

**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES – June 7, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Nassif called to order the special meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council and the Successor Agency at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present:

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Present: Council Members Cusack; Emick; Stanton, Mayor Pro Tem Bishop; Mayor Nassif.

**TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Frank Robinson, Town Manager, commented on the excellent work by staff on the FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget. He complimented staff on their ability to maintain a high level of service, considering the challenges faced by the Town during this budget year. He thanked Marc Puckett, Assistant Town Manager, and staff for their hard work and dedication in presenting a balanced budget.

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

Mr. Al Rice, Apple Valley, expressed concern regarding the information contained in the Proposed Budget, as well as the monthly report prepared by the Finance Department.

**1. Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget Workshop**

Marc Puckett, Assistant Town Manager, presented the staff report as filed with the Town Clerk's office. He stated that the adoption of the budget will be placed on the June 27, 2017 Town Council agenda.

Mr. Puckett provided the Town Council with an overview of the Proposed FY 17-18 Budget, which included discussions on the General Fund Appropriation, departmental highlights, key changes that come from the state level, and an over-all review of departmental goals.

Mr. Puckett announced that copies of the Proposed Budget are available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town of Apple Valley website.

Mr. Puckett discussed the effort put forth by each department, to reduce operating cost. He complimented Mr. Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager, for his ability to reduce the operating transfers for his department over the past two (2) years.

Mr. Puckett proudly noted the Town's desire to uphold its high standards. He stated that while the Town welcomes constructive criticism, each department, including the Town Manager's Office, has put forth much effort and careful work in this budget.

During discussions regarding Department/Program Appropriations for Public Safety, Mr. Puckett expressed concern regarding the unsustainable amount in increase for Public Safety, in the amount of 6.4 percent.

Mayor Pro Tem Bishop asked a series of questions regarding body cameras. He questioned the cost increase to the Town for the use of body cameras.

During Mr. Puckett's closing comments on Public Safety, he noted that while the quality of staff within the Sheriffs Department is very much valued, the amount in increase is unsustainable. He urged the Town Council to give careful consideration in terms of how the Town is provided public safety services.

Mr. Puckett informed the Town Council that there will not be a COLA increase due to the fiscal challenges faced by the Town. However, in lieu of an increase, staff would like to present for the Town Council's consideration, that July 3<sup>rd</sup> be adopted as a holiday. He noted whether approved or not approved, it would not change the budget.

Frank Robinson, Town Manager, stated that staff understands the situation of the Town; therefore, he believed it would be a good gesture to staff to adopt July 3<sup>rd</sup> as a holiday, and a way to say thank you for their work.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to adopt July 3<sup>rd</sup> as a holiday.

Mr. Puckett reiterated that the budget will be presented to Council for adoption at the next regular Town Council meeting on June 27, 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding the concerns surrounding the amount in increase for Public Safety, continuous funding needed for the Yucca Loma Bridge, as well as the funding for environmental studies required for various projects including Bear Valley Road and the Hill Top House.

Lori Lamson, Assistant Town Manager, commented on the funding status for the Hilltop House. She informed the Town Council that the property will be transferred into the Parks Department in order to use quimby fees. Ms. Lamson noted that the Planning Department is presenting a grant on September 1, 2017 that will require an environmental study, also paid by quimby fees.

Mr. Puckett commented on the Peg Channels that provide live broadcasting, including Charter Communications and Fios.

Nikki Salas, Assistant Town Manager, briefed the Town Council on the new Peg Channels. She noted, for the benefit of the Town Council and public, the channel for Charter customers is 186 and for Frontier customers, the channel is 29. She also commented on enhancing the ability to broadcast Town meetings via an App.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the significant reductions in departments, as well as cost cuts.

Mayor Pro Tem Bishop asked a series of questions regarding the amount of revenue received by the Town for passport services. He expressed concern regarding the demands placed on staff due to the number of passports that are processed.

Mayor Nassif requested a future agenda item to discuss a plan to offset the increase in cost for public safety services that cover the county areas.

Mayor Nassif thanked Mr. Puckett and staff for their excellent work on the proposed budget and their commitment in providing the community with quality service.

***ADJOURNMENT***

Motion by Council Member Stanton, seconded by Council Member Emick, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the special meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council at 5:59 p.m.

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Scott Nassif, Mayor

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Yvonne Rivera, Deputy Town Clerk