

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

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – November 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Nassif called to order the regular session of the Apple Valley Town Council and the Successor Agency at 6:32 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

OPENING CEREMONIES

INVOCATION: The invocation was led by Orlando Acevedo, Asst. Director of Economic Development

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Emick.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE/COMMISSION PARTICIPATION

Council Member Cusack commented on committee meetings and events that he attended.

Council Member Emick commented on committee meetings and events that he attended.

Council Member Stanton commented on committee meetings and events that she attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Bishop commented on committee meetings and events that he attended.

Mayor Nassif commented on committee meetings and events that he attended.

TOWN COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suggested items for future agenda:

None.

Time, Date & Place for Next Town Council Regular or Special Meeting:
A. Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – Council Chamber
Regular Session at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

- 1. Consider, Approve and Authorize Signature of an Employment Agreement between the Town and Douglas B. Robertson, as the new Town Manager of the Town Covering Terms and Conditions of Employment as Town Manager**

John Brown, Town Attorney, presented the staff report as filed with the Town Clerk. Mr. Brown described the extensive nationwide search and the interview process for the candidates. He also stated that the Brown Act requires a short presentation of the employment agreement.

Blanca Gomez, Victorville Council Member, thanked Doug Robertson for his service as City Manager of her community. She spoke of his excellent work ethic and assistance that he has provided her as a new member of its Council. She wished him well and commented that she will miss their working relationship.

Lawrence McCarthy, Apple Valley, questioned various sections of the Town Manager employment agreement.

Eric Schmidt, Hesperia, applauded the Town of Apple Valley for recommending approval of this contract and for having the foresight of selecting such a leader as Doug Robertson. He believed that the Town leadership will be positively impacted through his management skills. He stated that he understands the difficulty in making these decisions, but believed that mind and heart picked an excellent choice.

Council Member Cusack commented on the process and believed the Council picked the right choice.

Council Member Emick spoke about the difficulty in making this decision and he believed the process was very good.

Council Member Stanton stated that this was a long time coming. She stated that the search was extensive and she was pleased with the outcome.

Mayor Pro Tem Bishop stated that he believed Mr. Robertson was a good quality leader who would be good for our community. He also thanked Mayor Nassif for his guidance of the Town Council during the absence of a Town Manager.

Mayor Nassif stated that he is excited about the team leadership that Mr. Robertson will provide. On behalf of the Town Council, he thanked Ms. Lamson and the Town staff for their hard work and dedication during the selection process for a new Manager.

MOTION

Motion by Council Member Emick, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bishop, to approve and authorize signature of the Employment Agreement between the Town and Douglas B. Robertson, as the new Town Manager of the Town, covering terms and conditions of employment as the Town Manager.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0-0-0
Yes: Council Members Cusack; Emick; Stanton; Mayor Pro Tem Bishop; Mayor Nassif.
Absent: None.

Douglas Robertson, Town Manager – Appointed, thanked the Town Council and the community for their support. He stated that he is excited to begin this new venture with staff. He spoke briefly about his work history and challenges that he faced in the neighboring community. He stated that he eagerly awaits the beginning of this new endeavor.

TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Lori Lamson, Interim Town Manager, congratulated Mr. Robertson and stated that she is looking forward to working with him during his transition.

CLOSED SESSION

2. Closed Session

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Emick, seconded by Council Member Stanton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council at 6:59 p.m.

Scott Nassif, Mayor

La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk