE LEAGUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; PROJECT NO. ATPL-5466(024); IN SAID TOWN, AND APPROVING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS TO ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS.**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council adopts the Resolution, approving Program Supplemental Agreement No. T70 to Administering Agency-State Agreement for State Funded Projects No. 00394S; and authorizing the Town Manager to sign all necessary documents for the program/project; and directing staff to return with a budget amendment for project implementation.

- 5. **Adopt the Resolution No. 2020- , Onaga Trail Pedestrian Improvements; Town Project No. 7005 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Grant Project No. ATPL-5466(025) Program Supplement Agreement for State Funded Projects - Environmental Studies and Permits Fund Allocation**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. T69 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR STATE FUNDED PROJECTS NO. 00394S FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PERMITS PROJECT COMPONENT OF ONAGA TRAIL PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; PROJECT NO. ATPL-5466(025); IN SAID TOWN AND APPROVING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS TO ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS.**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council adopts the Resolution, approving Program Supplemental Agreement No. T69 to Administering Agency-State Agreement for State Funded Projects No. 00394S; authorizing the Town Manager to sign all necessary documents for the program/project; and directing staff to return with a budget amendment for project implementation.

- 6. **Approve the Authorization to Negotiate Contract Services for a four year period, concluding with the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to negotiate contract services as outlined in this staff report through the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year, and to return those contracts to the Town Council for approval in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2020/2022 Budget.

- 7. **Approve the AB 2011 - Legislative Review**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council receive and file the information provided on AB 2011 (Holden) known as the West San Bernardino County Rail Construction Authority and authorize the Mayor to send a Letter of Opposition regarding AB 2011.

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

Receive and file the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of January 2020.

**9. Approve the Ratification of Warrant Registers****MOTION:**

Ratify the Payroll Registers totaling \$168,251.30 dated January 10, 2020, and \$175,045.26 dated January 24, 2020.

Ratify the Warrant Registers totaling \$653,281.96 dated January 10, 2020, and \$277,626.06 dated January 24, 2020.

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS****10. 2020 Grubstake Days Parade Update**

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report for the 2020 Grubstake Days Parade update. Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Wanda Stadum continued the presentation, proposing a modified parade route to lessen motorist impact on State Route 62. Ms. Stadum also explained a possible earlier start time, with less motorists on the roadway might assist in reducing congestion.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Abel explained he would like to see the event continue and thanked Ms. Stadum for her ideas.

Council Member Denison stated he would like to see the community tradition continue regardless of the length of the route.

Council Member Schooler agrees that the parade is a great component of the traditional community celebration, and thinks the proposed layout is workable.

Council Member Lombardo also expressed the importance of ensuring the continuance of the parade and is open to an earlier start time.

Mayor Drozd explained that Grubstake Days is a part of our community history and would like it to continue.

Ms. Stadum presented new visitor's magazine recently published and distributed to the community.

**MOTION:**

That the Council receive and file the 2020 Grubstake Days Parade Update and proposed

Highway 62 closure from the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce representatives, and provide Town staff comments and direction as desired.

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

**11. Budget Report for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 ADOPTED BUDGET.**

Staff Accountant Gumbish presented the staff report for the FY2019-20 Mid-Year Budget Report. The general fund fiscal performance thru the first six months was summarized. Proposed amendments were presented to accommodate anticipated expenditures that would not be accommodated within the current amended general fund budget.

Proposed amendments to the special revenue fund budgets were also presented.

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

Council Member Lombardo thanked Ms. Gumbish for the presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel inquired on current reserve levels.

**MOTION:**

It is recommended that Council:

1. Receive and file the Mid-Year Budget Report for FY2019-20
2. Adopt the Resolution amending the FY2019-20 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets as identified in Exhibits A and B

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

**12. PARSAC Agreement for Apportionment of Retirement Obligations**

Human Resources and Risk Manager Breidenbach-Sterling presented the staff report, requestion an agreement with PARSAC (Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California for the apportionment of retirement obligations in the event of the organization's dissolution.

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

Council Member Lombardo inquired on typical factors affecting the Town's liability.

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council approve the proposed agreement with PARSAC (Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California) for apportionment of retirement obligations in the event of the organization’s dissolution.

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

**13. Spring/Summer 2020 Community Services Planned Programs**

Community Services Manager Earnest presented the staff report, giving an overview of the proposed 2020 spring/summer activities.

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

Council Member Lombardo spoke favorably on the proposed increase to the H2O program.

Council Member Schooler commented on the balanced offerings for all age groups and interests.

Council Member Denison thanked Earnest for the review of activities.

**MOTION:**

That the Council approve the Spring/Summer 2020 programs and events organized and conducted by the Community Services Department.

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

**14. 2020-22 Draft Strategic Plan**

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report, presenting the draft 2020-22 Strategic Plan.

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

Council Member Lombardo commented on the thoroughness of the plan and noted the seemingly ambitious goals.

Mayor Drozd inquired if #9 is related to the Town's new website.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel inquired if there was consideration of the inclusion of additional roads in the Town's maintained system.

**MOTION:**

1.                   Receive the draft 2020-22 Strategic Plan and provide input as desired.

- 2. Direct staff to return the final 2020-22 Strategic Plan for Council approval and incorporation into the FY 2020-22 budget process, or;
- 3. Direct staff to accept the draft plan as final, with any desired modifications, and incorporate into the FY 2020-22 budget process.

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**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, March 3, 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 matter of pending litigation:

- A. John Doe v. Town of Yucca Valley; case number: CIVDS 2003722

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

Mayor Drozd adjourned to Closed Session at 8:03 PM

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION / ADJOURNMENT**

Town Attorney Jex reported Closed Session adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with no reportable action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk