

**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL**

**WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – April 6, 2012**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stanton called to order the meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Member Emick; Nassif; Roelle; Mayor Pro Tem Coleman; Mayor Stanton. Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stanton.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

1. Council/Staff Retreat and Vision 2020 Review

Frank Robinson, Town Manager, presented the Council and Town staff members with a brief history of Vision 2020. He thanked PMC Consulting for their hard work. He also thanked St. Mary's Hospital for offering their facility for this year's Retreat.

Chief Art Bishop, Apple Valley Fire Protection District, presented the Council and Town staff members with a presentation regarding the Apple Valley Fire Protective Department. He announced that the grand opening for the Victor Valley College Regional Public Safety Training Center would be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Stanton thanked Chief Bishop for his presentation and the services that they provide to the Town of Apple Valley.

Mr. Tom Hoegerman, Apple Valley Unified School District, presented the Council and Town staff members with a presentation on the Apple Valley Unified School District. He thanked the Town for the invitation to speak today. He commented on the School District's goals. He stated that AVUSD's main focus is making adjustments in class size.

Councilman Roelle commended the Apple Valley School District on a job well done.

Kevin Mahany, St. Mary's Medical Center, provided the Council and Town staff members with a presentation regarding St. Mary's Hospital and the services that they provide to the community. He commented on the number of physicians available in the High Desert. He also commented on the physicians that own and operate hospitals in California.

Discussion ensued regarding the over-crowdedness in hospitals and the increase in costs for services provided to patients without insurance.

RECESSED MEETING

Mayor Stanton recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Stanton reconvened the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Scott Weldy, Apple Valley Ranchos, presented the Council and Town staff members with a presentation on the Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company.

Discussion ensued regarding various issues surrounding the water in Apple Valley, including the water rates and water supply.

Sam Pulice, Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce, provided the Council and Town staff members with a presentation on the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce. He commented on the events provided by the Chamber. He also commented on the Chamber's Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

Mr. Pulice thanked Town staff for their support in helping the Chamber reach their goals for the Town of Apple Valley.

Vision 2020 Report Card

Frank Robinson, Town Manager, presented the Vision 2020 Report Card highlighting the accomplishments of the Town of Apple Valley since the adoption of the Vision. He thanked the Town Council and staff members for working together to ensure the completion of the goals approved by the Town Council.

RECESSED MEETING

Mayor Stanton recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Stanton reconvened the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Facilitated Discussion

Kendall Flint, PMC Consulting, facilitated a discussion amongst the Apple Valley Town Council and staff regarding goals and priorities for the Town of Apple Valley and implementation strategies to complete those goals. The group was separated into two discussion groups to conduct more in depth discussions regarding the priorities.

Upon returning from the break-out session, Ms. Flint continued her facilitated discussion regarding short term implementation strategies that will allow the Town to accomplish its core values.

It was the consensus of the Council and Town staff members that PNC Consulting prepare a report for the Town Council and staff compiled from the information obtained from the group regarding implementation strategies for the Town of Apple Valley.

Mayor Pro Tem Coleman thanked the Consultants from PMC for their hard work.

2. Consider Adjustment of Hours for Animal Shelter

Gina Whiteside, Animal Services Manager, presented the Town Council with a presentation on the services provided by the Animal Shelter. She commented on the hours of operation available to the residents of Apple Valley.

Ms. Whiteside shared with the Council that the Department had worked out a schedule that would allow the shelter to be open on Saturdays. She commented that in 2010, when the new facility opened, the Department took over a larger facility without increasing staff. Ms. Whiteside expressed a concern that stretching the staff to a six day schedule would increase demand, if the same hours of operation were maintained. She recommended Saturday hours of operation six days a week, which would allow staff to continue meeting the demands of the shelter and continue with events held throughout the year.

Mayor Stanton acknowledged the concerns expressed by Ms. Whiteside; however, she stated that she would like for the shelter to open on Saturdays on a trial basis. She would also like for Ms. Whiteside to come back to the Council with a report following the trial period.

Discussion ensued regarding Animal Shelter's hours of operation and the current demands placed on the employees of the shelter.

Mayor Pro Tem Coleman expressed concern regarding the stress that shelter staff has placed on them as a result of various shelter duties. She respectfully requested management staff closely monitor these employees to ensure their well being.

MOTION

Motion by Mayor Stanton, seconded by Councilman Roelle, and unanimously carried, to direct staff to implement Saturday hours for the Apple Valley Animal Shelter on a trial basis for 90 days; and bring the item back to the Town Council for review to include statistics after the trial period.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Stanton, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Coleman, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Special meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Town Clerk

Mayor