

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2010**

Mayor Mayes called the regular meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Council to order at 5:10 p.m.

Council Members Present: Herbel, Huntington, Luckino, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
Subsection (a) of Section 54956.9(a), Ronald Green and Sharon Green vs. County of San Bernardino, City of Yucca Valley, Case No. CIVMS 800111, Center for Biological Diversity vs. Town of Yucca Valley, Town Council of Yucca Valley, Case No. CIVBS 800607; Coalition for Environmental Integrity in Yucca Valley vs. Town of Yucca Valley, Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley, Case No. CIVSS 810232, Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)  
1 potential case

**C. Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators.**

Property: APN 586-031-36, 594-031-09 & 23, 595-041-34 & 35; 55100 Martinez Trail  
Blue Sky Golf LLC/Town of Yucca Valley  
Shane Stueckle, Real Property Negotiator  
Real Property Negotiations

APN 601-551-16 & 17, North side of Business Center Drive, east of Indio Avenue  
Don Lander/Town of Yucca Valley  
Andrew Takata, Real Property Negotiator  
Real Property Negotiations

APN 595-071-03; 56525 Little League Drive Southeast Corner of Palm Avenue and  
Little League Drive.  
Boys & Girls Club of the Hi Desert/Town of Yucca Valley  
Andrew Takata, Real Property Negotiator  
Real Property Negotiations

APN 595-071-01 & 02; East side of Palm Avenue, North of Cassia Drive  
Boys & Girls Club of the Hi Desert/Town of Yucca Valley  
Andrew Takata, Real Property Negotiator  
Real Property Negotiations

Mayor Mayes adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:10 p.m. and returned at 5:52 p.m. and announced there was no reportable action taken.

Mayor Mayes recessed the meeting to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Mayes reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Present: Town Manager Takata, Deputy Town Manager Stueckle, Town Attorney Haubert, Administrative Services Director Yakimow, Community Services Director Schooler, Police Lt. Boswell, and Town Clerk Anderson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Council Member Neeb

**INVOCATION**

Led by Mike Kelliher, Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel

**PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS**

- 1. Scott Nassif, League of California Cities Desert Mountain Division President to make a Presentation to Mayor Mayes.**

President Nassif presented the Larry Chambole Service Award to Mayor Mayes.

- 2. Employee of the Quarter**

Presented to William Carter, Skilled Maintenance Worker II - Streets

- 3. Longevity Award**

Presented to Christine Kim, Executive Assistant, for 5 years.

Town Manager Takata introduced CHP Commander Tim Tompkins

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**Fire Department**

- 4. Monthly Report.**

Battalion Chief Oplinger gave the monthly statistical Fire Department report for December 2009 and safety message reminding everyone about home electrical cautions.

**Chamber of Commerce**

**5. Monthly Report**

Mike Kelliher, Chamber President, gave the monthly Chamber of Commerce statistical report.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Mayes advised of the need to add an item to the agenda and to move Item 14 to the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Luckino moved to add to the Consent Agenda as Item 12A: Contract Amendment with Town Manager regarding 90 day release, as there is a need to take immediate action, and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted, move Item 14 to the Consent Agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Neeb seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. **Approve**, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2009 as presented.
7. **Waive**, further reading of all ordinances (if any in the agenda) and read by title only.
9. **Accept**, construction of the 2009-2010 Town Wide Seal Coat Project, Town Project No. 8326 by Bond Blacktop, Inc. as substantially complete and: 1. **Authorize** Town Staff to file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder; 2. **Authorize** Town Staff to release the Performance Bond in the amount of \$873,680.91; and 3. **Authorize** Town Staff to release retention monies in the amount of \$87,556.56 due the contractor thirty-five (35) calendar days after recordation of the Notice of Completion.
11. **Direct**, staff to communicate the Agency's intent to remit payment of the 2009-10 SERAF payment with RDA funds to the county auditor by March 1, 2010, in accordance with the legislation.
12. **Ratify**, Warrant Registers in the amount of \$630,975.05 for checks dated December 18, 2009. Ratify the Payroll Registers in the amount of \$330,592.51 dated December 11, 2009 through December 23, 2009.
- 12A. **Approve**, Contract Amendment with Town Manager regarding 90 day release.

**14. Approve, 2008/2009 Annual Redevelopment Report, 2008/2009 and Annual Redevelopment Agency Financial Report**

Council Member Luckino requested to pull Item 8, Council Member Herbel requested to pull Item 10.

Council Member Huntington moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 12a and 14. Council Member Neeb seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES:** Council Member Herbel, Huntington, Luckino, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

**8. Development Code Update and Rewrite, Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/RFP), Approval and Authorization to Release RFQ/RFP**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised the item authorizes staff to advertise for an RFQ/RFP to rewrite the Development Code.

Council Member Luckino questioned if the Council should give direction to staff to give to the consultant who is chosen. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised that the project will be in two phases, noting that the first is an assessment where the consultant will interview the Town Council, Planning Commission, the community and staff. That informational report will come back to the Council to provide direction.

Mayor Mayes emphasized the need for the organization of the code to be extremely **simple**, so that anyone is able to read and understand it.

Council Member Herbel agreed that the code needs to be organized in a reasonable manner and needs to be simple. It needs to be consistent with general plan and special attention should be paid to the biological resources section of the General Plan. The Council should get busy on the grading ordinance.

Council Member Huntington advised on a regional approach, there are groups working in the valley to map wildlife corridors and he would like those documents to be considered with the development code update.

Council Member Herbel moved to approve the Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals, and Authorize staff to advertise the project. Council Member Neeb seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

**10. Offer to Donate Storage Building to Yucca Valley Animal Shelter, Acceptance of Donation**

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised the Critter Coalition, through Kate Porter, director and founder, has offered to purchase and donate a new 10 x 12 shed for the Shelter.

Council Member Herbel advised she pulled the item to recognize Kate Porter and comment on the letter from stating how valuable Melanie Crider and Kim Casey are. She suggested a letter from the Council be written to thank the Coalition for their donation.

Council Member Herbel moved to accept the donation of a new 10 x 12 storage building from Critter Coalition for placement and use at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter. Council Member Luckino seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**13. Desert Regional Tourism Agency (DRTA) Quarterly Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2009**

Administrative Services Director Yakimow reported the lease agreement between the Town and DRTA, which operates the Welcome Center, requires that they provide the Town with a quarterly written report.

**Cary Harwin**, DRTA, gave the quarterly update. In 2009 the California Travel and Tourism Commission performed a survey of the Welcome Centers and estimated that total spending by Welcome Center Visitors in Yucca Valley was \$2,229,742. The economy has impacted tourism all over the state, but the numbers have only dropped 6% here, which says a lot for the Center. Joshua Tree National Park has recognized the value of the Center and has a ranger in uniform come to the Center on weekends to speak to the visitors. DRTA is also doing a study to establish guidelines to bring back to the Council to amend the lease to allow them to rent the facility. He also requested to develop a 2+2 committee to meet on a quarterly basis and requested an additional \$10,000 to allow the facility to maintain the level of service that has been expected.

Council Member Huntington advised that his wife is a member of DRTA and is a non compensated entity, therefore he has no conflict and can make a decision without jeopardizing his position. He questioned if the County has been approached for assistance. Mr. Harwin advised they will be approached. Council Member Huntington questioned how many employees are compensated. Mr. Harwin advised there are 4 paid employees and 13 volunteers.

Mayor Mayes commented regarding the 2+2 which was originally him and Council Member Neeb and apologized for dropping the ball. We will try to set a meeting up in the near future.

Council Member Luckino commented that tourism big part of our local economy and confidence is a big piece of it. He recommended that no funding be given after July 1, 2010 until DRTA and the Town can come to the table.

Council Member Neeb commented he was one of the few here when the Welcome Center was brought to the community with considerable effort. He would like to see what kind of return we can get and noted that the Town's economic development efforts have not been as successful as the Welcome Center has.

Council Member Herbel commented that DRTA provides a valuable service, and the Town needs to capitalize on tourism. She advised she is in favor of funding the \$10,000

Mayor Mayes commented he has had plenty of conversations about this noting the issue is trying to protect the public trough. Tourism is a component of our economic viability, but as a region we can do better than we have been doing. He questioned if the California Welcome Center is the most effective form of public expenditure to increase possible revenue into the area, and noted he does not think that it is, but does think the Center is an asset to community.

Council Member Luckino commented there wasn't a time frame last year and suggested one might make us come to the table and get other partners involved.

Council Member Neeb commented there is a need to look at dollar stretchers in these tough economic times, noting they have 13 volunteers there, and he doesn't know if Council has an idea where the Town can spend money and have it do more than the Center has done. He does believe the County should be a participant.

Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised the direction to staff would be to honor the request to forward the money and accommodate it within existing budget.

Council Members Herbel and Neeb will participate on the 2+2 committee.

Council Member Neeb moved to receive and File the Quarterly Activity Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2009, and approve the request of the DRTA for additional funding in the amount of \$10,000. Council Member Herbel seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Herbel, Huntington, Luckino, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**15. Annual Reserve Policy Review**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN'S RESERVE POLICY

Administrative Services Director Yakimow requested the Council adopt a resolution modifying the Town's Reserve Policy by amending the fiscal year 2008-10 budget by amending the designated reserve balances, including a one-year increase in the general fund reserve cap to 45%.

Council Member Luckino questioned where the Town falls based on feedback from other cities. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised the Town is very fortunate noting that many municipalities throughout the state are in dire straits. He noted that staff will solicit more guidance from Council with the mid year review. Council Member Luckino clarified that, based on policy of Council and work of staff, the Town is positioned as well as it can be based on what other cities are doing. Town Manager Takata commented he does not know if other cities in the state are raising their reserves instead of lowering them. He added that normally excess reserves are put into the capital account, and this year staff is recommending the Council play it safe and not put it in that account.

Council Member Luckino moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-01 modifying the Town's Reserve Policy by amending the fiscal year 2008-10 budget as follows: Amend the designated reserve balances as indicated on Exhibit A to the resolution, including a one-year suspension of the capital projects reserve fund transfer and a corresponding one-year increase in the general fund reserve cap to 45%. Council Member Neeb seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

**16. FY 2009-10 COLA Adjustment**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING POSITIONS AND PAY RANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Town Manager Takata advised the COLA for staff has been deferred from 2007 to 2009. To insure the Town does not continue to indefinitely defer adjustments into the future and to recognize the increased work load of the employees as a result of the recent retirements and planned vacancies, a 2% COLA is recommended effective with the pay date of February 19, 2010.

Council Member Luckino questioned if the Town is going to have a balanced budget in 09/10 based on preliminary projections. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised it is dependent on sales tax, noting in terms of an actual dollar amount total amount of the COLA is about \$30,000 and will be funded from an unplanned department head vacancy. With the 8 existing vacancies the Town will probably have savings in

excess of the \$30,000. Council Member Luckino stated he feels the item is premature, and he is reluctant to approve it at this point and time without seeing the preliminary numbers for 09/10.

Council Member Neeb commented staff has made this recommendation in light of the budget, and the Town has positions that have not been filled and a cut back of staff of 15%. Administrative Services Director Yakimow commented with the current staffing levels the Town has enough to accommodate this request. Council Member Neeb advised he is confident we can accommodate this noting staff has been asked to do more with less, and things are stretched pretty thin.

Council Member Huntington commented it is his understanding that, due to one department head position that is budgeted and not filled, there is more than enough to cover the increase. He agreed with Council Member Neeb.

Council Member Herbel commented that now there is more than enough take care of the increase because of a department head moving on, and questioned the impact in years to follow. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised anytime you adjust salaries there is a long term expenditure that goes into the out years, and the updated salary schedule will be included in future forecasts.

Council Member Neeb stated that last time the Town did a salary survey we were quite a bit behind the curve. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised there were a number of positions changed.

Council Member Luckino questioned when the COLA was deferred in order to increase the PERS retirement. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised that was in 2005. Council Member Luckino questioned if the increase will be retroactive. Administrative Services Director Yakimow stated it will not. Council Member Luckino commented he has a tough time with the urgency approving the increase now, and would hate to make a decision that is going to obligate the Town in future years. He would like to see what we are looking at in 09/10 first.

Council Member Herbel expressed concern for the future and suggested that the Council might wait. Town Manager Takata advised that staff has never brought anything to the Council that would jeopardize the Town in future years.

Mayor Mayes commented that with the current Management we have been exceptionally efficient, and staff is working over and above what they have been in past. He feels 2% since 07 is warranted. He will support the request

Council Member Neeb advised he also supports the item, noting staff has always been very prudent with its recommendations and the Town Manager has recommended a balanced budget all along.

Mayor Mayes commented the only other loose end needs to be tied up is the timing. Administrative Services Director Yakimow advised it is for the pay date of February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Neeb moved to approve a 2% Cost of Living adjustment for Town employees and adopt Resolution No. 10-02 authorizing positions and pay ranges effective with the pay date of February 19, 2010. Council Member Huntington seconded. Motion carried 4-1 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Herbel, Huntington, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.  
**NOES:** Council Member Luckino  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

17. Appointments to Planning Commission

Town Clerk Anderson reported the terms of Planning Commissioners Goodpaster, Lombardo and Rowe have expired. The openings have been advertised, Commissioners Lombardo and Rowe have requested reappointment, and several applications have been received.

**Charla Shamhart**, Yucca Valley, spoke in opposition to the appointment of Tim Humphreville.

**Lorraine Silver**, and **Charlyne Connors**, Yucca Valley, did not wish to speak but were in opposition to appointment of Tim Humphreville.

**David Fick**, Joshua Tree, spoke in opposition to the appointment of Tim Humphreville,

**Ramon Mendoza**, Yucca Valley, spoke in opposition to the appointment of Tim Humphreville.

Council Member Luckino commented in the past there was a lack of people interested in serving on the Commission, and he is proud there were 5 who turned in applications and another five who expressed interest. He is disappointed in the negative comments as it relates to one of the candidates, but no positive comments made regarding the time and resources this person has donated to the community by fixing the Boys and Girls Club building, nothing about the work he has done with Fish and Wildlife, and nothing about the work he has done with others on the native plant ordinance. Diversity is needed on the Commission and currently there is no one with technical experience on the Commission. He moved to nominate Tim Humphreville. Council Member Huntington seconded.

Council Member Herbel commented she appreciates what Mr. Humphreville does in the

community, but it is important to look at policy and that each member of the Commission receives a copy of the General Plan and reads it. She quoted the Biological Resources section and stated it is clear native plants are important to our rural character. It is important to appoint Commissioners who have a balanced and informed approach.

Council Member Huntington stated he is a strong advocate of native plant protection and having been on the Planning Commission there is a need for balance to present a variety of levels.

Motion carried 4-1 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Huntington, Luckino, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.  
**NOES:** Council Member Herbel  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Council Member Huntington moved to reappoint Commissioner Lombardo. Council Member Neeb seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Herbel, Huntington, Luckino, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Mayor Mayes moved to nominate Commissioner Rowe for another term on the Commission. Council Member Neeb seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Herbel, Huntington, Luckino, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**18. Appointment of Redevelopment Agency Member**

Town Clerk Anderson advised the resignation of Commission/Agency Member Goodpaster has left a vacancy on the RDA. The position was advertised and one application was received from Dawn Rowe.

Council Member Luckino moved to nominate Dawn Rowe to fill a vacancy on the Redevelopment Agency. Council Member Huntington seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Herbel, Huntington, Luckino, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.  
**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**POLICY DISCUSSION**

**19. Town Council Request and Policy Discussion, Sign Ordinance Enforcement, Temporary Signs, Banners & Flags for Commercial Enterprises (carried forward from December 15, 2009 Town Council Meeting)**

Associate Planner Kirschmann advised that staff recommends the Town Council suspend enforcement of the time periods established for temporary commercial and industrial signs as established in Section 87.07130(c), for a period of one year, ending on December 15, 2010, and allow temporary signs to remain installed for one year after the issuance of a permit pursuant to the Town's sign regulations.

**Mike Kelliher**, Chamber of Commerce President, stated that, in a down economy, businesses need to do what every they can to keep their businesses in town, and anything we can do as the Town and Chamber to help these businesses bring business in means more money to the Town.

**Ramon Mendoza**, Yucca Valley, agreed that the Town should do whatever it can with good taste, noting that for some people signage is offensive.

Council Member Luckino thanked Council for holding the item over until he was in attendance and advised that local business people are trying to do whatever they can to pay the bills. These are tough times and he does not want the Council to become an obstacle in the recovery of this community. Due to the delay in taking action he requested that, instead of December 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, he would like it to be for 12 months so the date would be January 19<sup>th</sup> 2011, also he would like the sidewalk part taken out of sandwich signs.

Council Member Neeb commented he thinks people want to stop in a clean and attractive community. He will support tonight's recommendations, but do tend to go along with Ramon Mendoza that some ideas can get extreme if we let them fly.

Council Member Herbel questioned if people holding signs along the street have to have permits. Associate Planner Kirschmann stated there are no regulations in the sign code.

Council Member Huntington advised there needs to be control of the signs through a permit fee or we will end up with blight.

Council Member Luckino commented there has been improvement on SR 62, but a business owner would like to put out sandwich signs. He requested that the Town put a moratorium on the need for a sidewalk.

Upon discussion Council Member Neeb requested that action not be taken on the sidewalk issue at this time.

Mayor Mayes questioned why fees for temporary signs were more than for regular signs. Deputy Town Manager Stueckle explained the increased staff time involved with temporary signs.

Council Member Neeb moved to suspend enforcement of the time periods established for temporary commercial and industrial signs as established in Section 87.07130 (c), for a period of 12 months, ending on January 20, 2011 and allowing temporary signs to remain installed for one year after issuance of a permit pursuant to the Town's Sign Regulations. Council Member Huntington seconded. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

**AYES:** Council Member Herbel, Huntington, Luckino, Neeb and Mayor Mayes.  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

20. Town Council Strategic Plan, Code Compliance Program

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle advised that, as part of the Strategic Plan process, the Council requested an opportunity to discuss Code Compliance

Code Compliance Supervisor Megli gave a power point presentation showing various cases the department has worked on.

**Ramon Mendoza**, Yucca Valley, commended the work of the Code Compliance Division.

Council Member Luckino questioned if the department currently operates Monday through Friday and not weekends. Code Compliance Supervisor Megli advised that occasionally they work on weekends.

Council Members thanked the Code Compliance staff for the work they do.

Council Member Luckino commented that Code Enforcement has always been an issue, noting that current policy is that Code Enforcement is reactive rather than proactive. Code Compliance Supervisor Megli advised if there is a safety issue it must be addressed, in addition property along SR 62 is proactively enforced per previous Council direction.

Council Member Neeb commented his thoughts haven't changed on that direction.

Mayor Mayes questioned if Council feels there needs to be any change in the way the Code Compliance Department works.

Council Member Luckino expressed concern regarding the need for neighbors to turn in their neighbors.

Upon further discussion it was noted that policy change from reactive to proactive would require more staffing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**David Mehaffe**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding his own wastewater treatment system.

**Ramon Mendoza**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding their wastewater treatment system and the ability to have a reclamation tank rather than a septic tank.

**Larry Callander**, Yucca Mesa, commented regarding a proposed change to the County's OHV ordinance and requested the Town write a letter to the County Supervisors opposing the change.

**Margo Sturges**, Yucca Valley, commented she is proud to be planning commissioner and President of Yucca Valley Republican Women, and noted she is always very careful to speak as a private citizen when addressing the Council. Stated she is happy to see Commissioner Lombardo's term extended and wished Town Manager Takata well in his new job.

**STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Town Manager Takata advised that interviews for Interim Town Manager will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**21. Council Member Luckino**

Congratulated Mayor Mayes on being recognized by the Desert Mountain Division of the League of California cities.

Congratulated William Carter for being selected as Employee of the Quarter and Christine Kim for receiving her 5 year longevity award.

Congratulated Town Manager Takata for being selected to his new job.

**22. Council Member Huntington**

Commented that Mayor Mayes makes the Council and Town proud.

Congratulated William Carter noting he has been with the Town for 15 years and worked for him for 10 years prior to that.

Congratulated Christine Kim for her longevity.

**23. Council Member Neeb**

Echoed comments regarding Christine Kim and William Carter.

Congratulated Mayor Mayes and thanked Scott Nassif for coming over to present the award.

Reported regarding attendance at the Sanbag meeting and discussion regarding the initial stages of putting a barrier up on the Yucca Grade.

**24. Mayor Pro Tem Herbel**

Congratulated Mayor Mayes and thanked Scott Nassif for attending the meeting.

Thanked William Carter for being with the Town for 15 years, and congratulated Christine Kim.

Wished Town Manager Takata good luck in his new position.

**25. Mayor Mayes**

Thanked Scott Nassif for coming out, noting the Larry Chimbole award is something the Desert Mountain Division has given for 4 or 5 years, and to be chosen is a great honor.

Advised he is not going to say goodbye to Town Manager Takata yet, noting appointing a Town Manager is one of the biggest decisions a Council Member will ever make. Town Manager Takata was able to shape the organization and the Council and Council suddenly had great chemistry because we had a great chemist.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Huntington reported regarding the Animal Services JPA Meeting, noting the County is considering financing the Towns remaining contribution.

Council Member Herbel advised it was a relief to know that the County is going to help us pay the bill and that she appreciates their working with us. It is wonderful to be on the board.

**YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

**JANUARY 19, 2010**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Anderson, MMC  
Town Clerk