

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 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:

**Council Members Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler, and Mayor Drozd**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS**

**Chief Dan Munsey, San Bernardino County Fire Department**

San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey addressed the Town Council and spoke regarding COVID-19 protection measures being used by first responders. Munsey also spoke on collaboration and being a community that comes together.

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

Council Member Lombardo inquired... Munsey responded on future discussions on the FP-5 tax measure and a potential \_\_\_ to station 41.

MPT Abel thanked Munsey and the fire personnel.

Denison congratulated Munsey on his appointment and his report.

Schooler congratulated Munsey and thanked the fire personnel for their involvement with the local community Miracle League.

Mayor thanked Munsey for being an active member of the community.

**Captain Trevis Newport, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department**

Trevis Newport was recognized for his service to the Town of Yucca Valley as outgoing captain of the Morongo Basin Station

Newport spoke favorably of the Morongo Basin and thanked the Town Council for their leadership for the community.

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

MPT Abel thanked Newport for his responseiveness to the Town Council's inquiries and the service to the communtiy. Congrats.

CM Denison congratulations for being available and being proactive on staffing for the morongo basin.

CM Lombardo congrats on the promotion and look forward to working with soon to be Captain Niles. With you the best on your new position.

CM Schooler thanked Newport for his service to the community and wished him well.

Drozd requested Newport explain his new duties.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**           Merl Abel, Mayor Pro Tem  
**SECONDER:**       Rick Denison, 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. Adopt the Town Project No. 8963-2020; Outer Highway Sidewalks Improvement Project; 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 OUTER HIGHWAY SIDEWALK PROJECT, IN SAID TOWN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS.**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council adopts the Resolution, approving the Plans and Specifications for Town Project No. 8963-2020, and authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise and receive proposals for the construction of sidewalks, driveways, curb, and curb and gutter at the Outer Highway South between Dumosa Ave. and Joshua Lane

Amend the FY2019-20 Budget with a designation of \$91,000 to LTF Fund 516 for Article 3 TDA Fund revenues and appropriate \$94,000 in matching funds from Measure I Fund 524 for transfer to LTF Fund 516.

- 3. Approve the Grant Agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District for the Installation of EV Charging Stations at the Town of Yucca Valley Branch Library**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute the Grant Agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District for the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at the Town of Yucca Valley Branch Library.

- 4. Approve the Authorization to submit an electric vehicle charging stations program application to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District for installation at the California Welcome Center.**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council authorizes Town staff to submit a grant application for the installation of two Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, which allows the Town to charge for electrical use, at the California Welcome Center.

- 5. Adopt the Resolution No. 20- . Authorization to Re-Bid Town Project No. 8971 B Yucca Trail and Palomar Avenue Intersection Signal Improvements - Procurement of Traffic Signal Poles and Mast Arms.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PALOMAR/YUCCA TRAIL SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN SAID TOWN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS.**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council authorizes the Town Clerk to re-advertise and receive proposals for the procurement of traffic signal poles and mast arms.

- 6. Adopt the Resolution 20- Authorization to Re-Bid Town Project No. 9050-2020; Street Storm Drain Improvement Project; Cholla Avenue Drywell Installation.**

**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:**

That the Town Council authorizes the Town Clerk to re-advertise and receive proposals for the construction of a drywell on Cholla Avenue between Sunland Drive and Coyote

Trail.

**7. Approve the Authorization to Purchase Replacement Fleet Vehicle; Vehicle #72**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council authorizes the purchase of a new 2020 Ford F350 4X4 Supercab Pickup Truck, meeting San Bernardino County Fleet Management Vehicle Specifications, including factory installed rear view camera, with Animal Control Bed from Fairview Ford, San Bernardino, California, in the amount of \$76,343.75; approving and authorizing the public bidding process implemented by San Bernardino County in 2018; finding that San Bernardino County advertised a sealed bid process for purchase of the vehicle, and the bids submitted were valid for a two year period through September of 2020, thereby meeting the Town's purchasing ordinance requirements for open and competitive bidding.

**8. Approve the General Plan Annual Report 2019**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council receives and files the General Plan Annual Housing Element Progress Report, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**9. Adopt the Resolution No. 20- Updating Assessment Engineer's Reports Previously Formed Street & Drainage and Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA CAUSING AN ENGINEER'S REPORT TO BE PREPARED FOR ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED WITHIN EXISTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS DURING THE 2020-2021 TAX YEAR**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council adopts the Resolution, ordering preparation of the annual assessment district engineer's reports, describing any new improvements or any substantial changes to the existing improvements, within the existing assessment districts.

**10. Approve the FY 2019/20 Measure Y Funding Request Tri-Valley Little League**

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council consider and approve the Tri-Valley Little League Measure Y Quality of Life programs partnership funding application in an amount of \$5,000 as part of the FY 2019/20 Measure Y Quality of Life Partnership program.

**11. Approve the AB1234 Reporting Requirements**

**MOTION:**

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

**12. Approve the Ratification of Warrant Registers**

**MOTION:**

Ratify the Payroll Registers totaling \$171,485.31 dated February 7, 2020, and \$176,893.95 dated February 21, 2020.

Ratify the Warrant Registers totaling \$2,010,938.38 dated February 7, 2020, and \$201,674.24 dated February 21, 2020.

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

Curtis Note the recommendation for Item No. 10 to include "providing the season occurs" \_\_\_\_ or what is presented

Add to the recommend contingent upon delivery of the 2020 season.

abel commented favorably on the Town's applications for additional electric charging station thru MDAQMD.

Abel, denison 5-0

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**13. Public Health and Welfare Update - COVID 19**

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report providing an update on the current COVID-19 event.

Battalion Chief Tuttle updated the Council on local public safety impacts related to COVID-19. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Lt. Niles also updated the council on public safety impacts.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments. none Mayor Drozd closed public comments.

MPT Abel thanked Yakimow for the explanation between a lead agency directive and a guidance item.

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council receive an update regarding specific Town actions related to the COVID - 19 event, ratify the Town Manager's cancellation of select Town events through April 30, 2020 in accordance with California and San Bernardino Departments of Public Health guidance, and provide input or policy direction as desired.

**RESULT:** RECEIVED AND FILED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Robert Lombardo, Council Member

**SECONDER:** Jim Schooler, Council Member

**AYES:** Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

**14. Public Works Annual Presentation & Report**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle invited the lead public works staff members to present an annual update.

Robert Adams, Street Maintenance Supervisor  
Rusty School, Parks Maintenance Supervisor  
Jerry McPheeters, Facility Maintenance Supervisor

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Sarann Graham, Yucca Valley commended the Town staff for their work in the community and thanked the public works crew for their quick response.

Art Miller, Yucca Valley expressed he is excited to learn about the charging stations and thanked the facilities crew for his response to the needs of the welcome center staff.

Public comment closed.

Council Member Denison thanked Rusty, Robert and Jerry for their work and dedication with small, efficient crews.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel thanked the PW crew and expressed there is a lot of work being done by 10 employees. asked Adams if other crews assist with certain jobs flex. Robert-yes, cross trained. Abel inquired on the most park the most used, Essig is surprising. comm ceter most used, Jacobs most challenging. Abel noted the nice turf management the Town has. Thanked Jerry for the setups and cost effective maintenance.

Council Member Schooler thanked the group for the presentation, many of the duties are behind the scenes and most don't realize the work that goes into what you do. A lot of years of experience. Awesome job.

Council Member Lombardo thanked the crews for their work and hats off for your work and efficiency.

Mayor Drozd spoke on the number of years the crew has at the Town of Yucca Valley . thanks for the presentation.

Stueckle thanked the guys for their professionalism in presenting this evening. and spoke on the teamwork on many of the projects moving forward in the Town.

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council receives and files the presentation and report.

**RESULT:** RECEIVED AND FILED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Merl Abel, Mayor Pro Tem

**SECONDER:** Jim Schooler, Council Member

**AYES:** Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

**15. Regional Broadband Update**

Yakimow requested to table to a future meeting.

Mayor opened public comment. None

lombardo, denison 5-0 to table the item to a future date.

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council receive and file this update on regional broadband activity.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Robert Lombardo, Council Member

**SECONDER:** Rick Denison, Council Member  
**AYES:** Drozd, Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

**16. 2020 Legislative Priorities**

Management Analyst Rice presented the staff report for the 2020 Legislative Priorities

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

Denison, Lombardo

**MOTION:**

That the Town Council adopt the Town of Yucca Valley 2020 Legislative Priorities subject to any desired modifications.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Rick Denison, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Robert Lombardo, Council Member  
**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 Yucca Valley Town Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

Adjourned to closed session at 7:54 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Real Property Negotiator**

A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 to enable the Town Council to consider negotiations regarding certain real property.

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Little League Drive, Yucca Valley, CA  
Tri-Valley Little League / Richard Bradshaw  
Town of Yucca Valley / Curtis Yakimow, Real Property Negotiator

**Pending Litigation**

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

*No public comment.*

*Any reportable action will be announced in the Town Hall Lobby immediately following Closed Session.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk