

# TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING



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provide a government that is responsive to its citizens  
to ensure a safe and secure environment  
while maintaining the highest quality of life.**

**TOWN COUNCIL: 5:00 PM  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026**  
Yucca Valley Community Center - Yucca Room  
57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy  
Yucca Valley, Ca 92284

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## **Town Council**

Merl Abel, Mayor  
Jim Schooler, Mayor Pro Tem  
Rick Denison, Council Member  
Jeff Drozd, Council Member  
Robert Lombardo, Council Member

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**AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, 5:00 PM**

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**OPENING CEREMONIES:**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation**

**Presentations, Introductions, Recognitions**

1. Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association Update- President Clint Stoker
2. Introduction of new Town employees
3. Yucca Valley Military Banner Program Presentation

**Approval of Agenda**

4. Agenda Approval

**Recommendation:**

Approve the meeting agenda as prepared.

**Consent Agenda**

All items listed on the consent agenda are routine matters or formal documents covering previous Town Council instruction. Items are enacted by one motion and a second without separate discussion unless a member of the Town Council or Town Staff requests dialog on a specific item at the beginning of the meeting. Requests for public comment on the consent agenda items should be filed with the Town Clerk.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2025

**Recommendation:**

**Approve the Town Council meeting minutes of November 4, 2025 as presented.**

7. 56370 Buena Vista Drive Property Demolition Project No. 8070 - Notice of Completion

**Recommendation:**

**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%, directs staff to retain the Labor and Material Bond for six (6) months for Project No. 8070.**

8. Town Project No. 8340; Town-Wide Crack, Slurry, Cape Seal Project — Notice of Completion

**Recommendation:**

**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%, directs staff to retain the Labor and Material Bond for six (6) months for Project No. 8340.**

## **Department Reports**

9. Town of Yucca Valley 35th Anniversary Celebration

**Recommendation:**

**That the Town Council approve the 35th Anniversary Celebration Plan as presented.**

10. Land Development Update

**Recommendation:**

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

11. Update on Solid Waste & Recycling

**Recommendation:**

**That the Town Council receive and file this update on the Town's solid waste and recycling programs.**

12. FY 2026-28 Final Draft Strategic Plan Review

**Recommendation:**

**Review and approve the final draft FY 2026-28 Strategic Plan and direct staff to incorporate the plan priorities into the FY 2026-28 budget process and policy planning activities.**

## **Future Agenda Items**

### **Public Comments**

The Town Council takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residence. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes or less. Inappropriate behavior which

disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting will result in forfeiture of your public comment privileges. The Town Council is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not on the printed agenda.

### **Staff Reports and Comments**

#### **Mayor and Council Member Reports and Comments**

Council Member Denison  
Council Member Drozd  
Council Member Lombardo  
Mayor Pro Tem Schooler  
Mayor Abel

#### **Announcements**

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

# **Town of Yucca Valley Town Council Meeting Minutes October 21, 2025**

## **Call to Order**

## **Roll Call**

Present: Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

Absent: Robert Lombardo (Arrived at 6:10 PM)

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Council Member Schooler

## **Presentations, Introductions, Recognitions**

### **1. California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA) Update- Amy Conley, General Manager**

California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA) General Manager Conley provided an overview of the organization and the benefits to the Town of Yucca Valley for being a member of the organization.

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

## **Approval of Agenda**

### **2. Agenda Approval**

**Motion: Approve the meeting agenda as prepared.**

**Result:** (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Merl Abel

**Second:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Ayes:** Abel, Denison, Drozd, Schooler

## **Consent Agenda**

### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes- June 17, 2025**

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

**Motion:**

Approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 2025 as presented.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Seconders:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes- August 19, 2025**

**Motion:**

Approve the meeting minutes of August 19, 2025 as presented.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Seconders:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**5. Ordinance 331- Second Reading- Encroachments and Excavations**

**Motion:**

Adopt Ordinance 331

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 12.60 (ENCROACHMENTS AND EXCAVATIONS) OF TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 12.60.295 GOVERNING STREET RESTORATION**

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** None

**Seconders:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**6. Resolution appointing new Alternate Board member to the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority**

**Motion:**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-26 appointing an Alternate Board Member to the Board of Directors of the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)  
**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler  
**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd  
**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**7. Approval of the amended 2025/26 Authorized Position List and revised job descriptions.**

**Motion:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 25-27 authorizing positions for fiscal year 2025/26 and the approval of two revised job descriptions,
- Amend the FY2025-26 General Fund budget to accommodate the authorized positions personnel costs, as identified in Exhibit A

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)  
**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler  
**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd  
**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**8. Authorization to Purchase Engineering Plotter, Kip 740C Series**

**Motion:**

- Authorize the purchase of the Kip 740C Series plotter for the Engineering Division in the amount of \$31,185.04.
- Amend the FY2025-26 General Fund Budget, allocating a total of \$31,228 for the equipment purchase as identified in Exhibit A.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)  
**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler  
**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd  
**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**9. Yucca Mesa & Buena Vista Intersection Improvements Project, Town Project No. 7073.**

**Award of Construction Contract**

**Motion:**

- Amend the FY2025-26 Special Revenue Fund Budget Measure I Fund 524, allocating \$320,000 of undesignated reserve funds to accommodate the total project cost of \$420,000
- Adopt Resolution 25-28 to amend the Measure I Five-Year Capital Improvement Program and Expenditure Strategy for Fiscal Years 2025/2026 to 2029/2030 by adding the Yucca Mesa & Buena Vista Intersection Project with total construction amount of \$420,000
- Approve the award of a construction contract with LCR Earthwork & Engineering of Norco, California, in the amount of \$354,650.00 to construct Yucca Mesa & Buena Vista Intersection Project;
- Authorize construction, construction contingencies, and inspection costs in the total amount of \$420,000.00; an
- Authorize the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to execute the agreement, and authorizes the Town Manager or designee to expend contingency funds, if necessary, for project completion.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**10. 56370 Buena Vista Drive Demolition Project – Town Project No. 8070  
Award of Construction Contract**

**Motion:**

- Approve the award of a construction contract with UBD, Inc., in the amount of \$34,777.00 for the 56370 Buena Vista Drive Demolition Project;
- Authorize construction, construction contingencies, and inspection costs in the total amount of \$41,000.00; and
- Authorize the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to execute the agreement, and authorizes the Town Manager to expend contingency funds, if necessary, for project completion.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**11. Adoption of the 2025 California Building Codes published by the International Code Council**

**Motion:**

- Adopt Resolution 25-29, making express findings and determinations that modifications to the 2025 California Building Standards Code are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions.
- Introduce Ordinance 332, amending Title 8 of the Town of Yucca Valley Municipal Code by the addition of Chapter 8.02.115, and 8.02.125 amending Chapters 8.02.010, 8.02.020, 8.02.030, 8.02.040, 8.02.050, 8.02.060, 8.02.070, 8.02.080, 8.02.090, 8.02.110, AND 8.02.120, adopting as modified the 2025 Edition of the California Building Code Coumes 1, 2 including the Appendix and Standards, the 2025 Edition of the California Electrical Code, the 2025 Edition of the California Plumbing Code, the 2025 Edition of the California Mechanical Code, the 2025 Edition of the Green Building Code, the 2025 Edition of the California Residential Code, the 2025 Edition California Energy Code, the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code, The 2025 Edition of the California Wildland Urban Interface Code, and adopting other regulations relating to building requirements;
- And set the matter for public hearing and Ordinance adoption at the Town Council meeting of November 4, 2025.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**12. 2025-26 Purchase Order Encumbrances and Project Carry Forwards**

**Motion:**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-30 Approving the 2025-26 Purchase Order Encumbrances and Project Carry Forwards as identified in Exhibits A and B.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**13. Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2025**

**Motion:**

Receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the first quarter of FY2025-26.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**14. Ratification of Warrant Registers**

**Motion:**

Ratify the Payroll Registers totaling \$262,538.42 dated September 12, 2025, and \$310,689.17 dated September 26, 2025.

Ratify the Warrant Registers totaling \$2,086,862.08 dated September 12, 2025, and \$391,952.35 dated September 26, 2025.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**15. AB1234 Reporting Requirements**

**Motion:**

Receive and file the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of September 2025.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Second:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**Department Reports**

**16. Yucca Valley Aquatic Recreation Center Quarterly Project Update**

Daniel Berghauser, Senior Associate for Dahlin Architects, presented a project update for the Yucca Valley Aquatics and Recreation Center.

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

Mayor Drozd reported on a recent on-site visit of the construction site.

Council Member Denison thanked the team for the incredible progress being made on the project.

Council Member Schooler commented on a recent site visit and spoke kindly of the number of workers in multiple trades being on site.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel commented on the quality of life benefits of the project to the Town of Yucca Valley and surrounding areas.

Council Member Lombardo arrived at 6:10 p.m.

#### **17. Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commissioner Appointment**

Town Clerk Copeland presented the staff report requesting Council Member Lombardo's nomination for the commissioner appointment to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commissioner.

Council Member Lombardo nominated Kim Monnie to serve as a Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commissioner.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Kim Monnie, Yucca Valley introduced herself to the Town Council and thanked Council Member Lombardo for the nomination.

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

#### **Motion:**

Appoint Kim Monnie to serve as commissioner to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission with a term expiring January 31, 2029.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

#### **18. Yucca Valley Film Festival 2025 Event Update**

Film Festival Director Matt Beurois of Colorado Studios provided a preview of the upcoming 2025 Film Festival.

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

Council Member Denison thanked Beurois for presenting the event, bringing a great level of culture to the community.

Council Member Schooler and Abel thanked Matt and Auregon for committing to the community and sharing their talent.

Received and Filed.

#### **19. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Public Works Annual Report**

The Town's Public Works Supervisors (Dave Johnson, Streets, James McCubbin, Facilities, Joseph Bowers, Parks) presented the 2024-25 Annual Department Report.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Melissa Spurr, Yucca Valley spoke about the conditions of the dog park area at Essig Park.

Sondra Hamlin, Yucca Valley thanked the streets crew for their recent attention to her street.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yucca Valley commented on adverse conditions of his street, especially after it rains.

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

Council Member Denison thanked the crew for their report and the work they are doing and reminded the public to report any adverse condition they see to assist the Town's crew in keeping on top of things. Great to see the savings on the LED lighting installations.

Council Member Schooler thanked the supervisors for their work and expressed appreciation for jobs well done.

Council Member Lombardo commented on the heavy work load the small crews are undertaking. Lombardo thanked the parks crews quick response to vandalism as its reported.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel thanked the public works crews for the work they are doing with the limited staff and the quick response time for attending to public requests.

Mayor Drozd thanked the public works staff for their update and thanked them for their hard work.

Received and Filed.

## **20. Public Art - Town West Entrance Monument Signage**

Recreation Supervisor Rardon presented the staff report for the consideration of the design and location of the west entrance sign along Hwy 62.

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

Council Member Lombardo spoke in favor of installing a new sign at the existing location for possible cost savings and the opportunity to try and use the existing base to honor the original creator, Frank Garske.

Council Member Denison expressed similar thoughts on using the original structure and to embrace history.

Mayor Drozd explained he doesn't like the location of the old sign as it is difficult to see as you first come over the hill into Yucca Valley. Drozd would prefer to use the site originally selected at Camino Del Cielo or to collaborate with the tribal agency.

Town Manager Yakimow clarified information regarding potential tribal collaboration.

Council Member Schooler inquired about the process and items for consideration. Schooler explained he likes the idea of the south-west corner of Camino Del Cielo and doesn't believe the location will compete with other signage. Schooler also explained he is leaning toward the Cory Hamilton design and would like to plan for installing signage at all Town entrances.

Council Member Lombardo offered that Hamilton's artwork could possibly incorporate the existing base and would like to make sure the signage text will be very readable at a distance.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel spoke favorably for Hamilton's submission and believes that proper lighting, and a natural landscape would create better visibility and keep the cost down at the existing location.

Deputy Town Manager Luckino explained the project process with design creation and assistance by the Town's engineering team.

Town Manager Yakimow explained the current site is not owned by the Town and would need a commitment by service clubs for ongoing maintenance.

**Motion:**

Approve the existing sign location to install Cory Hamilton's design and pursue a site license at the current site for maintenance and provide an additional cost analysis.

**Result:**

Passed (Yes 4, No 1, Abstained 0)

**Mover:**

Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:**

Mayor Pro Tem Merl Abel

**Ayes:**

Merl Abel, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**Nays:**

Jeff Drozd

## **21. 2025 Farmers' Market RFP Discussion**

Deputy Town Manager Luckino presented the staff report for council consideration of a Certified Farmers Market operator. Luckino provided an overview of the RFP process and the philosophical differences in the proposal submissions and clarified decision points, especially for the inclusion of food trucks.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Lori Herbel, Yucca Valley spoke as an operator applicant and explained her proposal, the operating model and thoughts on the naming of the farmers market event.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel thanked Herbel and inquired on set-up concerns and scheduling.

Council Member Schooler asked about Herbel's staffing levels to assist with current operations and inquired on the proposed schedule and advertising target.

Council Member Lombardo inquired on event advertising and visitor statistics for the Joshua Tree Farmers Market. Lombardo proposed a Wednesday morning market.

Alexander Vallejos, Sky Forest commented as an operator applicant and introduced himself and his company to the Town Council. Vallejos provided explanation on the proposed idea for a Farmers Market in Yucca Valley, including a Friday evening/night event from 3pm to 8pm similar to Big Bear Lake's event with similar visitor demographics.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Abel spoke favorably of a Friday event in the evening with the inclusion of music and food. While night might be best for summer nights, the later time of the day could be a concern in colder, windy months. Abel inquired on advertising methods and business model.

Council Member Lombardo spoke favorably of including an educational component to the market operations and asked how they might address higher winds, adverse weather, and canopy issues.

Council Member Schooler thanked Vallejos for the proposal and spoke of concern with including food and possibly affecting food businesses in Old Town and asked for clarification on the breakdown of vendor types.

Council Member Denison inquired on the percentages of vendor types as proposed and how it compares to other farmers' markets. Denison also asked about other experiences with the inclusion of prepared food options or food trucks at similar markets. Denison requested clarification on the designation as a certified farmers market.

Mayor Drozd expressed he would prefer not to include a lot of food trucks at a farmers' market.

Council Member Lombardo spoke favorably of the variety of food options with food trucks in general.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel inquired about the purpose of the Council item and commented on the inclusion of food trucks. Abel sees a strong case for both proposals.

Council Member Schooler explained food trucks would be okay on a limited basis if separated from the produce vendors. Schooler reminded the group, should a farmers' market be scheduled for a prime-time Friday night, it might not allow for the location to be used for other special events.

Mayor Drozd agreed with Council Member Schooler on limiting options on a Friday

night.

Council Member Denison also agreed with the potential of limiting options on a Friday night and would like to keep vendor rations as previously established.

Town Council input provided; no motion made.

### **Animal Shelter Committee Report**

Council Member Schooler provided a recap of the September 18, 2025 Animal Shelter Committee meeting and thanked staff for the update in the press release distributed on October 22, 2025.

Town Manager Yakimow provided an additional update on animal shelter operations.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Suzy Dick, Yucca Valley spoke of community outreach with basic needs through "giving machines" located at Tyler Mall in Riverside.

Carolynn Lee, Yucca Valley spoke of strong community involvement in bringing a lost animal home to her family.

The following provided comments on the animal shelter operations.

- Cheryl Contopulos, Yucca Valley
- Susan Herring, Pioneertown
- James Porter, Yucca Valley
- Melissa Spurr, Joshua Tree
- Candace Moulton, Yucca Valley (provided written comment)

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

### **Staff Reports and Comments**

Senior Managerment Analyst Rice announced the fall Community Clean Up Day coming up this Saturday.

Town Manager Yakimow reported on a recent meeting held by Assemblyman Greg Wallis on the Western Joshua Tree topic and updated the council on completed shelter operational review items.

### **Mayor and Council Member Reports and Comments**

Council Member Lombardo reported on the recent attendance at the League of CA Cities Annual Conference.

Council Member Schooler thanked staff for providing the recent Founders Plaza event this past week.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel thanked the public for attending and providing comments this evening. Abel also reported on his attendance at the League of CA Cities Annual Conference.

Mayor Drozd thanked everyone for participating tonight.

**Announcements**

With no further business, Mayor Drozd adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2025**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Present: Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

Absent: Merl Abel (Excused)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Building and Safety Official, Paul Osterman

**Invocation**

Led by Pastor Daniel Hanna, Crossview Bible Church

**Approval of Agenda**

**1. Agenda Approval**

**Motion:** Approve the meeting agenda as prepared.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Seconder:** Mayor Jeff Drozd

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**Consent Agenda**

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

**2. Administrative Policy Review**

**Motion:**

Approve this review and summary of the revision of the Town's Administrative Policies and Procedures.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Seconder:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

### **3. Community Center HVAC Replacement Project**

#### **Motion:**

- Amend the FY2025-26 Special Revenue Fund Budget to allocate \$165,000.00 from the Capital Project Reserve Fund 800 for the Community Center HVAC Replacement Project;
- Approve the award of a contract with Honeywell International, in the amount of \$149,950.84 to replace HVAC System at Community Center;
- Authorize construction, construction contingencies, and inspection costs in the total amount of \$165,000.00; and
- Authorize the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to execute the agreement, and authorize the Town Manager or designee to expend contingency funds, if necessary, for project completion.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

### **4. Senior Center Roof Replacement Project -Town Project No. 8061 Award of Construction Contract**

#### **Motion:**

- Approve the award of a construction contract with Letner Roofing Company, in the amount of \$187,000.00 to construct Senior Center Roof Replacement;
- Authorize construction, construction contingencies, and inspection costs in the total amount of \$240,000.00; and
- Authorize the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to execute the agreement, and authorize the Town Manager to expend contingency funds, if necessary, for project completion.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Town of Yucca Valley (Town) and Morongo Unified School District (District) for the School Resource Officer Program**

**Motion:**

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Yucca Valley and the Morongo Unified School District regarding service relative to the School Resource Officer Program and authorize the Town Manager to sign all necessary documents.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**6. Rejection of Claim**

**Motion:**

Reject one Claim filed against the Town of Yucca Valley submitted on September 15, 2025, by Charles Albert Gabriels.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**7. Resolution designating the Planning Commission as the Local Appeals Board and Housing Appeals Board pursuant to the 2022 California Building Code Section 1.8.8**

**Motion:**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-31, designating the Planning Commission as the Local Appeals Board and Housing Appeals Board pursuant to Section 1.8.8 of the 2022 California Building Code

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**8. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Fleet Vehicle/Equipment.  
Replacement of Unit #19 and Unit #62**

**Motion:**

1. Amend the FY2025-26 Special Revenue Fund Budget to allocate \$100,000.00 for vehicle and equipment replacement from the Capital Project Reserve Fund 800; and
2. Authorize the purchase of one (1) new Hyster® H60A Lift Truck from Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$36,394.00 to replace vehicle #62;
3. Authorize the purchase of one (1) new Reelmaster 3100-D lawn mower from Toro in an amount not to exceed \$54,064.94 to replace unit #19; and
4. Declare the 1990 Clark GPX20 Forklift unit #62 and the 2005 Toro Reelmaster 3100-D (72" cut) unit #19 as surplus, and approve the sale of the surplus vehicles/equipment, authorizing the Town Manager or designee to sell the vehicle through a public bidding/auction or consignment process or disposition through dismantling services.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**9. Building & Safety Contract Services; Charles Abbott Associates, Inc., Modifying Contract Termination Language**

**Motion:**

Approve the amendment to the contract with Charles Abbott Associates, Inc., for Building & Safety Services, modifying contract termination language, for the period through June 30, 2028.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Denison, Drozd, Lombardo, Schooler

**Item Moved From Consent**

**10. First Amendment Provision and Protection Policy**

Mayor Drozd pulled the item from the consent agenda for discussion.

Deputy Town Manager Luckino presented the staff report, providing background to the item relating to First Amendment provisions at Town events.

Town Attorney Jex provided legal information relating to the item, noting a balance between the First Amendment freedom and public's safety.

Mayor Drozd public comments.

The following commented in opposition of the proposed policy.

Debra Savitt, Yucca Valley  
Melissa Spurr, Joshua Tree  
Susan Walls, Joshua Tree  
Greg Herring, Pioneertown  
Cheryl Contopulos, Yucca Valley  
Leah Aguanyo, No City of Residence Given  
Sondra Hamelin, Yucca Valley  
Jeffrey Raffensperger, Joshua Tree  
Lynn May Rivas, Yucca Valley  
Teresa Harris, Yucca Valley  
Allie Irwin, Joshua Tree  
James, Porter, Yucca Valley  
Linda Root, Yucca Valley  
Danielle Wallis, Yucca Valley  
Matthew Case, Yucca Valley  
Victor Lewis, Joshua Tree  
Eric Menendez, Twentynine Palms  
Natasha Francis, Yucca Valley  
Pat Wallis, Yucca Valley  
Meg Madison, Yucca Valley  
Candy Moulten, Yucca Valley  
Hashem Bajua, Yucca Valley

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

Council Member Denison commented on past public comment practices and noted peaceful protests will not be shut down.

Council Member Schooler explained that the policy is not to limit free speech but to protect the integrity of Town events.

Council Member Lombardo expressed he wants the film festival to go smoothly.

Mayor Drozd stated he appreciates all the comments and explained the policy is for all events, not just the film festival.

Mayor Drozd moved to approve the recommendation. The motion died for a lack of a second.

**Motion:**

Table the item to a future meeting.

**Result:** (Yes 3, No 1, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Ayes:** Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

**Nays:** Drozd

## **Public Hearings**

### **11. Ordinance Adoption- 2025 Building and Safety Codes**

Paul Osterman presented the staff report, providing an overview of the updated building codes.

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

Council Member Lombardo inquired if any of the new building code requirements could significantly affect building costs.

Council Member Denison commented on the benefits of up-to-date building codes.

**Motion:**

Adopt Ordinance 332, amending Title 8 of the Town of Yucca Valley Municipal Code by the addition of Chapter 8.02.115, and 8.02.125 amending Chapters 8.02.010, 8.02.020, 8.02.030, 8.02.040, 8.02.050, 8.02.060, 8.02.070, 8.02.080, 8.02.090, 8.02.110, AND 8.02.120, adopting as modified the 2025 Edition of the California Building Code Models 1, 2 including the Appendix and Standards, the 2025 Edition of the California Electrical Code, the 2025 Edition of the California Plumbing Code, the 2025 Edition of the California Mechanical Code, the 2025 Edition of the Green Building Code, the 2025 Edition of the California Residential Code, the 2025 Edition California Energy Code, the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code, The 2025 Edition of the California Wildland Urban Interface Code, and adopting other regulations relating to building requirements.

**Result:** (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)  
**Mover:** Council Member Rick Denison  
**Second:** Council Member Robert Lombardo  
**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Jim Schooler

## **Department Reports**

### **12. Building & Safety Annual Presentation/Report**

Building Official Paul Osterman provided an annual report for building and safety activity for the fiscal year 2024-25.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Building Official Osterman fielded questions from the public.

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

Council Member Denison commented on the fabulous response times that the building and safety staff are providing.

Council Member Schooler thanked Osterman and staff for the great customer service being provided.

Received and Filed.

### **13. Animal Shelter Operational Review Status Update**

Town Manager Yakimow provided a status update on the operational review for the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

The following commented on the current operations at the shelter.

Eric Menendez, Twentynine Palms  
Christie Carter, No city of residence given  
Greg Gendron, Yucca Valley  
Melissa Spurr, Joshua Tree  
Cheryl Contopulos, Yucca Valley  
Sondra Hamelin, Yucca Valley  
Allie Irwin, Joshua Tree  
Jennifer Howell, Landers

James Porter, Yucca Valley  
Christine Bostrom, Yucca Valley  
Susan Herring, Pioneertown  
Candy Moulton, Yucca Valley  
Susan Walls, Joshua Tree  
Diana Persinger, Yucca Valley

Council Member Denison inquired for clarification on activity from rescue groups and would like to formalize a partnership with the Morongo Basin Humane Society.

Council Member Lombardo requested clarification on the status of the volunteer program at the shelter.

Council Member Schooler inquired about the anticipated increase in the shelter's budget and if the County would provide assistance with the additional costs. Schooler also asked about the frequency of the Town's spay and neuter clinics and noted that spay and neutering outreach is key for the overpopulation problems.

Mayor Drozd expressed much anticipation of getting the additional staffing up and running at the shelter and inquired on the vet visit schedule. Mayor Drozd gave much earned kudos to the shelter staff.

#### **14. Public Safety Contract Amendment**

Finance Manager Gumbish presented the staff report for the contract amendment with San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for public safety services.

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

Council Member Schooler complemented the public safety team provided by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Council Member Denison agreed with Council Member Schooler's comments and thanked Captain Warrick for leading the local team.

Council Member Lombardo commented on the safe community thanks to a responsive Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Drozd spoke about local sheriff's activity and expressed appreciation of the local public safety team.

#### **Motion:**

- Approve an amendment for fiscal year 2025-26 to the contract with the San

Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$6,909,216 and authorize the Town Manager or Mayor to sign on behalf of the Town.

- Amend the FY2025-26 General Fund Budget and Measure Y Special Revenue Fund Budget as identified in Exhibit A.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

## **15. Land Development Update**

Associate Planner Jerome presented a land use development update to the Town Council.

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

Council Member Schooler inquired on the Farmers' Market event in the Old Town area.

Council Member Lombardo commented favorably on the amount of project activity happening in Yucca Valley.

Council Member Denison expressed it is nice to see Nice Dreams moving along.

Received and Filed.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Drozd opened public comments for items not on the agenda.

Eric Menendez, Twentynine Palms spoke of needed services for the local unhoused community.

Pilar Crossman, Yucca Valley commented on the proposed monument sign.

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

### **Staff Reports and Comments**

Community Services Manager Earnest provided an after report for the recent Spooktacular event and provided information on this week's film festival event. The Town will be hosting a Veterans' Day Breakfast event on November 11th.

### **Mayor and Council Member Reports and Comments**

Council Member Lombardo complimented the Planning staff and Building and Safety staff for their assistance to the community on all of the private projects moving forward.

### **Announcements**

With no further business, Mayor Drozd adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Alex Qishta, Public Works Director

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2026

**Subject:** 56370 Buena Vista Drive Property Demolition Project No. 8070 - Notice of Completion

**Recommendation:**

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%, directs staff to retain the Labor and Material Bond for six (6) months for Project No. 8070.

**Prior Review:**

On September 16, 2025, the Town Council adopted Resolution No. 25-23, approving plans, specifications and estimates for the advertised demolition of 56370 Buena Vista Drive Demolition Project, Town Project No. 8070, and authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise and receive bids.

On October 21, 2025, the Town Council:

- Approved the award of a construction contract with UBD, Inc., in the amount of \$34,777.00 for the 56370 Buena Vista Drive Demolition Project;
- Authorized construction, construction contingencies, and inspection costs in the total amount of \$41,000.00; and
- Authorized the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to execute the agreement, and authorizes the Town Manager to expend contingency funds, if necessary, for project completion.

**Discussion:**

The property at 56370 Buena Vista Drive has remained vacant following the owner's death. During this period, the residence was involved in a fire incident that caused significant structural damage. Successors are unable to fund remediation or demolition of the damaged structure. As a result, the Town has initiated a Public Works project for the demolition of the structure, the end of utility services, and clearing of the site.

Property title research identified no additional lien or interest holders in the property. Proper notice was sent to the property owner to abate the public nuisance as required by Town regulations. All utilities were disconnected, and all septic tanks and leach lines were removed and back-filled.

The 56370 Buena Vista Drive Demolition Project consisted of the demolition of all structures, removal of all concrete foundations and site concrete, and disposal of all demolished materials. Additionally, testing for asbestos materials was conducted, finding no presence of asbestos in the building.

The project started on December 25, 2025, and was substantially completed by January 12, 2026. The Town Inspector provided a punch list of items for the contractor to correct and revise the work until found satisfactory and accepted by the Town.

It is appropriate for the Town to accept the work as substantially complete and file a Notice of Completion. It is also appropriate to reduce the Faithful Performance Bond being held as a surety to 10%. The Labor and Material Bond shall be retained for a period of six (6) months and then released, provided no liens or stop notices have been filed, following completion of the punch list items.

### **Alternatives**

No alternatives are recommended by staff. The recommended action is necessary for the project to move forward.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The FY25-26 Adopted Budget allocates a total of \$41,000.00 from General Fund for the 56370 Buena Vista Drive Property Demolition Project.

TOTAL PROJECT COST The total project cost is summarized below:

|                           |           |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Construction Cost         | \$        | 34,777.00        |
| Change Order #1           | \$        | 3,371.00         |
| <b>Total Project Cost</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>38,148.00</b> |

### **REMAINING FUNDS**

|                        |           |                 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Available Fund         | \$        | 41,000.00       |
| Total Project Cost     | \$        | 38,148.00       |
| <b>REMAINING FUNDS</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,852.00</b> |

The remaining funds in the amount of \$2,852.00 allocated for this project will be returned to the General Fund.

### **Attachments**

1. Notice of Completion
2. 9 16 2025 Town Council Minutes
3. Buena Vista Demo Exp Detail

RECORDED REQUEST OF:

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY**

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

**Attn: Alex Qishta  
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
Community Dev. Dept.  
58928 Business Center Drive  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284**

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE

APN: **N/A**

TRA: **N/A**

# **NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

- 1. The undersigned is OWNER or agent of the OWNER of the interest or estate stated below in the property hereinafter described.
- 2. The FULL NAME of the OWNER is: **TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY**
- 3. The FULL ADDRESS of the OWNER is: **57090 TWENTYNINE PALMS HWY  
YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284**
- 4. The NATURE OF THE INTEREST or ESTATE of the undersigned is: **IN FEE.**

**N/A**

(If other than fee, strike "in fee" and insert, for example "purchaser under contract of purchase" or "lessee.")

- 5. The FULL NAMES and FULL ADDRESSES of ALL PERSONS if any WHO HOLD SUCH INTEREST or ESTATE with the undersigned as JOINT TENANTS or as TENANTS IN COMMON ARE:

NAMES

ADDRESSES

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

- 6. The full names and full addresses of the predecessors in interest of the undersigned if the property was transferred subsequent to the commencement of the work of improvement herein referred to:

NAMES

ADDRESSES

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

7. A work of improvement on the property hereinafter described was COMPLETED:

**January 12, 2026**

8. The work of improvement completed is described as follows:

**The work includes property demolition**

9. The NAME OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACTOR, if any, for such work of improvement is:

**UBID, INC.  
6707 Camelia Avenue, #205  
North Hollywood, CA 91606**

10. The street address of said property is:

**Community Development/Public Works Department yard  
YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284**

11. The property on which said work of improvement was completed is in the Town of Yucca Valley, County of San Bernardino, State of California, and is described as follows:

**Community Development/Public Works Department yard**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Owner or agent of owner \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Qishta, PE, Public Works Director

Town of Yucca Valley

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Verification for INDIVIDUAL owner: I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am the owner of aforesaid interest or estate in the property described in the above notice; that I have read said notice, that I know and understand the contents thereof, and that the facts stated there in are true and correct.

**N/A**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Place

**N/A**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of owner named in paragraph 2)

Verification for NON-INDIVIDUAL owner: I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am the **Public Works Director** of aforesaid interest or estate in the property described in the above notice; that I have read the said notice, that I know and understand the contents thereof, and that the facts stated therein are true and correct.

YUCCA VALLEY, CA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Qishta, Public Works Director  
(Signature of person signing on behalf of owners)  
Town of Yucca Valley

# **Town of Yucca Valley Town Council Meeting Minutes September 16, 2025**

## **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

Present: Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

Absent Robert Lombardo

(Excused):

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Deputy Town Manager Luckino

### **Invocation**

### **Presentations, Introductions, Recognitions**

#### **Hi Desert Water District- Phase 2 Sewer Project Update-**

Jennifer Cusack from HDWD provided information on the current, phase 2 sewer project including timing of line installation in selected neighborhoods.

Town Manager Yakimow commended the district for securing funding for the project for the benefit of our residents.

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

Council Member Schooler thanked Hi Desert Water District for the information and complemented Sukut Construction for their work. Schooler inquired about the availability of project updates to the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel thanked Hi Desert Water District for all the work and coordination the project is undertaking and for securing a Western Joshua Tree permit including private connections. Abel asked for clarification on the reasoning for some streets not being paved and asked if the District will be providing a list of interested contractors for private connections. Abel inquired if laterals will be installed to vacant lots and if those property owners will be required to connect.

Mayor Drozd thanked Cusack for the update.

#### **San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Update-**

Louis Vidaure SBCTA Legislative and Public Affairs provided an overview of the SBCTA organization and highlighted Measure I funded projects within the Town of Yucca Valley.

Council Member Denison currently serves as the SBCTA Board Chair.

Council Member Denison spoke of the benefits of SBCTA and the benefits of Measure I for many of the Town's capital improvements enhancing a safer community.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel thanked SBCTA for managing the funds for these significant safety projects Measure I is providing.

### **New Employee Introduction- Deputy Town Manager Luckino-**

Town Manager Yakimow introduced Frank Luckino as the Town's new Deputy Town Manager for Administration and Community Services.

Deputy Town Manager Luckino provided additional information, expressed his dedication to the community and looks forward to serving in the expected capacity.

Council Members provided welcoming comments.

### **Approval of Agenda**

#### **1. Agenda Approval**

Present: Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

Absent: Robert Lombardo

### **Consent Agenda**

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

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Seconder:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

#### **2. AB1234 Reporting Requirements**

**Motion:**

Receive and file the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of August 2025.

#### **3. Ratification of Warrant Registers**

**Motion:**

Ratify the Payroll Registers totaling \$301,891.75 dated August 01,2025, \$330,525.07 dated August 15,2025, and \$277,593.30 dated August 29, 2025.

Ratify the Warrant Registers totaling \$1,727,237.37 dated August 01,2025, \$2,234,701.98 dated August 15,2025, and \$1,525,718.36 dated August 29, 2025.

- 4. Resolution denying Appeal No. 01-25 and upholding the Planning Commission's denial of Variance No. 01-25 for a front setback reduction for the property located at 57461 Bandera Road and finding such action exempt from the California Environmental Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§ 15378(b)(5) and 15061(b)(3)**

**Motion:**

Adopt Resolution 25-22 denying Appeal No. 01-25 and upholding the Planning Commission's denial of Variance No. 01-25 for a front setback reduction for the property located at 57461 Bandera Road and finding such action exempt from the California Environmental Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§ 15378(b)(5) and 15061(b)(3).

- 5. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Fleet Equipment and Declare Existing Equipment as Surplus and authorize the sale of surplus equipment.**

**Motion:**

1. Approve the purchase in the amount of not to exceed \$26,287.60 to Multiquip, Inc., for purchasing Ride-on Roller Honda GX630 36" wide, SOURCEWELL 020923-MTQ, replacement of unit #55.
2. Declare Unit #55, 1996 Whacker RD880V Roller as surplus, and approves the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment, authorizing the Town Manager to auction/sell the vehicles through a public bidding/auction process or through disposition through auto dismantling services.
3. Authorize the Town Manager to execute all vehicle and equipment sales paperwork and selling of the surplus vehicles and equipment.

- 6. Ordinance 330- Second Reading- Senior Mobilehome Park Zoning Overlay**

**Motion:**

That the Town Council adopts Ordinance 330

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, AMENDING SECTIONS 9.05.030 OF CHAPTER 9.05 (ZONING DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP) OF TITLE 9 (DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTIONS 9.15.020 AND 9.15.030 OF CHAPTER 9.15 (OVERLAY DISTRICTS) OF TITLE 9 (DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE**

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADDING CHAPTER 9.23 (SENIOR MOBILEHOME PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT) TO TITLE 9 (DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING A SENIOR MOBILEHOME PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT**

- 7. 56370 Buena Vista Drive Property Demolition -Town Project No. 8070: Approval of Specification and Authorization to Advertise for Construction/Demolition**

**Motion:**

Adopt Resolution 25-23, approves the specifications for Project No. 8067, and authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise and receive bids.

- 8. Cal Cities 2025 Voting Delegate and Alternate for the Business Meeting of the 2025 League of California Cities Annual Conference**

**Motion:**

Designate Mayor Pro Tem Abel to serve as Voting Delegate and Council Member Schooler to serve as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the business meeting at the 2025 League of California Cities Annual Conference

- 9. 2025 Public Art Program – Utility Box Program**

**Motion:**

Accept the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission and approve the 12 selected artworks as the art installations for the 2024-26 Utility Box Program.

- 10. Resolutions Authorizing Town’s Participation in Two National Opioid Litigation Settlements: (1) *In re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., Debtors (Chapter 11)*, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York, Case No. 19-23649; and (2) *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, Case No. 1:17-md-2804 (Multi-District Litigation)**

**Motion:**

Adopt Resolution 25-24 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY APPROVING THE TOWN’S PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONAL LITIGATION SETTLEMENT WITH ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SYN PHARMA, AND ZYDUS, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT, AND DIRECTING PAYMENT OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

And adopt Resolution 25-25 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY APPROVING THE TOWN’S PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONAL LITIGATION SETTLEMENT WITH PURDUE PHARMA L.P. AND THE SACKLER FAMILY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN**

**MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT, AND  
DIRECTING PAYMENT OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

**Department Reports**

**11. 2025-26 Youth Commission Appointments**

Recreation Supervisor Rardon presented the staff report for the appointments of the 2025-26 Youth Commission. Rardon explained 39 applicants were recommended by the PRCC for appointment. Applicant Ripley was not included with the recommendation due to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commissioner Ripley being a parent to the applicant.

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

Council Member Schooler inquired how staff plans on leading the larger group of commissioners. Council discussion was held on the appointment of Applicant Ripley.

**Motion:**

Appoint the 39 applicants recommended by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to the 2025-26 Youth Commission, appoint Applicant Ripley to the Youth Commission, and authorize the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to review future applications and make subsequent appointments on behalf of the Council.

**12. 2025 San Bernardino Point-in-Time Count Final Report**

Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report providing the final report for the 2025 San Bernardino County Point-in-Time Count (PITC) held in January 2025. PITC Volunteer Amy provided additional information on the experience. San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department Lieutenant Huff provided a brief explanation of the support the Department's HOPE team provides for the unhoused community.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Cheryl Contopulous, Yucca Valley spoke of concern with services for the animals belonging to the unhoused.

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

Mayor Drozd inquired about the reasoning of the count being held during the coldest part of the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel asked for the approximate number of unhoused that refuse

service from the HOPE team. As asked if other counties use a single day for their count.

Council Member Denison spoke about his experience as a PITC volunteer and the challenges in moving an effective process forward.

**Result:**

Receive and file the 2025 Point-in-Time Count Final Report representing a 57% decrease in the total homelessness count from the year prior.

**13. Community Center Sports Field Turf Update**

Public Works Director Qishta updated the Town Council on the Town's turf field conditions.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Dylan Roscover, Yucca Valley commented on the use of rye grass.

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

Council Member Schooler inquired about the depth of the maintenance being planned at Brehm Field.

Council Member Denison inquired about the use of water-saving turf.

**Result:**

Receive and file the update on the Community Center sports fields turf conditions and future maintenance plan.

**14. Public Safety Enhancements**

Town Manager Yakimow began the presentation, providing an overview of the FLOCK system for public safety enhancements. A Data Management Policy will be brought before the Council for review in the near future. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Lieutenant Huff provided additional information on the use of FLOCK and the advanced data technology it provides.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Dylan Roscover, Yucca Valley commented on the cost being quoted.

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

Council Member Denison asked if the system would help with illegal OHV use. Council Member Schooler inquired when a data policy would be returned for review. Mayor Pro Tem Abel commented on the top council priority is public safety and inquired how the camera locations are selected and if it can easily be expanded to other locations.

**Motion:**

1. Receive an update regarding proposed safety enhancements through the use of the Flock Camera System, and provide input and direction as appropriate.
2. Authorize a two-year contract with Flock Safety for procurement, installation and data retention in an amount not to exceed \$158,000.
3. Direct staff to develop and return an automated license plate reader policy addressing specific details to protect privacy and civil liberties, including authorized purpose, access control, monitoring and security, data sharing restrictions, data retention, for consideration and approval prior to program implementation.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Merl Abel

**Second:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**15. Town-wide Landscape Beautification Program**

Public Works Director Qishta provided an update on the Town's Landscape Beautification Program. Staff recently assessed additional locations along the Highway 62 corridor for additional landscaping. A low-maintenance, drought-tolerant concept was presented and requested Council direction for potential development in key locations. Qishta explained some of the challenges with landscape development along the highway.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

Eric Linnert, Yucca Valley inquired about the west entrance sign.

Eric Menendez, Twentynine Palms spoke favorably about the additional landscaping.

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

The Town Council provided input on suggested prioritization of project locations along with an emphasis on monument signs, cleanup of trash and weeds and the use of low-maintenance landscaping. For the most impact, Council Members suggested improving all four locations along Hwy 62 at Hwy 247, Sage, Dumosa and Kickapoo.

**Result:**

Receive an update regarding the Town Council's prior direction to staff requesting development of various projects related to an emphasis on beautification and enhanced appearance throughout Town.

**16. Rural and Tribal Assistance (RTA) Pilot Program, Notice of Funding Opportunity - Project Applications**

Public Works Director Qishta presented the staff report seeking the authorization of the submittal of RTA grant applications. The two projects identified for the grant applications are Phase 2 of the regional transportation center (Park and Ride) and the extension of Indio Avenue from Yucca Trail to Hwy 62.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Abel asked if the projects are looked at separately.

Council Member Schooler inquired about the offset at the corner of Indio and Yucca Trail.

**Motion:**

Authorize the submittal of RTA grant applications for the following projects: Old Town Park-and-Ride and Mobility Hub – Phase 2 and Indio Avenue Pavement Extension Project

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Second:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**17. Ordinance No.XX : Amending Chapter 12.60 (Encroachments and Excavation of Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Yucca Valley Municipal Code to add a New Section 12.60.295 Governing Street Restoration**

Public Works Director Qishta presented the staff report to introduce an ordinance updating the Town's municipal code relating to Encroachments and Excavations.

Town Attorney Jex reported the concerns of SCE regarding a change in the Town's code and explained the change is for sewer installation only and not for agencies operating under a franchise agreement.

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

**Motion:**

Find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Action pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378, 15061 (b)(3), and 15060, C (2)(3).

1. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), CEQA review is not required because there is no possibility that this Ordinance may have a significant effect upon the environment; and
2. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, the proposed amendments are not a project under CEQA because they will not cause a "direct physical change in the environment" or a "reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment" because they do not authorize any specific development activity or promote new construction or growth; and
3. Any potential indirect physical change in the environment is speculative and not reasonably foreseeable; and
4. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c) (2) "The activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment" as the Ordinance does not authorize private land development construction or public works construction;
5. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c) (3) "The activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378".
6. Introduce Ordinance 331 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 12.60 (ENCROACHMENTS AND EXCAVATIONS) OF TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 12.60.295 GOVERNING STREET RESTORATION.**

**Result:** Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Second:** Council Member Jim Schooler

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**Future Agenda Items**

Mayor Pro Tem Abel explained he is concerned with repeated SCE blackouts in our area and would like SCE to address these and possibly the PUC. Consensus was made amongst the

Council to place this item on a future agenda.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Drozd opened public comments for items not on the agenda.

Tim Humphreville, Yucca Valley requested Council to review the current STVR policy, since many concerns are arising in his neighborhood.

Dylan Roscover, Yucca Valley spoke of a recent vehicle accident on Joshua Lane at Pueblo Trail, and requested additional law enforcement and speed limit control in the area.

The following spoke on the animal shelter operations and status of the operational review.

Cheryl Contopulous, Yucca Valley  
Susan Herring, Pioneertown  
Christine Bostrom, Yucca Valley  
James Porter, Yucca Valley  
Linda Root, Yucca Valley  
Susan Walls, Joshua Tree  
Tabitha Davies

Eric Linnert, Yucca Valley spoke of issues with shopping center dumpsters and thanked Burrtec for their response. Linnert suggested a commercial enclosed mandate be passed. Linnert also commented on the lack of dedicated bike lanes and the unsafe conditions for local bike riders.

Eric Menendez, Twentynine Palms announced an upcoming East Regional Steering Committee for homelessness meeting and other meeting announcements.

Greg Gendron, Yucca Valley spoke of the lack of audio and internet capabilities at the last shelter meeting.

### **Staff Reports and Comments**

Town Manager Yakiomw shared a video from the recent YVARC Topping Out event showing the progress of the project.

### **Mayor and Council Member Reports and Comments**

Council Member Schooler provided an update to the Council on the outcome of the inaugural meeting of the Animal Shelter Committee held on August 21, 2025.

Council Member Denison thanked the community for coming out and providing comments and provided a report on his recent visit to the animal shelter. Denison noted he understands the concern regarding bike safety.

Council Member Schooler thanked Nena and Zahar at the Senior Center for their work and dedication in providing resources for the seniors.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel welcomed Deputy Town Manager Luckino and welcomed the new Youth Commissioners. Abel reported on recent meetings and ribbon-cutting events and thanked staff for going after additional grant funding.

Mayor Drozd welcomed Deputy Town Manager Luckino and announced he has free animal adoption vouchers if anyone needs one.

**Announcements**

With no further business, Mayor Drozd adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk

**Town of Yucca Valley**  
**Account Detail 7/01/2025 to 6/30/2026**

| <u>Date</u>                  | <u>Post Type</u> | <u>Source</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Description</u>                                                        | <u>Units</u> | <u>Debit</u>     | <u>Credit</u> | <u>Balance</u>   |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 001 52 7850 8070 00 0000 000 |                  |               |                  | Substandard Buildings - Property Demolition                               |              |                  |               | 0.00             |
| 10/01/2025 Actual            |                  | A/P           | 65565            | Gold Mountain California News Media, Inc. (formerly Hi Desert Publishing) |              | 609.00           |               | 609.00           |
|                              |                  |               |                  | Notice Inviting Sealed Bids, Project#8070                                 |              |                  |               |                  |
| 1/12/2026 Actual             |                  | A/P           | UBD 1            | UBD Inc                                                                   |              | 38,148.00        |               | 38,757.00        |
|                              |                  |               |                  | 56370 Buena Vista Demolition Project                                      |              |                  |               |                  |
| 001 52 7850 8070 00 0000 000 |                  |               |                  | Substandard Buildings - Property Demolition Total                         | 0.00         | 38,757.00        | 0.00          | 38,757.00        |
| <b>Report Total</b>          |                  |               |                  |                                                                           | <b>0.00</b>  | <b>38,757.00</b> | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>38,757.00</b> |

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Alex Qishta, Public Works Director, Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2026

**Subject:** Town Project No. 8340; Town-Wide Crack, Slurry, Cape Seal Project — Notice of Completion

**Recommendation:**

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%, directs staff to retain the Labor and Material Bond for six (6) months for Project No. 8340.

**Prior Review:**

On April 1, 2025, the Town Council adopted Resolution No. 25-07, approving plans, specifications, and estimates for the construction of Town-Wide Crack/Slurry/Cape Seal Project, Town Project No. 8340, and authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise and receive bids.

On May 20, 2025, the Town Council:

- Approved the award of a construction contract with American Asphalt South, Inc., in the amount of \$1,550,150.00 to construct Town-Wide Slurry/Cape Seal Project;
- Authorized construction, construction contingencies, and inspection costs in the total amount of \$1,862,153.00; and
- Authorized the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to execute the agreement, and authorized the Town Manager or designee to expend contingency funds, if necessary, for project completion.

**Discussion:**

The Town-Wide Slurry Seal Project is an annual maintenance effort that is a part of the Town's overall pavement maintenance program. The annual maintenance effort is implemented to extend the lifetime of the roadway pavement throughout the Town prior to roads deteriorating to the degree where road reconstruction is necessary. The annual slurry/cape seal project generally consists of applying a Type II or Type III Slurry Seal to the roadway, as well as replacement of obliterated traffic striping and damaged Raised Pavement Markers (RPMs).

Maps showing the streets selected for crack, slurry, and cape seal are attached.

The project started on August 11, 2025, and was substantially completed by December 19, 2025. The Town Inspector provided a punch list of items for the contractor to correct and revise the work until found satisfactory and accepted by the Town.

It is appropriate for the Town to accept the work as substantially complete and file a Notice of Completion. It is also appropriate to reduce the Faithful Performance Bond being held as a surety to 10%. The Labor and Material Bond shall be retained for a period of six (6) months, and then released provided no liens or stop notices have been filed, following completion of the punch list items.

### **Alternatives**

Staff recommend no alternative actions.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The FY 2025-26 Amended Budget allocates funding for the annual street slurry and crack seal maintenance as follows:

| Funding Source     | FY 2025-26 Budget |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Measure I Fund 524 | \$ 1,229,000.00   |
| RMRA SB1 Fund 517  | \$ 633,153.00     |
| Totals             | \$ 1,862,153.00   |

The overall estimated cost of the improvement work breakdown is as follows:

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Construction Bid Amount       | \$ 1,550,150.00        |
| Construction Contingency      | \$ 292,003.00          |
| Engineering and Inspections   | \$ 20,000.00           |
| <b>Estimated Project Cost</b> | <b>\$ 1,862,153.00</b> |

### **Total Project Cost**

The total project cost is summarized below:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Construction Cost  | \$ 1,796,453.57 |
| Bid Advertisement  | \$ 599.25       |
| Inspections        | \$ 10,289.26    |
| Total Project Cost | \$ 1,807,342.08 |

### **Remaining Funds**

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Available Fund         | \$ 1,910,000.00      |
| Total Project Cost     | \$ 1,807,342.08      |
| <b>REMAINING FUNDS</b> | <b>\$ 102,657.92</b> |

The funds remaining in the amount of \$102,657.92 allocated for this project will be returned to the appropriate funding sources.

**Attachments**

1. Notice of Completion
2. 5 20 2025 Town Council Minutes
3. 4 1 2025 Town Council Minutes
4. FY25-26 Slurry Exp Detail

RECORDED REQUEST OF:

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY**

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

**Attn: Alex Qishta  
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
Community Dev. Dept.  
58928 Business Center Drive  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284**

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE

APN: **N/A**

TRA: **N/A**

# **NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

- 1. The undersigned is OWNER or agent of the OWNER of the interest or estate stated below in the property hereinafter described.
- 2. The FULL NAME of the OWNER is: **TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY**
- 3. The FULL ADDRESS of the OWNER is: **57090 TWENTYNINE PALMS HWY  
YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284**
- 4. The NATURE OF THE INTEREST or ESTATE of the undersigned is: **IN FEE.**

**N/A**

(If other than fee, strike "in fee" and insert, for example "purchaser under contract of purchase" or "lessee.")

- 5. The FULL NAMES and FULL ADDRESSES of ALL PERSONS if any WHO HOLD SUCH INTEREST or ESTATE with the undersigned as JOINT TENANTS or as TENANTS IN COMMON ARE:

NAMES

ADDRESSES

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

- 6. The full names and full addresses of the predecessors in interest of the undersigned if the property was transferred subsequent to the commencement of the work of improvement herein referred to:

NAMES

ADDRESSES

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

7. A work of improvement on the property hereinafter described was COMPLETED:

**January 12, 2026**

8. The work of improvement completed is described as follows:

**Applying a Type II or Type III Slurry Seal to the roadway, as well as replacement of obliterated traffic striping and damaged Raised Pavement Markers (RPM's).**

9. The NAME OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACTOR, if any, for such work of improvement is:

**AMERICAN ASPHALT SOUTH, INC.  
2990 Myers Street  
Riverside, CA 92503**

10. The street address of said property is:

**Community Development/Public Works Department yard  
YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284**

11. The property on which said work of improvement was completed is in the Town of Yucca Valley, County of San Bernardino, State of California, and is described as follows:

**Community Development/Public Works Department yard**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Owner or agent of owner \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Qishta, PE, Public Works Director

Town of Yucca Valley

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Verification for INDIVIDUAL owner: I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am the owner of aforesaid interest or estate in the property described in the above notice; that I have read said notice, that I know and understand the contents thereof, and that the facts stated there in are true and correct.

**N/A**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Place

**N/A**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of owner named in paragraph 2)

Verification for NON-INDIVIDUAL owner: I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am the **Public Works Director** of aforesaid interest or estate in the property described in the above notice; that I have read the said notice, that I know and understand the contents thereof, and that the facts stated therein are true and correct.

**YUCCA VALLEY, CA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Qishta, Public Works Director  
(Signature of person signing on behalf of owners)  
Town of Yucca Valley

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 20, 2025**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Town Council met in closed session at the Town Council's Special Meeting on May 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) to confer with legal counsel with regard to one matter of potential initiation of litigation.

Town Attorney Jex reported that Closed Session adjourned at 4:18 p.m. with no reportable action.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Drozd called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Drozd, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler

ABSENT: Abel (Excused)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Deputy Town Clerk Dudra

**INVOCATION**

Led by Pastor Louie Lobato, the Door Christian Fellowship Church

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS**

**1. FY2025-26 State Legislative and Budget Brief- Capital Advocacy**

Chad Mayes, Partner and Sam Mahood, Lobbyist for Capital Advocacy provided a state and federal legislative update and items of interest for Yucca Valley.

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

Council Member Denison thanked Mayes and Mahood for the presentation and inquired on the referenced deferral in public education funding.

Council Member Lombardo thanked Mayes and Mahood for the update.

Town Manager Yakimow thanked Mahood for his assistance with a recent grant application seeking federal funding for local projects.

**2. State Highway 247 Project Update- Caltrans**

Caltrans Legislative Liaison for District 8 briefed the Town Council on the current road maintenance project on Hwy 247 from Hwy 62 to Ginn Road.

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

Council Member Lombardo inquired about the expansion of shoulders and drainage.

Mayor Drozd asked if there will be additional signage for bike use and inquired if there is anything planned for future installation of passing lanes or widening the roadway through the curves in Western Hills.

Council Member Schooler inquired about the work schedule.

Council Member Denison asked for additional details on dedicated bike lanes.

**3. Proclamation- National Public Works Week**

Mayor Drozd presented a proclamation to Public Works Director Qishta, recognizing National Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2025.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**4. Approve the On-Call Berm Repair and Replacement Maintenance Services – Award of Maintenance Services Contract****MOTION:**

Award a two (2)-year maintenance service contract to Delta Group, Inc., authorizing the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to sign the Town's standard professional

services agreement and related documents, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000 for FY 2024/25 and \$500,000 and FY 2025/26 for on-call asphalt berm repair and replacement maintenance services, with option to extend the contract for one or two more years.

**5. Adopt the Spending Limitation for Fiscal Year 2025-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE SPENDING LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

**MOTION:**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-13 establishing the spending limitation for fiscal year 2025-26.

**6. Approve the AB1234 Reporting Requirements**

**MOTION:**

Receive and file the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of April 2025.

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

**MOTION:**

Ratify the Payroll Registers totaling \$253,156.20 dated April 11, 2025, and \$275,142.30 dated April 25, 2025.

Ratify the Warrant Registers totaling \$4,192,432.35 dated April 11, 2025, and \$449,496.05 dated April 25, 2025.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments on the consent agenda items.

Ed Keesling, spoke to clarify the applying organization for agenda item number five.

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

Town Manager Yakimow requested to pull item number five from the consent agenda.

**ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT**

8. (Formerly Item 5) Approval of Affordable Housing for Artists as the Applicant of Record for Hi Desert Artists.

Town Manager Yakimow requested to table this item for consideration at a future meeting.

**RESULT:**            **TABLED**        **Next: 6/03/2025 5:00 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

9. Annual Street & Drainage and Landscape & Lighting Assessment Districts, Ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, BENEFIT ZONES 1-3, FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN STREET AND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, BENEFIT ZONES 1-3 AND 5, FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

Public Works Director Qishta and a Webb Municipal Finance Representative presented the staff report for the 2025-26 fiscal year, annual levy and collection of assessments within Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 and Street and Drainage Maintenance District No. 1.

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

Council Member Lombardo noted the assessments are below the allowable maximum.

**MOTION:**

Adopt Resolutions 25-14 and 25-15, approving and confirming the assessment diagrams and confirming the assessments as set forth in the Engineer's reports for Landscaping & Lighting Maintenance Districts and Street & Drainage Maintenance Districts within the existing Districts for the 2025-2026 tax year and authorize the levy of assessment upon real property as identified in the Engineer's Reports.

**RESULT:**            **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**            Robert Lombardo, Council Member  
**SECONDER:**        Jim Schooler, Council Member

**AYES:** Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Robert Lombardo, Jim Schooler  
**EXCUSED:** Merl Abel

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### 10. 2026 Town-Wide Crack/Slurry/Cape Seal Project – Town Project No.7037/8340, Award of Construction Contract

Public Works Director Qisha and Engineering Technician Ledua presented the staff report requesting the award of contract to American Asphalt South for the 2025-26 Annual Crack/Slurry/Cape Seal Project.

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

#### **MOTION:**

- Approve the award of a construction contract with American Asphalt South, Inc., in the amount of \$1,550,150.00 to construct 2026 Town-Wide Slurry/Cape Seal Project;
- Authorize construction, construction contingencies, and inspection costs in the total amount of \$1,862,153.00; and
- Authorize the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney to execute the agreement, and authorize the Town Manager or designee to expend contingency funds, if necessary, for project completion.

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

### 11. FY 2025-26 Public Safety Contract Amendment

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Captain Warrick and Town Manager Yakimow presented the staff report requesting an amendment to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Contract for public safety services. The proposed amendment is for an annual cost of \$6,489,400 and represents a decrease of \$28,078 from the FY24-25 contract cost. This decrease is due to a worker's compensation modification credit approved by the San Bernardino County for the current service levels as well as expected retirement cost reductions in the County's funding structure.

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

Louie Lobato, Yucca Valley thanked the sheriff's department for their service to the community.

\_\_\_\_\_ spoke, urged law enforce to consider the environmental impact of using AI.

Council Member Schooler thanked Captain Warrick for the great service and thanked Pastor Lobato for expressing his thoughts for the community. Yucca Valley is a safe community. Schooler expressed he was glad to hear the positive report on the enforcement of Prop 36 and spoke of the many community activities the Sheriff's Department personnel are seen participating in.

Council Member Denison thanked Warrick for the depth of service provided to the Town as it is much appreciated.

**MOTION:**

Approve an amendment for fiscal year 2025-26 to the contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$6,489,400 and authorize the Town Manager or Mayor to sign on behalf of the Town.

|                  |                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jim Schooler, Council Member                            |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Rick Denison, Council Member                            |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Robert Lombardo, Jim Schooler |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Merl Abel                                               |

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Town Manager Yakimow announced the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter Operational Review and the Volunteer Program Policy Review is scheduled for the Town Council meeting of June 3, 2025. The Old Town Beautification Program naming and a farmers' market RFP review will be on the June 17, 2025 agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Drozd opened public comments for items not on the agenda.

Frank, Yucca Valley complemented the Senior Center staff for their work with the seniors.

The following provided comments and suggestions for the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter:

Susan Herring, Pioneertown  
Christine Bostrom, Yucca Valley  
James Porter, Yucca Valley  
Susan Walls, Joshua Tree  
Allie Irwin, Joshua Tree  
Taura Edwards, Yucca Valley  
Greg Gendron, Yucca Valley

Jennifer Hurlburt, \_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Contopulous, Yucca Valley  
Christie Carter, \_\_\_\_

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

#### **STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Community Services Earnest provided information on the upcoming Grubstake Days events and upcoming events and programs provided by the Community Services Department.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle announced upcoming Planning Commission review items.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Denison complemented the Senior Center staff and thanked the seniors for their patience while the Center is under construction. Denison spoke of the benefits of the learn to swim program.

Council Member Lombardo thanked the public for their comment, acknowledged the Public Works staff and invited the community to come out and enjoy the Grubstake Days events.

Council Member Schooler gave kudos to the Town's Public Works team and reported on the great progress being made at the Yucca Valley Aquatics and Recreation Center construction site.

Mayor Drozd announced a Memorial Day event at the Joshua Tree Memorial Park at 11am on Monday, May 26, 2025. Drozd commented that even with the final Animal Shelter Operation Review Report due on June 3, 2025, positive progress is already being made at the Shelter.

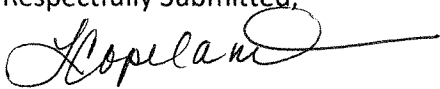
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

With no further business, Mayor Drozd adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lesley Copeland", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 1, 2025**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Real Property Negotiations**

The Town Council met in closed session pursuant to the provision of Government Code Section 54956. 8 to confer with legal counsel and conference with real property negotiators as follows:

1. Property: APN 0595-162-08, 57271 Twentynine Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley, CA  
Agency Negotiator: Curtis Yakimow, Town Manager  
Negotiating Party: San Bernardino County  
Under Negotiation: Instruction regarding price and terms of payment
  
2. Property: APN 0595-061-05, West Side Palm Ave, North of Sunland, Yucca Valley, CA  
Negotiating Party: Alejandro Miramontes, Owner of Record  
Agency Negotiator: Curtis Yakimow, Town Manager  
Under Negotiation: Instruction regarding price and terms of payment

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Town Attorney Jex reported closed session adjourned at 4:48 p.m. with no reportable action.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeff Drozd called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Drozd, Abel, Denison, Schooler  
ABSENT: Lombardo (Excused)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Drozd

**INVOCATION**

Led by Pastor Daniel Hanna, Crossview Bible Church

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS****1. Proclamation- Partners Against Violence- Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Mayor Drozd presented a proclamation to Partners Against Violence, proclaiming April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**2. Proclamation- San Bernardino County Children's Network- Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Mayor Drozd presented a proclamation to San Bernardino County Children's Network, proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**3. Approve the "Shot Clock" Tolling Agreement Amendment between the Town of Yucca Valley and VB BTS II, LLC, Federal Communications Commission Permit Processing Timeline Requirements for Cellular Service Facilities****MOTION:**

Approve the amended tolling agreement and authorize the Town Manager to execute the agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and VB BTS II, LLC, for a "shot clock" tolling agreement for Conditional Use Permit 03-23, Environmental Assessment 14-23, and Variance 03-23, for waiver of state mandated CEQA processing timelines.

**4. Adopt the Resolution No. 25-05 Updating Assessment Engineer's Reports for Previously Formed Street & Drainage and Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Assessment 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 2025-2026 TAX YEAR**

**MOTION:**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-05, 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.

5. **Adopt the Resolution No 25-06 Standard Plans and Specifications (Standards), Amendments to Standard Drawings**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING STANDARD DRAWING, STANDARDS PLANS AND SPECIFICATION NUMBERS 109, 112, 200, 200A, 202, 203, 210, 211, 212, 213, 220, 221, 300, 301, 302, 303, 305, 322, 400, 451, 490, 522, AND 522A, AND REMOVE STANDARD DRAWINGS 201, 222, AND 540.**

**MOTION:**

Adopt Resolution No.25-06, amending the Town of Yucca Valley Standard Plans and Specifications, modifying and updating the Standard Drawings, Standards 109, 112, 200, 200A, 202, 203, 210, 211, 212, 213, 220, 221, 300, 301, 302, 303, 305, 322, 400, 451, 490, 522, 522A, and remove Standard Drawings 201, 222, and 540.

6. **Adopt the Town-Wide Slurry / Cape Seal Project – Town Project No.7037/8340 Approval of Plans and Specification**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TOWNWIDE SLURRY/CAPE SEAL PROJECT IN SAID TOWN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS.**

**MOTION:**

Adopt Resolution 25-07, approve the specifications for Project No. 7037/8340, and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise and receive bids.

7. **Approve the On-Call Berm Repair and Replacement Maintenance Services authorization to release a Request for Proposals**

**MOTION:**

Authorize the release of an RFP for On-Call Berm Repair and Replacement maintenance services.

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**

8. **Animal Shelter Operational Review Update One**

Town Manager Yakimow began the presentation for the Interim Animal Shelter Operations Report #1 and announced the dedicated webpage for the operational review.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle continued the presentation, providing the initial report of findings, history of animal shelter services since incorporation, staffing levels, and a visual tour of the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter.

Mayor Drozd opened public comments.

The following provided comments on the animal shelter operations:

Cheryl Contopulos, Yucca Valley  
Valya Kindelvich, No City of Residence Given  
Barbara Sommars, Landers  
Susan Herring, Pioneertown  
James Porter, Yucca Valley  
Christine Bostrom, No City of Residence Given  
Shianne May, Yucca Valley  
Marta Jara-Rueda, Desert Hot Springs  
Susan Burnett, Pioneertown  
Taura Edwards, No City of Residence Given  
Meredith Kuchon, Yucca Valley  
Kristal Mack, Yucca Valley  
Shaina Steavens, Yucca Valley  
Shirley ? (online)  
Rhonda Duval, Yucca Valley  
Kristin Brock, Yucca Valley  
Lily Feliciano, Yucca Valley

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

Town Manager Yakimow thanked those who spoke this evening for their suggestions.

Mayor Drozd explained the information presented this evening is an interim report, the operational review will continue.

Council Member Abel expressed appreciation for the public input and thanked staff for providing the update. Abel asked if field services are included in the shelter services statistics. Abel requested clarification between San Bernardino County and Town of Yucca Valley calls for service.

Council Member Schooler asked if there were any San Bernardino County employees working at the shelter.

Council Member Denison thanked those in attendance for the comments and appreciated this evening's report to get a sense of where we are at, to be able to move forward.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

**9. Town Sponsorship of the 2025 MBHS Joshua Tree No-Kill Shelter "Woof Walk" Event**

Community Services Manager Earnest presented the staff report for the consideration of the Town sponsoring the upcoming Woof Walk presented by the Morongo Basin Humane Society.

Mayor Drozd opened public comment.

Glenn Harris, Co-President of the Morongo Basin Humane Society thanked the Council for the support and gave a brief background on the organization and the Woof-Walk event.

Donna Davies, Vice President of the Morongo Basin Humane Society commented on the benefits of the Town's support for a Basin-wide event.

\_\_\_\_ (no name given) spoke of the poor customer service experienced at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Abel asked Harris to provide information on the proposed expansion of the Morongo Basin Humane Society's Joshua Tree facility. Abel spoke favorably of the sponsorship of the event as an opportunity to help support a good cause and to showcase Yucca Valley's great park facility.

Council Member Denison thanked Harris for the update and was complementary of the opportunity to sponsor the event.

Council Member Schooler and Mayor Drozd agreed with previous Council Member comments.

**MOTION:**

Approve Town sponsorship of the 2025 Morongo Basin Humane Society Joshua Tree No-Kill Shelter "Woof Walk" Fundraising Event through in-kind support including waiver of fees for facility use, equipment use, and staff hours in the amount of \$1,566.00.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:**           Jim Schooler, Council Member

**SECONDER:**      Rick Denison, Council Member

**AYES:**           Jeff Drozd, Merl Abel, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**EXCUSED:**       Robert Lombardo

**10. Ordinance No. , Abatement of Public Nuisances**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle presented the staff report and read the ordinance title into the record. Stueckle explained the proposed update to the Town's municipal code, relating to the storage of inoperable vehicles, and the parking of recreational vehicles.

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

Council Member Denison thanked staff for bringing this item forward.

**MOTION:**

Find the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) which states that if an activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Introduces Ordinance 328, amending Chapters 6.04, of Title 6, Health and Sanitation Code, of the Yucca Valley Municipal Code.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES, SECTION 6.04.020 DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 6.04.030 DECLARATION OF NUISANCE.

**RESULT:**           **INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]**

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

**SECONDER:**      Jim Schooler, Council Member

**AYES:**           Jeff Drozd, Merl Abel, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler

**EXCUSED:**       Robert Lombardo

**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**

Public Works Director Qishta provided an update on the Old Town Parking Area Project.

Community Services Manager Earnest provided a recap of the recent Healthy Hearts Run and announced the opening of the new "From Waste to Wonder" exhibit at the Hi Desert Nature Museum.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Denison thanked the community for coming out and providing comments and commented on the proclamations issued this evening.

Council Member Schooler agreed with Council Member Denison.

Mayor Pro Tem Abel complimented staff for the recent Healthy Hearts Run event with the largest turnout ever.

Mayor Drozd thanked public for participating in the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

With no further business, Mayor Drozd adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lesley Copeland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk

**Town of Yucca Valley**  
**Account Detail 7/01/2025 to 6/30/2026**

| <u>Date</u>                  | <u>Post Type</u> | <u>Source</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Description</u>                                                                                        | <u>Units</u> | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
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| 517 00 8313 8340 00 0000 000 |                  |               |                  | Capital Project Construction Town Wide Slurry Seal                                                        |              |              |               | 0.00           |
| 9/30/2025 Actual             |                  | A/P           | 2025-2478A       | AMERICAN ASPHALT SOUTH, INC.<br>2025 Town-Wide Crack/Seal & Slurry/Seal Cape Project                      |              | 633,153.00   |               | 633,153.00     |
| 517 00 8313 8340 00 0000 000 |                  |               |                  | Capital Project Construction Town Wide Slurry Seal Total                                                  | 0.00         | 633,153.00   | 0.00          | 633,153.00     |
| 524 59 8313 8340 00 0000 000 |                  |               |                  | Capital Project Construction Town Wide Slurry Seal                                                        |              |              |               | 0.00           |
| 9/30/2025 Actual             |                  | A/P           | 2025-2478A       | AMERICAN ASPHALT SOUTH, INC.<br>2025 Town-Wide Crack/Seal & Slurry/Seal Cape Project                      |              | 541,247.00   |               | 541,247.00     |
| 9/30/2025 Actual             |                  | A/P           | 2025-2478B       | AMERICAN ASPHALT SOUTH, INC.<br>2025 Town-Wide Crack/Seal & Slurry/Seal Cape Project                      |              | 191,518.32   |               | 732,765.32     |
| 12/31/2025 Actual            |                  | A/P           | 2025-2501        | AMERICAN ASPHALT SOUTH, INC.<br>2025 Town-Wide Crack/Seal & Slurry/Seal Cape Project                      |              | 224,325.00   |               | 957,090.32     |
| 524 59 8313 8340 00 0000 000 |                  |               |                  | Capital Project Construction Town Wide Slurry Seal Total                                                  | 0.00         | 957,090.32   | 0.00          | 957,090.32     |
| 801 59 8313 8340 00 0000 000 |                  |               |                  | Capital Project Construction Town Wide Slurry Seal                                                        |              |              |               | 0.00           |
| 8/29/2025 Actual             |                  | G/L           |                  | Payroll Import 08/29/2025                                                                                 |              | 440.72       |               | 440.72         |
| 9/12/2025 Actual             |                  | G/L           |                  | Payroll Import 09/12/2025                                                                                 |              | 385.63       |               | 826.35         |
| 9/24/2025 Actual             |                  | A/P           | LP1025-58        | Landmark Consultants, Inc<br>2025 Slurry/Cape Seal Project, Materials Testing Services, 09/11/25-09/24/25 |              | 4,200.00     |               | 5,026.35       |
| 9/30/2025 Actual             |                  | A/P           | 2025-2478A       | AMERICAN ASPHALT SOUTH, INC.<br>2025 Town-Wide Crack/Seal & Slurry/Seal Cape Project                      |              | 150,000.00   |               | 155,026.35     |
| 10/08/2025 Actual            |                  | A/P           | LP1125-28        | Landmark Consultants, Inc<br>2025 Slurry/Cape Seal Project, Materials Testing Services, 09/25/25-10/08/25 |              | 4,500.00     |               | 159,526.35     |
| 10/10/2025 Actual            |                  | G/L           |                  | Payroll Import 10/10/2025                                                                                 |              | 2,368.87     |               | 161,895.22     |
| 10/24/2025 Actual            |                  | G/L           |                  | Payroll Import 10/24/2025                                                                                 |              | 881.44       |               | 162,776.66     |

**Town of Yucca Valley**  
**Account Detail 7/01/2025 to 6/30/2026**

| <u>Date</u>                                                                           | <u>Post Type</u> | <u>Source</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Description</u>                                                                                               | <u>Units</u> | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
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| 10/28/2025                                                                            | Actual           | A/P           | LP1125-74        | Landmark Consultants, Inc<br>2025 Slurry/Cape Seal Project,<br>Materials Testing Services,<br>10/09/25-10/22/25  |              | 2,112.00     |               | 164,888.66     |
| 11/07/2025                                                                            | Actual           | G/L           |                  | Payroll Import 11/07/2025                                                                                        |              | 220.36       |               | 165,109.02     |
| 11/21/2025                                                                            | Actual           | G/L           |                  | Payroll Import 11/21/2025                                                                                        |              | 206.59       |               | 165,315.61     |
| 12/03/2025                                                                            | Actual           | A/P           | LP1325-24        | Landmark Consultants, Inc<br>2025 Slurry/Cape Seal Project,<br>Materials Testing Services, through<br>12/03/2025 |              | 3,450.00     |               | 168,765.61     |
| 801 59 8313 8340 00 0000 000 Capital Project Construction Town Wide Slurry Seal Total |                  |               |                  |                                                                                                                  | 0.00         | 168,765.61   | 0.00          | 168,765.61     |
| Report Total                                                                          |                  |               |                  |                                                                                                                  | 0.00         | 1,759,008.93 | 0.00          | 1,759,008.93   |

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Brooke Dudra, Deputy Town Clerk

**Date:** January 22, 2026

**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2026

**Subject:** Town of Yucca Valley 35th Anniversary Celebration

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council approve the 35th Anniversary Celebration Plan as presented.

**Prior Review:**

There has been no prior review of this item.

**Discussion:**

The Town of Yucca Valley will mark the 35th anniversary of its incorporation this year. This milestone provides an opportunity to recognize the Town's history, honor those who have contributed to its growth, and engage the community in celebrating the Town's identity and future direction.

Rather than hosting a single standalone event, staff proposes incorporating anniversary recognition into existing Town activities and milestone events throughout the year. Several major projects are scheduled for completion this year, including the Senior Center Modernization Improvements, the Community Center Pickleball Courts, and the highly anticipated Yucca Valley Aquatics and Recreation Center (YVARC). Ribbon cuttings and grand openings for these projects provide ideal opportunities to highlight the Town's 35-year journey, celebrate community progress, and share the vision for Yucca Valley's future.

Additional anniversary activities will include community giveaways with commemorative items, public recognition of partners and media support, elementary school art displays in Town Hall, and storytelling that highlights Yucca Valley's unique history and continued growth. The Town also plans to incorporate interactive outreach opportunities with neighboring communities. Residents are encouraged to follow along on the Town's social media channels for updates, long-time resident stories, local history, fun facts and information on anniversary events throughout the year.

This year-long celebration provides multiple opportunities for community participation while honoring Yucca Valley's history, recognizing community contributions, and build excitement for the Town's future.

**Alternatives**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

Expenses associated with anniversary activities will be covered within the General Fund budget allocated for special events. The estimated cost for these activities is \$30,000, and no additional appropriations are requested at this time.

**Attachments**

1. 35th Anni- Schedule Work Plan

| 35th Anniversary Work Plan |                                                        |                                                                                                                        | Completed |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| January                    |                                                        |                                                                                                                        |           |
| Date                       | Task                                                   | Notes                                                                                                                  |           |
| January 16th               | Introduce to Staff                                     | All-staff kickoff to launch anniversary plans                                                                          | Done      |
| February – March 2026      |                                                        |                                                                                                                        |           |
| Date                       | Task                                                   | Notes                                                                                                                  |           |
| February 4th               | Town Council & Community Launch                        | Public announcement at Meeting                                                                                         |           |
| February 5th               | Anniversary Signature Block Launch & Letterhead        | Staff encouraged to update email signatures; website and social media updated                                          |           |
| February 5th               | Press Release                                          | Drafted                                                                                                                |           |
| February 5th               | Start Ad in Hi Desert Star and Z1077                   | Celebrating 35 years with thanks to our local (radio station) (newspaper) for being a longtime voice in our community. |           |
| Feb 5th- Ongoing           | Start Throwback Thursday or 35th Anniversary Fun Facts | TS                                                                                                                     |           |
| March 2nd                  | Senior Center Ribbon Cutting / Event                   | Event with booth, swag, and media coverage                                                                             |           |
| February-March             | Kids Art Project                                       | Elementary school project; submissions collected by end of March and hung in TH or CS                                  |           |
| April – December 2026      |                                                        |                                                                                                                        |           |
| Date                       | Task                                                   | Notes                                                                                                                  |           |
| April 10th or 24th         | All Staff meeting                                      | Swag giveaway to staff                                                                                                 |           |
| April                      | Community Center Pickleball Ribbon Cutting / Event     | Event with booth, giveaways, and local media                                                                           |           |
| July 4th                   | 4th of July Booth                                      | Community booth with swag, giveaways, and interactive activities                                                       |           |
| September                  | YV ARC                                                 | Community booth with swag, giveaways, and interactive activities                                                       |           |
| December                   | SOTT Event                                             | Last community event of the year with giveaways and celebration                                                        |           |

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Jared Jerome, Associate Planner, Shane Stueckle, Deputy Town Manager

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2026

**Subject:** Land Development Update

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council receives and files the report.

**Prior Review:**

There has been no prior review of this item. The purpose of this report is to update the Town Council on private land development and capital project activity.

**Discussion:**

Town staff will provide the Town Council with an update of current private land development and capital projects and anticipated schedules.

**Alternatives**

None.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Attachments**

None

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Jessica Rice, Senior Management Analyst

**Date:** January 27, 2026

**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2026

**Subject:** Update on Solid Waste & Recycling

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council receive and file this update on the Town's solid waste and recycling programs.

**Prior Review:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

Staff has been working with Burrtec on planning and implementing programs and community events that will aid in the Town's compliance with required recycling legislation, specifically SB 1383. This report will provide the Council with an update on the Town's implementation program for SB 1383, as well as updates on other recycling events and programs.

**SB 1383 Update**

SB 1383 is legislation from the State of California that requires every town and city to implement organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses. The law, signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2016, aims to address climate change by reducing the state's methane emissions that come from landfills. The extensive SB 1383 regulations required the Town to implement new organics recycling programs for all residents and businesses, implement an edible food recovery program, perform waste assessments to ensure contamination is minimized, perform inspections, provide enforcement, provide public education and outreach for these programs, and keep extensive recordkeeping on all of these items.

Staff has been busy over the past 5+ years preparing for the implementation of SB 1383, which now encompasses all of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs. During that time, the Town updated its solid waste ordinance, renegotiated the franchise agreement with Burrtec, and moved to residential tax roll billing in 2020. In 2022 the Town updated its solid waste ordinance again to further comply with the final regulations for SB 1383 compliance. Also in

2022 the Town submitted a Notice of Intent to Comply to CalRecycle outlining the Town's plan and timeframe for implementing all of the required programming under SB 1383. In 2023 the Town entered into an MOU with the County of San Bernardino Environmental Health Division to provide edible food recovery services and enforcement for identified Tier 1 and Tier 2 edible food generators (restaurants and grocery stores). At the end of 2023 the Town, together with Burrtec, launched a massive rollout campaign for the implementation of residential and commercial organics recycling programs, with the Town starting these programs in January 2024.

The rollout included a series of site visits to commercial and multi-family customers, flyers and letters mailed to residents and commercial customers, informational handouts provided in both English and Spanish, employee/tenant trainings, webinars, a live food scrap demonstration, and the provision of a green cart or bin in which to place organics.

### **Fun Facts**

In 2025:

- Yucca Valley residents helped divert 292 tons of organic materials and 1,267 tons of recycling from the landfill.
- Yucca Valley businesses helped divert 470 tons of organic materials and 1,861 tons of recycling from the landfill.
- Yucca Valley residents used the Bulky Item Pickup program 3,249 times.
- Burrtec collected 869 mattresses and 1,112 metal goods (refrigerators, washers & dryers, etc).
- Burrtec reported that 1.25 tons of Christmas trees were collected curbside and were recycled.

### **Other Town Recycling Programs**

#### **Bulky Item Pickup Program**

Town residents can have up to 4 bulky items picked up from their curbside, up to 4 times per year for free. Bulky items like BBQ's, refrigerators or other appliances, mattresses and other furniture, large boxes/crates, etc. can be picked up by calling Burrtec at (760) 365-2015 to schedule the pickup day.

#### **HHW Facility in Joshua Tree**

The Town contracts with San Bernardino County to allow Yucca Valley residents to utilize the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility in Joshua Tree to properly dispose of their home generated hazardous waste. The facility (located at 62499 29 Palms Hwy, Joshua Tree) is open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9am – 1pm.

Items accepted at the HHW facility include: auto and household batteries, fluorescent lightbulbs, household generated sharps/needles (in an approved container), motor oil and used oil filters, antifreeze, paint, appliances, etc. More information can be found

at <https://sbcfire.org/hhw> or by calling 1-800-OILYCAT.

### **Upcoming Events for Town Residents**

#### **Community Cleanup/Compost Giveaway Event**

Staff is planning a Community Cleanup/Compost Giveaway event to be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am – Noon at Burrtec’s Yucca Valley Transfer Station. Residents can bring electronics, furniture, appliances, up to 4 rimless tires and green waste. While there they can also pick up some free self-serve compost.

In the past, these events have been very successful, collecting an average of:

- 31.81 tons of trash
- 4.66 tons of tires
- 4.80 tons of e-waste
- 6.34 tons of metal

#### **Used Oil Filter Exchange Event**

Staff is working with San Bernardino County HHW staff to host a free used oil filter exchange and recycling event on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Auto Zone in Yucca Valley. Residents can bring used oil filters to recycle and exchange for a voucher to get a new one free.

### **Final Thoughts and Summary**

Additional information about the Town’s organics recycling program are regularly provided on the Town’s social media platforms, in community newsletters, and can always be found on the Town’s website at [www.yucca-valley.org/organics](http://www.yucca-valley.org/organics).

### **Alternatives**

None

### **Fiscal Impact:**

None

### **Attachments**

None

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Curtis Yakimow, Town Manager

**Date:** January 29, 2026

**Meeting Date:** February 3, 2026

**Subject:** FY 2026-28 Final Draft Strategic Plan Review

**Recommendation:**

Review and approve the final draft FY 2026-28 Strategic Plan and direct staff to incorporate the plan priorities into the FY 2026-28 budget process and policy planning activities.

**Prior Review:**

FY 2026-28 Draft Strategic Plan Status Review

**Discussion:**

The Town utilizes the Strategic Planning process to determine the appropriate goals and objectives that will further the mission of the Town in the near, mid, and long-term planning horizons. Through the process, prioritization of objectives and initiatives are developed that are then reflected in a measurable work plan supported by the Town's allocation of resources through the adopted budget.

Strategic Planning Process

A key component of the Strategic Planning process included significant public outreach efforts designed to engage and encourage residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to provide input on concerns and issues of importance to them.

Through these workshops and Town outreach efforts, stakeholders were able to contribute thoughts, ideas, and suggestions for Council consideration in the Strategic Planning process.

The 2026-28 Strategic Plan was built within the framework of the following actions:

1. FY 2024-26 Approved Strategic Plan
2. 2023 Community Livability Formal Survey
3. Town Council Ideas & Initiatives
4. Draft Review January 20, 2026

## 5. Final Review February 3, 2026

### Strategic Plan Strategies and Action Plans and Next Steps

The final step in completing the comprehensive 2026-28 Strategic Plan is the inclusion of specific strategies and actions plans to support the goals and objectives as previously identified. In essence, the strategies and actions plan provide Town staff with the nuts and bolts work plan to deliver the objectives of the Strategic Plan. Town Council comments from the draft review have been incorporated into the final draft. For ease of review, newly updated strategies are highlighted in the final draft. Once adopted, the FY 2026-28 Strategic Plan will be the basis for the FY 2026-28 budget development process, planned for Spring 2026.

### **Alternatives**

### **Fiscal Impact:**

### **Attachments**

1. Final Draft Strategic Plan

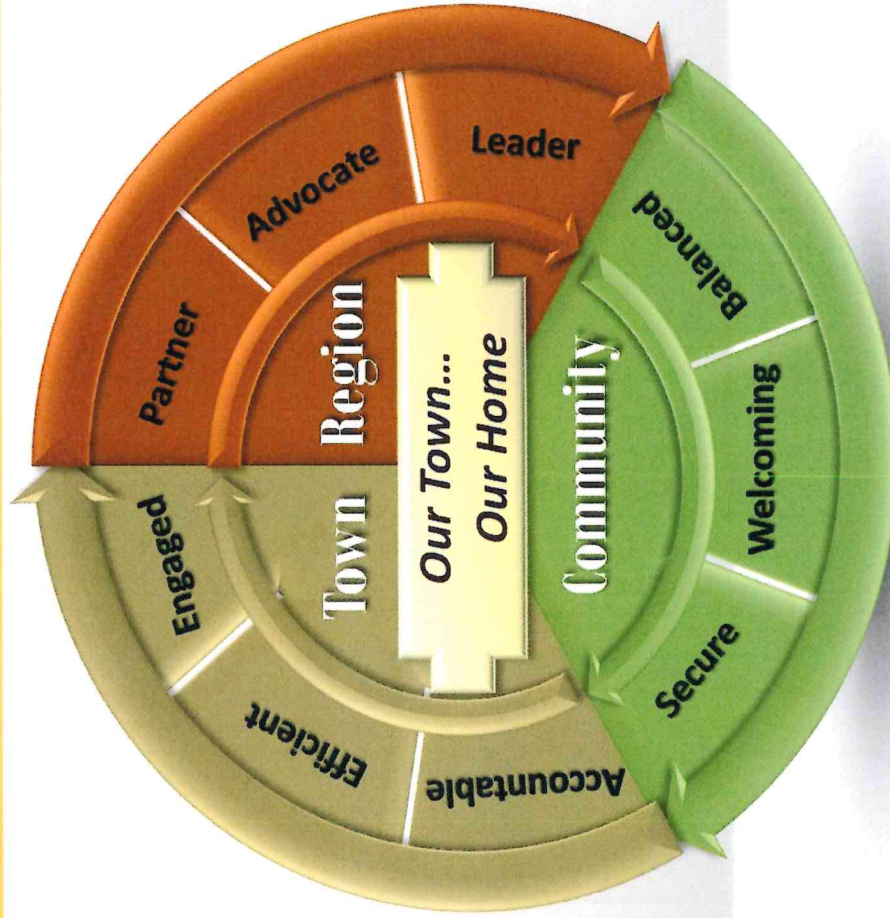
# ***Town of Yucca Valley***



## ***2026-2028 Strategic Plan***

**FINAL REVIEW**

## Strategic Plan and Objectives



## *Town of Yucca Valley*

Strategic Plan 2026-2028

### *OUR TOWN...OUR HOME*

Our Town...Our Home.... What does that mean? When we consider our Town to be our Home, we identify a personal commitment to the success of our Town. Just as we strive to enhance and support our individual homes, we take the same approach in the governance, management and execution of Town projects, programs and services. As a unified team of elected officials, management and staff, the Town of Yucca Valley works together toward the primary goal of protecting and enhancing our quality of life in Town to ensure that Yucca Valley remains *Our Town....Our Home*.

When we partner together as a *Town*, we understand the need to be Engaged with our residents. We understand the expectation that the Town organization is to be Efficient in use of resources, and we are held Accountable for the delivery of essential services, such as public safety and infrastructure.

When we partner together as a *Community*, we understand the importance of a Secure community, with reasonable expectations of a safe environment at home and around Town. Further, our Community should be a Welcoming community both aesthetically in visual sight, and operationally with minimal barriers for all businesses – small, medium and large. We also appreciate the sense of a Balanced community that places an appropriate emphasis on quality of life as evidenced by the Community's recreational assets, reasonable support for arts and culture, and appreciation for natural amenities right outside our doors.

When we partner together as a **Region**, we understand the regional role of Yucca Valley as the Leader and economic hub in the Morongo Basin, continuing to support responsible growth of business that benefits the entire region. We act as an Advocate to ensure that the voice of the Morongo Basin is well represented at the regional, state and national levels. And finally, we stand as a Partner with our neighbors and colleagues in the reality that many of the services provided throughout the Basin are not confined to individual boundaries.

***Moving Forward... Together***

**Town**

**Objective 1 – Engaged**

**Objective 2 – Accountable**

**Objective 3 – Efficient**

***Moving Forward... Together***

**Community**

**Objective 4 – Secure**

**Objective 5 – Welcoming**

**Objective 6 – Balanced**

***Moving Forward... Together***

**Region**

**Objective 7 – Leader**

**Objective 8 – Advocate**

**Objective 9 – Partner**

## Our Town...Our Home

FY 2026-28

| Goal | Objective | # | Strategy                                                                                                                             | Action Plan                                                                                                                                                        | Priority | Division  |
|------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Town | Engaged   | 1 | Ensure effective and efficient access to Town information                                                                            | Complete the transition of the Town's existing on-line web platform for efficiency and effectiveness.                                                              | High     | IT/TC     |
|      |           | 2 |                                                                                                                                      | Develop a recommended transition plan for add-on components, including mobile access and on-line payment options, covering heavily used transactions as available. | Med      | IT/TC/FIN |
| Town | Engaged   | 3 | Utilize an effective multi-media platform to communicate with residents, businesses and stakeholders                                 | Use the Town's Social Media platforms on a weekly basis to communicate ongoing activities, information and needs.                                                  | Med      | IT/TC     |
| Town |           | 4 |                                                                                                                                      | Distribute timely and helpful educational and informational materials to residents in a variety of formats and methods to ensure maximum reach.                    | Med      | TC        |
| Town | Engaged   | 5 | Engage the Community with education and information regarding impacts related to the Town's Measure Y and Z                          | Provide information and education regarding the existing Measure Y and Measure Z.                                                                                  | High     | TM/PIO    |
| Town | Efficient | 6 |                                                                                                                                      | Evaluate current and potential programs funded through Measure Y for affirmation, modification and sustainability.                                                 | Low      | TM/PIO    |
| Town |           | 7 | Maintain efficient and effective management of the Town's critical records according to Municipal Record's Management Best Practices | Develop a transition plan for migrating critical records to electronic storage.                                                                                    | High     | TC        |
|      |           | 8 |                                                                                                                                      | Research and present opportunities for online access to Town public records.                                                                                       | High     | TC        |
|      |           | 9 |                                                                                                                                      | Assist in the review and/or development of a comprehensive electronic communication policy, inclusive of required retention policy.                                | Med      | TC/IT     |

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| Town | Efficient      | 10 | Ensure near, mid and long-term fiscal stability of the Town                                                                                                          | Continue implementation of Town established policies related to debt, pension stabilization, capital funding, investment of funds and related policies.                                        | High     | FIN      |
|      |                | 11 |                                                                                                                                                                      | Maximize interest earnings through utilization of innovative investment policies and alternatives.                                                                                             | High     | FIN/TC   |
|      |                | 12 |                                                                                                                                                                      | Increase automated processes for recurring required financial processes including ACFR preparation and budget preparation and reporting.                                                       | Low      | FIN      |
| Town | Efficient      | 13 | Build new and innovative Community Services programs and services in advance and support of the YV ARC                                                               | Review and assess the Town's recreation programming for possible expansion, efficiencies and consolidation in the proposed YVARC project facility for maximum staffing/operational efficiency. | High     | CS       |
|      |                | 14 |                                                                                                                                                                      | Develop funding model and operational alternatives for the YV ARC center including initial program offerings, staffing plans, pro forma rev/exp models and membership program options.         | High     | CS/FIN   |
| Town | Infrastructure | 15 | Build and Expand the Park Space in Old Town at Founders Plaza that will include event space, dog park, and other amenities for residents and an anchor for Old Town. | Develop Grant Applications to give the ability for the Town to build these amenities.                                                                                                          | High     | CS       |
|      |                | 16 |                                                                                                                                                                      | Implement Community Farmers Market consistent with the priorities identified in the Community Livability Survey                                                                                | High     | CS/FIN   |
| Town | Efficient      | 17 | Provide a functional IT network and system that allows and supports workplace efficiencies and experiences minimal disruptions                                       | Update Town's IT Masterplan.                                                                                                                                                                   | Med      | IT       |

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| Town | Efficient | 18 | Develop essential policies related to the administration and application of the Town's IT systems | Engage the Town's IT consultants to develop the appropriate draft policies related to cyber security, records, and liability.                                                                             | Med      | IT/HR    |
|      | Efficient | 19 | Provide enhanced solid waste and recycling opportunities for Town residents                       | Work with hauler to provide an enhanced recycling drop-off for residents at new transfer station to provide easier opportunities for recycling and help prevent illegal dumping.                          | High     | SW       |
|      |           | 20 |                                                                                                   | Work with hauler and local organizations in identifying food recovery options for local businesses in order to comply with current solid waste legislation and regulations.                               | Med      | SW       |
| Town | Efficient | 21 | Enhance customer service options for businesses and residents through consolidated services       | Accelerate long-term planning for consolidated Town hall services to commence with library transition.                                                                                                    | High     | PW/CD    |
|      |           | 22 |                                                                                                   | Develop initial range of relocation options and funding model for a permanent Town Council chambers to maximize efficiency for Council, Commission and public meetings. Entirely or in a Phased Approach. | High     | PW/CD    |
| Town | Efficient | 23 | Provide for efficient and effective operational continuity within Town operations                 | Review the Town's current and projected staffing structure; develop staffing resources in a planned and effective manner.                                                                                 | Med      | TM/HR    |

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| Town | Accountable | 24 | Provide a positive and responsible work environment for Town Employees         | Evaluate current employee feedback and engagement through formal survey tools and protocols and identify potential best practice recommendations for possible implementation. | Med      | TM/HR    |
|      |             | 25 |                                                                                | Evaluate current employee training programs and protocols and identify potential best practice recommendations for possible implementation.                                   | Med      | HR       |
|      |             | 26 |                                                                                | Evaluate and update Town policies and related implementation documentation to promote effective employee evaluation, development, and recognition.                            | High     | HR       |
| Town |             | 27 | Provide for caring, efficient and effective Animal Care and Control operations | Continue implementation of the Town Council's Animal Shelter Operational Review recommendations.                                                                              | High     | ACC      |

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| Community | Secure    | 1 | Provide an effective and efficient Public Safety Plan for the Community   | Review and analyze existing volunteer programs and develop alternatives that can effectively supplement contract services, including Neighborhood Watch, COP and SAR.                                                                             | Med      | PS       |
|           |           | 2 | Enhance wayfinding, signage, and continuity within the Town.              | Evaluate existing signage patterns within the Town and add, modify, and/or eliminate signage to achieve concise but effective wayfinding and directional assets within the Town.                                                                  | Med      | PW       |
| Community | Secure    | 3 | Ensure community is prepared for disasters                                | Stay engaged with County OES, keep Emergency Plans updated (i.e.: EOP, Hazard Mitigation, etc.) Utilize social media to keep citizens informed. Complete Hazard Mitigation Plan update.                                                           | High     | EO       |
|           |           | 4 | Promote emergency preparedness of Town Staff                              | Provide employees with the opportunity to attend specialized emergency management training. Provide information about preparedness at home and in the workplace. Hold an emergency/active shooter training and exercise in each of the two years. | Med      | EO       |
| Community | Secure    | 5 | Ensure the Town has access to a functional EOC in the event of activation | Engage SBCFD with respect to a shared/joint EOC in a new fire station facility; evaluate options to accelerate.                                                                                                                                   | Med      | EO       |
|           |           | 6 | Ensure proper governance in times of disaster                             | Develop a Continuity Plan (COOP) with applicable basin partners to ensure the continuity of critical functions and governance in times of disaster.                                                                                               | Med      | EO       |
| Community | Secure    | 7 | Active Shooter and Stop the Bleeding Training                             | Develop Training with exercises to be prepared IF a catastrophic event happens within our community.                                                                                                                                              | Med      | EO       |

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| Community | Welcoming | 8  | Establish the Town as a welcoming community for businesses, residents, and visitors alike         | Review the Town's existing Community Relations plans and activities to ensure maximum exposure in critical areas.                                                                                                            | High     | PIO      |
|           |           | 9  |                                                                                                   | Review and update the Town's Outdoor Lighting Regulations to reflect modern technologies, standards, and consistency with California Building Codes                                                                          | Med      | CD       |
| Community | Welcoming | 10 | Establish the Town as a welcoming community for businesses, residents, and visitors alike         | Evaluate the Town's engagement and collaboration with the Desert Regional Tourism Agency. Affirm or modify structure as appropriate to achieve Town objectives.                                                              | High     | TM       |
|           |           | 11 |                                                                                                   | Evaluate the concept of a municipal arts district or alternative designation in the Old Town area to leverage organic growth in the Town's art community, encouraging artistic creativity, visitation, and economic benefit. | Med      | CS/TM    |
|           |           | 12 | Established appropriate infrastructure programs as provided for through Town resources            | Continue delivery of the Town's Pavement Management System recommendations utilizing the Town's appropriate special revenue funding sources, including Measure Y.                                                            | High     | PW       |
| Community | Welcoming | 13 |                                                                                                   | Provide a review of the Town's existing approved Maintained Road System and develop potential policy modifications addressing identified major arterial dirt road areas within Town limits.                                  | High     | PW/CD    |
|           |           | 14 |                                                                                                   | Develop and present the appropriate policies for potential modification or addition into the Town's maintained road system.                                                                                                  | High     | PW/CD    |
|           |           | 15 | Promote improved maintenance and appearance of private and public properties along SR 62 & SR 247 | Continued implementation of proactive Code Compliance programs on SR 62 and SR 247. Encourage voluntary compliance through possible incentive programs. Evaluate options for problems.                                       | Med      | CD       |
| Community | Welcoming | 16 |                                                                                                   | Present alternative Parkway design standards to the Council for direction and initial action, with a specified focus on Town entry points.                                                                                   | High     | CD       |

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| Community | 17 Promote improved maintenance and appearance of private and public properties along SR 62 & SR 247                    | 17 |          | Complete assessment of signage and building appearances along SR 62 and provide alternatives for updating and modernization.                                                                             | Med      | CD       |
|           |                                                                                                                         | 18 |          | Ensure continued coordination and cooperation with Caltrans as related to safety and maintenance measures on Hwys 62 & 247.                                                                              | High     | PW/CD    |
|           | 19 Provide a balanced schedule of safe and beneficial recreational alternatives for Yucca Valley residents and visitors | 19 |          | Explore options for Yucca Valley Open Space Event(s) to be reviewed by the PRCC and recommended to TC.                                                                                                   | High     | CS       |
|           |                                                                                                                         | 20 |          | Identify the necessary Town structure and staffing or contract service resources required to assist in an expansion of Town sponsored and Town coordinated events.                                       | High     | CS       |
|           |                                                                                                                         | 21 |          | Evaluate a potential development/improvement plan for the North Park trail and identify required resources and/or sponsors for implementation.                                                           | Med      | CS       |
| Community | 22 Maintain quality of life by coordinating a comprehensive approach for the Town's unhoused population                 | 22 |          | Identify the needs, resources, and appropriate delivery of assistance to the unsheltered and unhoused through continued Town coordination with County and non-profit partners.                           | High     | TM       |
|           | 23 Maintain quality of life by providing recreational activities for patrons of all ages                                | 23 |          | Develop and deliver recreation programs that effectively introduce and maximize new Town facilities (VVARC, Pickleball Complex, Founders Plaza) and reimagine offerings at the modernized Senior Center. | High     | CS       |
|           |                                                                                                                         | 24 |          | Expand HI Desert Nature Museum programming to meet established goals and objectives as outlined in the approved 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.                                                                | Med      | CS/HDNM  |
| Community |                                                                                                                         | 25 |          | HDNM Strategic Plan FY 26-28 - Support MUSD grade level field trip program through Kids' Corner remodel, Museum Outdoor Expansion Project Design and Collections Storage Improvements.                   | Med      | CS/HDNM  |

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| Community | Balanced  | 26 | Support the Town's tourism industry | Evaluate and implement policy changes as required to support visitation to the Town targeting both traditional and modern lodging options.                                                     | High     | TM/CD    |
|           | Balanced  | 27 |                                     | Evaluate and implement marketing options for the Town to support all aspects of the tourism industry leveraging the Town's Transient Occupancy Tax resources.                                  | High     | TM       |
| Community | Balanced  | 28 |                                     | Review and update Old Town Specific Plan. Review for modifications since elimination of rerouting of SR62 and with increase in Basin Tourism; Implement Council direction for tourism support. | Med      | CD       |

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| Region | Leader    | 1        | Continue to develop the Town as a regional retail hub                               | Solicit specific retail operations based on Gap analysis and areas of identified need. Engage professional services as necessary. Provide added focus on existing vacant store fronts/buildings.                                                       | Med TM     |
|        |           | 2        | Engage with community partners in Emergency Management preparation and response     | Work with local agencies and organizations by participating in multi-agency training exercises and plan development.                                                                                                                                   | High EO    |
| Region | Partner   | 3        | Ensure quality Emergency Fire and Medic services to Town residents                  | Partner with the San Bernardino County Fire Department to review and analyze existing EMT services and facilities                                                                                                                                      | Med TM     |
| Region | Partner   | 4        |                                                                                     | Partner with the San Bernardino County Fire Department to review options and assist as determined for the planned replacement of Station #41                                                                                                           | High TM    |
| Region | Partner   | 5        | Support Hi Desert Water District in the delivery of the regional wastewater project | Engineering staff continuing coordination of Phase 2/3 construction project with the Town's Maintained Road System.                                                                                                                                    | High TM/CD |
| Region | Partner   | 6        |                                                                                     | Identify and promote the development options for recycled water to be utilized for non-potable water needs at Town parks; evaluate alternatives in the absence of recycled water                                                                       | Med TM/CD  |
|        |           | 7        | Encourage and promote an efficient and safe regional transportation network         | Continued Town and Caltrans collaboration on SR 247 and SR 62 regarding increases traffic flows and related safety requirements for mid-long range planning; Engage SBCTA in related efforts to ensure Town needs/concerns are noted and memorialized. | High TM/CD |

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| Region | Partner   | 8 Encourage and promote adequate public transportation systems that serve the Morongo Basin                                                                              | Continue through Morongo Basin Transit Authority participation ongoing monitoring of necessary public transit service levels; participate in the review TAC committee related to the SBCTA public transit policy discussions. | Mid TM/CD         |
|        |           | 9 Continue to develop the Town as a regional recreational hub and source with conjunction with regional partners including San Bernardino County                         | Development of Pickleball Courts that can serve community; Development of the Yucca Valley Aquatics and Recreation Center serving both Town and County residents                                                              | High TM/PW        |
| Region | Partner   | 10 Encourage the County of San Bernardino to engage with the Town to develop in partnership a Regional Park in Yucca Valley that could serve as a regional fair grounds. | Start the discussion with the County of this possibility for funding, and potentially grant opportunities.                                                                                                                    | Med TM            |
| Region | Partner   | 11 Continue to develop the Town as a regional social/senior services hub and source with conjunction with regional partners including San Bernardino County              | Development of updated Lobby areas within the Town's Senior Center to better serve Town and County seniors; other Senior Center modernization efforts as budget allows                                                        | High TM/PW        |
| Region | Partner   | 12 Airport Comprehensive Plan Update                                                                                                                                     | Update related land use plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Low CD            |
| Region | Partner   | 12 Support Regional Airport Partner                                                                                                                                      | Collaborate with the Yucca Valley Airport District to assist in identifying long-term regional benefit through master planning efforts as desired.                                                                            | Low CD            |