



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

Basalt is an inclusive, sustainable, mountain community that boasts both historic charm and progressive vision. It is an engaging place to live, work and play while offering an abundance of creative, professional, educational and recreational outlets.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Mayor and Clerk)

Mayor Whitsitt called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Council members present were Auden Schendler, Gary Tennenbaum, Jennifer Riffle, Katie Schwoerer and Bernie Grauer. Council member Mark Kittle was absent.

2A. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: February 2018 (Council)

2B. PROCLAMATION: Honoring Torin Yater-Wallace

This month, students were honored for the Pillar of Caring: Be kind. Be compassionate and show you care. Express gratitude. Forgive others. Help people in need.

February's Student Citizens of the Month are:

From Basalt Elementary: Yosgar Salgado and Leidy Rivera Sanchez

From Basalt Middle School: Grace Garcia and Arym Mellin Andrade

From Basalt High School: Sydney Picard and Dominic Gomez Santana

A Proclamation was read honoring Olympian Athletic talent and Recognizing and Outstanding Community Member, a hometown champion, Torin Yater-Wallace who competed in the ski half-pipe at the 2018 Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3A. Minutes: February 13, 2018

3B. Continue to March 13, 2018: Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Town's Sustainability Building Regulations (Jim Wilson)

3C. Continue to March 13, 2018: Public Hearing and Second-First Reading of Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2018: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Cable Television System Franchise Agreement and the Town of

Basalt Customer Service Standards Between Comcast of Colorado/Florida/Michigan/New Mexico/Pennsylvania/Washington, LLC., and the Town of Basalt, Colorado (Ryan Mahoney)

Item 3C of the Consent Agenda was corrected to read “Public Hearing and Second First Reading...”

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHWOERER THA THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE MAYOR, I MOVE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS CORRECTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

4A. Positive Comments and Gratitude about Basalt

4B. Public Comments: At this time any member of the public is allowed to address the Town Council on any issue, except for items scheduled for a Public Hearing at this meeting.

Public comments this evening were made by:

- Toni Kronberg congratulated Basalt for their sales taxes raised in December. Toni noted Ryan’s work program and was thrilled to see a discussion of recreation services with Crown Mountain as one of the work projects. Toni talked about the lack of parking in downtown Basalt and the congestion now being experienced downtown and on Two Rivers Road intersections at Highway 82 and at Basalt Avenue. With recent mid valley development approvals, traffic will only get worse. Toni requested the Town Council put a moratorium on their land use applications for the purpose of making sure the land use code, master plan developer impacts and mitigation are all in alignment.
- Mark Kwiecienski distributed an offer from the Champions of Public Access for the Basalt River Park to purchase the RFCDC parcel for \$3.1 million. Mr. Kwiecienski discussed the proposal and the priorities that had been identified for the property, how the parcels would be divided and their proposed uses.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Gary Tennenbaum wanted to figure out how the council was going to be able to comment on the Eagle County land use planning; he was unclear on the process Eagle County laid out and how it would come back to Council. Staff was asked to bring back a clearer understanding of the process. Susan explained the most important pieces were the March 1 meeting at which Basalt P&Z would have a roundtable with the Midvalley Planning group; and March 15, at which the discussion would be about the Highway 82 corridor. The last meeting for making amendments to the plan is April 19; this plan won’t go through the County Commissioners but will be handled only by the Midvalley Planning Commission. They have changed their meetings to 5:30 PM so that Council members would have a better opportunity to attend.

Jennifer Rifle said she was interested in putting forth a consolidated Town Council statement for the Midvalley Master Plan – points Council would like to make together to indicate that Council is following the plan progress and indicate that it does affect Basalt. Our next Council meeting hosts a fire mitigation worksession, but Jennifer asked if perhaps a half hour could be set aside to develop a Council letter for the Mid Valley Master Plan.

Bernie Grauer requested an update on the Basalt Master Plan. It was noted that Ryan would probably discuss that later in the meeting under his discussion of the 2018 Work Plan.

Jacque Whitsitt raised the issue of downtown parking and wondered if we should pay more attention to our timed parking. She asked for a report of the timed parking what's happening with it, etc.

Jennifer Riffle offered kudos for the new speed signs on the Frying Pan Road as they have helped raise awareness for the traffic speed there.

Jacque Whitsitt brought up the sidewalk that ends abruptly near Movieland. It is on the BRT station side of the street where it begins, and ends before reaching City Market forcing people to cross the street to the City Market side. There is no cross walk indication there – no flashing light or raised walkway. Jacque asked if staff would please look into this as it seems a dangerous crossing.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney reminded Council members of an upcoming CML training on March 21 in Denver.

7. COUNCIL ACTIONS

7A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2018: An Ordinance 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.

Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager Judi Tippetts explained the reasons and need for the Line of Credit.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND GRAUER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2018 ON FIRST READING, AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR MARCH 13, 2018. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

7B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2018: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing Borrowing on a Line of Credit for the Purpose of Constructing an Underpass at Basalt Avenue for the Town of Basalt, Colorado.

Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager Judi Tippetts explained the reasons and need for the Line of Credit.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND GRAUER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2018 ON FIRST READING, AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR MARCH 13, 2018. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

7C. VALE Appointment Recommendation for Citizen Appointments

Chief of Police Greg Knott and Town Clerk Pam Schilling discussed this item with Council.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINT ANN STEPHENSON AND WILL FISHER AS THE CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE VALE BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

8. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: Council Priorities from 2018 Work Plan

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney led discussion on this item with Council. Mayor Whitsitt sought a little more information on the items such as what resources would be required and is it budgeted or not; a roadmap as it were.

9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 9A.** Accounts Payable
- 9B.** Advanced Agendas
- 9C.** Correspondence to the Town
- 9D.** BACH (Basalt Affordable Community Housing) Annual Report
- 9E.** BPAC (Basalt Public Arts Commission) Annual Report

7:38 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: For purposes of discussing Personnel Matters in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), more specifically, Review of Town Attorney Tom Smith.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(F), MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE REVIEW OF TOWN ATTORNEY TOWN SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Council entered Executive Session at approximately 7:26 PM.

11. ADJOURN

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHENDLER TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 8:07 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The minutes of this February 27, 2018 meeting were read and approved this 13th day of March, 2018.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By:  _____
Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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http://basalt.ompnetwork.org/shows/basalt-council-021318-0?iframe_mode=true

