



BASALT

101 Midland Avenue, Basalt, CO 81621

Meeting Date: February 14, 2017
Location: Town Council Chambers

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

- 4:00 PM** Worksession with Eagle County Commissioners (Mayor Whitsitt)
- Welcome: Mayor Jacque Whitsitt and Eagle County Commission Chairman Jill Ryan
 - Land Use and Traffic
 - Eagle County Government and Town of Basalt Intergovernmental Agreement: Updating
 - Affordable Housing
 - Eagle County Community's Climate Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Shortage of Childcare and Partnership Opportunities
- 5:00 PM** Worksession: Informal Council-only discussion re: Development Concepts for CDC Property (Resolution No.09, Series of 2016) No action to be taken.
(Susan Philp)
- 6:00 PM** Break

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES

1. Call to Order (Mayor Whitsitt)

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order at 6:17 pm by Mayor Jacque Whitistt.

2. Roll Call (Pam Schilling)

Council members present were Gary Tennenbaum, Auden Schendler, Jennifer Riffle, Mark Kittle, and Bernie Grauer. Katie Schwoerer was absent.

3. Consent Agenda (Mayor Whitsitt)

- 3A. Minutes:** i) Meeting of January 24, 2017 and ii) Special Meeting January 31, 2017
3B. Approve Mayoral Signature on Letter of Support to Extend RTA Property Tax Authority

3C. Adopt Resolution No. 03, Series of 2017: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing Borrowing on a Line of Credit for the Purpose of Purchasing Affordable Housing for the Town of Basalt, Colorado (Judi Tippetts)

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND GRAUER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Council Comments, Reports, Disclosures and Other Reports

4A. Council Comments

Jennifer Riffle said the BEMC (Basalt Emergency Management Committee) was seeking \$1,000 in funding for a Full Scale Emergency Exercise (related to flooding and evacuation) in conjunction with Eagle County Emergency Management later this year; there would be a safety fair held as part of the day as well. Participants will be Eagle and Pitkin counties, American Red Cross, Basalt Fire, Basalt Police, among others. Assistant Manager/Finance Director Judi Tippetts has indicated there were funds available for this exercise.

Jennifer Riffle noted that as a Council, they had not discussed the salaries and benefits being advertised in the recruitment of the Town Manager. There were some benefits related to housing and travel previously granted that Jenn was not in favor of. Previously allowed benefits should not be assumed with any new agreements. She looked forward to further clarifying the benefits with the search firm and Council members.

Jennifer said that as a BACH (Basalt Affordable Community Housing) representative she said there were several new units coming under ownership of the Town; administration of those is a topic of consideration. BACH wondered if the guidelines for Town-owned units was in need of amending. They also wanted to clarify if this was Town of Basalt affordable housing for its employees, or community affordable housing.

Jennifer Riffle said we had been active in discussions of multijurisdictional housing with many key players including RFTA, Ski Co., RE-1 School District, APCHA (Aspen Pitkin County Housing Authority), and others. Discussions recently included that APCHA might be a good administrator and property manager for a Basalt community housing program. Eagle County Commissioners are considering activating a citizen housing committee to speak to affordable housing needs for the Eagle portion of the Roaring Fork Valley. BACH is also looking at the possibility of a valley-wide needs assessment for an IGA addressing valley wide administration, land banking, etc. for affordable housing.

Jennifer Riffle invited the Art Base and TACAW to collaborate further for success; they are stronger together than apart. Jenn said she wanted the arts to prosper in Basalt, and perhaps the performance and visual arts could be married. Jenn wondered why the two entities were working individually and not together. Jenn said she and other council members had considered the merit of an independent legal review of the Willits Arts RETA clarifying use of funds in the Basalt area and detail exactly what the RETA funds can be utilized for.

Jenn reminded the public that there were openings on Planning & Zoning, Parks, Open Space and Trails, Basalt Affordable Housing Commission and the Basalt Green Team.

Mayor Whitsitt thanked Grassroots TV for their broadcasting and programming.

Jacque Whitsitt noted that the Mayor's coffee was moving to Starbuck's beginning tomorrow and each Wednesday following a Council meeting; coffee is from 8 to 9 am.

Mayor Whitsitt said that they had held a good meeting with the Eagle County Commissioners earlier this evening; all want to work more closely on land use issues and transportation studies, and make sure land use regulations don't step on each other's land use regs.

Jacque explained an issue in the packet concerning enabling legislation to continue the RFTA Taxing Authority for an additional 10 years.

Jacque Whitsitt said she had gone to CML (Colorado Municipal League) recently for an update of legislative issues. She indicated she would be working to stay more updated on legislative issues of interest to the community.

4B. Underpass Update (Nick Senn and GR Fielding)

Council and the audience were updated on the latest happenings of the underpass construction, most notably the switch of traffic lanes which will occur in 3 to 4 weeks. Informational outreach will occur in English and Spanish. There is also a hot line which has been receiving a lot of calls about striping of the lanes. Striping is being done on a weekly basis, by hand. The paint doesn't stick very long due to salts and moisture. A minor hiccup was that they recently found out that the tops of the box were done incorrectly, but they are working through this with the contractor and believe there is a solution. The project as a whole, is moving forward.

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

Roy Chorbajian was present and discussed the Town installing signage for a blind curve near his residence; it is private property, however, not a public street.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

6A. Public Hearing and Selection of Beneficiary of the 2017 Roaring Fork Club Charity Golf Tournament and Additional Third Charity Event

Planning Director Susan Philp noted that Bernie Grauer, Mark Kittle, and Geoff Hasley from the RF Club served as the application review committee. The Basalt Athletic Department will receive the beneficiary slot, with the Aspen Hope Center and Art Base to share a 3rd tournament opportunity at the Club.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:50 pm. There were not comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL RATIFY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE AGENDA INFORMATION SUMMARY. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

7A. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 25, Series 2016: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, amending Article V to Chapter 6, *Business Licenses and Regulations*, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, amending the license requirements for retail marijuana stores and amending the license requirements for medical marijuana centers and facilities to address miscellaneous operating improvements.

Council member Jennifer Riffle recused herself from this discussion. Staff members James Lindt and Greg Knott were present to address this item with Council.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 6:53 pm. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND SCHENDLER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 25, SERIES OF 2016 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

7B. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 30, Series 2016: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, amending Article V to Chapter 6, *Business Licenses and Regulations*, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, amending the license requirements for retail marijuana stores and amending the license requirements for medical marijuana centers and facilities to amend the marijuana buffer requirements.

James Lindt led discussion of this item.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 6:55 pm. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Gary Tennenbaum discussed a possible future code amendment to address marijuana stores at street level, and marijuana stores fronting a pedestrian mall or street.

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND SCHENDLER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 30, SERIES OF 2016 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

7C. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 26, Series 2016: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Reinstating and Amending the 2009 Stott's Mill Development Approvals for the Single-Family Portion of the Stott's Mill Development, Including up to 61 Dwelling Units, A Public Facility/Daycare, and the Dedication and Improvements of Rights-of-Way and Parks on the Single-Family Portion of the Stott's Mill Property and Granting Sketch Site Plan Approval for the Multi-Family Portion of the Development Up to 96 Additional Dwelling Units, Together with Extending and Increasing the Corporate Limits of the Town of Basalt and Providing Initial Town Zoning for the Single-Family Portion of the Stott's Mill Development

James Lindt addressed this item with Council. Also present were Yancy Nichols and Briston Peterson.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:13 pm.

Citizens commenting on the project were made by the following individuals:

Stephen Isberian, Cindy Herschfeld, Aaron Pearlman, Greg Smith, Anika Shelton, Rick Cunningham, Todd Hartley, Blake Reiner, and Jillian Kops.

The public hearing was closed at 7:36.

James Lindt also entered into the record emails and letters received from citizens: Chris Lane, Maria Murrow, Eric Aanonson, Patrick Leeds and Matt Jordan.

Council discussion followed.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND KITTLE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 26, SERIES OF 2016 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION FAILED WITH A TIE VOTE OF 3-3 WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS TENNENBAUM AND RIFFLE, AND MAYOR WHITSITT, OPPOSED.

FIRST READINGS OF ORDINANCES:

8A. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 01, Series 2017: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Rezoning the Property at 150 W. Homestead Drive from R-3 TN to R-4 MD, Approving the Elice Minor Subdivision Creating Three (3) Lots, and Granting Final Site Plan Approval for Lot B of the Subdivision, Basalt, Colorado.

James Lindt and Mark Elice were present for this discussion.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 8:04 pm. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND GRAUER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO 01, SERIES OF 2017 ON FIRST READING, AND CONTINUE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Council member Mark Kittle left the meeting at this time. Interim Town Manager Davis Farrar recused himself from the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

9. Executive Session

M/S COUNCILORS GRAUER AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF A CONFERENCE WITH OUR ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(B); MORE SPECIFICALLY: POTENTIAL LAWSUIT SCANLON VS. TOWN OF BASALT. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Council entered executive session at approximately 8:05 pm. Town Attorney Tom Smith and Insurance Attorney Alice Powers were present for this discussion.

Tom Smith stated for the record this item did not need to be recorded as it was exclusively for the purpose of receiving legal advice between an attorney and their client. All recordings were stopped at this time.

M/S COUNCILORS GRAUER AND RIFFLE TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50 PM, AND RECONVENE THE COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

10. Interim Manager Davis Farrar discussion/direction with Council

Council gave general direction to Interim Town Manager Davis Farrar regarding priority projects including Town Manager recruitment and construction of the culvert at the river park site. Additional direction would be given at a future worksession.

11. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:
NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

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

12. ADJOURNMENT


M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND GRAUER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:07 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The minutes of this February 14, 2017 meeting were read and approved by Council on February 28, 2017.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 
Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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http://basalt.ompnetwork.org/shows/basalt-council-021417?iframe_mode=true