



101 Midland Avenue, Basalt, CO 81621

Meeting Date: January 10, 2017
Location: Town Council Chambers

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION

5:00 PM Capital Improvement Program (CIP) - Preliminary Review (Ron Miller)
5:40 PM Procurement Policy - Preliminary Review (Ron Miller)

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Mayor Whitsitt)

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order at 6:04 PM by Mayor Pro tem Gary Tennenbaum.

2. Roll Call (Pam Schilling)

Present were Council members Jennifer Riffle, Mark Kittle, Bernie Grauer and Katie Schowerer. Council member Auden Schendler and Mayor Jacque Whitsitt were absent.

3. Special Presentation by Chief John Camper of Grand Junction to present the Basalt Police Department Accreditation by the Colorado Association of Chief of Police - A Significant Achievement and Recognition in Colorado (Police Chief Greg Knott)

The Basalt Police Department was honored for their significant accomplishment of obtaining departmental accreditation.

4. Consent Agenda (Mayor Whitsitt)

4A. Minutes: December 13, 2016

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHWOERER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA – DECEMBER 13, 2016 MINUTES – AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

5. Council Comments, Reports, Disclosures and Other Reports

- Councilman Grauer commented on the possible lawsuit by Mike Scanlon.
- Councilman Riffle looked forward to receiving a list of current committee members.

- Councilman Grauer also reported that the Finance Committee would not meet in January, but would like to schedule a meeting in February or March to revise the 5-year financial forecast previously put together last November; focusing on what assumptions will be used in the new 5-year financial forecast.
- Town Attorney Tom Smith offered a summary of the decision rendered by the Eagle County District Court on January 6, 2017 related to the Open Meetings and Open Records Act case. Steve Dawes was lead counsel on the case.

6. Citizen Comments: for Items Not on the Agenda and Items Added to the Agenda After the Deadline

Genna Moe, Executive Director of the Art Base and John Black, Art Base Board Member, were present to request time on an agenda to better understand the funding and support from the Town.

7. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

7A. Approve the Arts Consulting Group (ACG) as the Consultant to Complete The Feasibility Study for The Arts Campus at Willits and Authorize Contract (Susan Philp)

Town Finance Consultant Bruce Kimmel, and TACAW Managing Director Ryan Honey explained the recommendation of ACG as the Consultant to complete the TACAW Feasibility Study.

M/S COUNCILORS GRAUER AND SCHWOERER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE ARTS CONSULTING GROUP (ACG) AS THE CONSULTANT TO COMPLETE THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ARTS CAMPUS AT WILLITS, AND AUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY PER THE MEMORANDUM FROM BRUCE KIMMEL DATED JANUARY 6, 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

7B. Ruedi Water and Power Authority (RWAPA) Request to Increase Funding for Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspection Program (Councilor Kittle)

Council directed Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Judi Tippetts to work on locating \$7,500 from various sources to help fund an extended Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspection Program.

7C. Vitality Zone – Basalt Center Circle – Provide Council Direction to Staff regarding whether the Council would like Staff to study and bring forward code amendments to the C-2 District to remove Basalt Center Circle from the Vitality Zone Requirements) (James Lindt)

Peggy Austin, Winfield Management, owner of 207 Basalt Center Circle, was present to request the Vitality Zoning be removed from Basalt Center Circle. Mike Kennedy of Fleisher Real Estate voiced his concerns and frustrations with the leasing the property with the Vitality Zone District as a real estate professional.

Council indicated they were willing to look at the request, but wanted it to go through the public process; though they noted a review wouldn't come quickly given the planning department's priorities.

7D. Parks – Presentation on Status of “Phase 2” Pitkin County Whitewater Park Streamside Improvements for Council Questions and Feedback
Planning Director Susan Philp and POST (Parks, Open Space and Trails Members Julie Kolar and Cindy Bruce, along with John Ely and Lisa MacDonald of the Pitkin County Attorney’s Office, Quinn Donnelly of RiverRestoration.org were present for this discussion.

Council discussion indicated they did not want Option 2; they preferred Option 1.1, with a change to the stair landings to be more natural looking, and referred to this as Option 1.1A.

7E. Parks – Presentation on Status of Basalt River Park for Council Questions and Feedback (Susan Philp and POST members Julie Kolar and Cindy Bruce)

Planning Director Susan Philp and POST (Parks, Open Space and Trails) Members Julie Kolar and Cindy Bruce were present to address this item.

General consensus was for POST to look at that portion within the Big V as shown on the Option 2 map with top soil and turf and a portion as a children’s play area that incorporates that water feature. POST was asked to look at this middle option (Option 1.5) seeking a high middle and a low middle designs and costs. The site plan review piece needs to be done through a transparent public process.

8. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

8A. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 33, Series 2016: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Chapter 16, Zoning, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Article XXI, Rivers, Wetlands and Environmentally Sensitive Areas, to Address Floodplain Regulations in Reach II of the Roaring Fork River (Susan Philp)

The public hearing was opened at 8:37 pm by Mayor Whitsitt. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND GRAUER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 33, SERIES OF 2016, ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. Advanced Agendas
- c. Correspondence to the Town

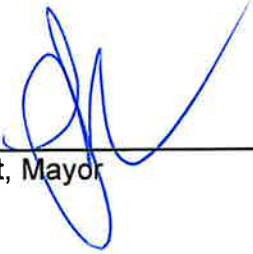
10. ADJOURNMENT

M/S COUNCILORS GRAUER AND SCHWOERER TO ADJOURN THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:38 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The minutes of this January 10, 2017 meeting were read and approved by Council on January 24, 2017.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

By: 

Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor



Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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