



BASALT

101 Midland Avenue, Basalt, CO 81621

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

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

- 5:00 pm** **Worksession A:** Discussion Recreation Department Space and Recreation Programming (Davis Farrar, Dorothy Howard, Judi Tippetts)
- 5:30** **Worksession B:** BPAC (Basalt Public Arts Commission) - Annual Report and BPAC Work Program (Nancy Lovendahl)
- 5:45** **Break**

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6:00 **1. Call to Order (Mayor Whitsitt)**

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jacque Whitsitt at 6:05 PM on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

6:01 **2. Roll Call (Pam Schilling)**

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

6:02 **3. Basalt High School Leadership Class: Report and Comments (Stephanie Nevarez and Cheyenne Myers)**

Stephanie Nevarez and Cheyenne Myers reported that the Basalt High School Student Leadership Class was planning the 5th annual Longhorn Stampede. This is a community mud run to promote healthy lifestyle and involvement.

The Class is also working on a climbing wall to be incorporated in the school remodel, completed some murals at the high school.

The Basalt Band has been invited to play at the Mardi Gras Festival at Snowmass and has been invited back to perform at closing day of the mountain.

Student Leadership has been fundraising pretty diligently since we began 9 years ago as a Class and Club and has about \$10,000 in their account to use.

Stephanie Nevarez described the Student Leadership Program. There are approximately 30 students ranging from freshman to seniors in the Leadership Program; all work closely the school administration and student council.

A favorite event is the Longhorn Stampede – a field day for the student body - scheduled for the school on May 26; the community is invited to participate on May 27. The event will be posted at BHS.RFSD.org and on the Basalt High School Facebook page. Online registration will be available nearer the event. Registration will be \$15.00 on line, and \$20.00 the day of the event.

6:12 4. Consent Agenda (Mayor Whitsitt)

4A. Minutes: February 28, 2017 (Pam Schilling)

4B. Approve Special Event Activity Permit for Ragnar Relay - Saturday, August 26, 2017 (James Lindt)

4C. Approve Special Event Activity Permit for Basalt Pet Parade - Tuesday, May 30, 2017 (James Lindt)

4D. Approve Resolution No. 07, Series of 2017 Awarding the Culvert Improvement Project to Tamerrell Excavating, Inc. (Susan Philp)

4E. Approve Resolution No. 08, Series of 2017 Approving Community Garden on Grace Shehi for 2017 (Susan Philp)

Item 4C was removed from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4A, 4B, 4D, AND 4E AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

4C. Approve Special Event Activity Permit for Basalt Pet Parade - Tuesday, May 30, 2017 (James Lindt) Bernie Grauer discussed this item with Council, then 'humbly asked CARE and the School District to consider hosting a dog leashing event in their pet parade to show that Basalt is not such a terrible place to live, work and do business, and that I would gladly bring my two mutts and have them participate in this dog leashing demonstration.

M/S COUNCILORS GRAUER AND SCHWOERER TO APPROVE ITEM 4C – THE SPECIAL EVENT ACTIVITY PERMIT FOR THE BASALT PET PARADE ON TUESDAY, AMRY 30, 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6:17 5. Council Comments, Reports, Disclosures and Other Reports

5A. Council Comments

Mayor Whitsitt noted that the Longhorns really 'kicked it' this year in basketball. Mark Kittle noted that the Mayor's Alma Mater, Sterling Colorado, won it all.

Jennifer Riffle recognized Public Works for coming out at 2 a.m. last week after the big winds blew down a large tree in the neighborhood. Jennifer also noted that Basalt Community Garden plots are now available for the summer.

Katie Schworer reminded everyone of the Underpass Project lane change scheduled for Thursday or Friday of this week, depending on the weather.

5B. Interim Manager Update (Davis Farrar)

- Presentation of Priority List and Clarification on River Park
- Direction from Council re: Interest in acquiring portion of CDC parcel

Presentation of Priority List and Clarification on River Park:

Interim Manager Davis Farrar sought clarification on the riverfront park. Mark Kittle and Jennifer Riffle were in favor of fine grading, putting grass seed and simple irrigation out on the Town's parcel. Mayor Whitsitt wanted to have something planted out there as was promised. Bernie Grauer was uncomfortable with the instant gratification; he preferred an open and transparent process of setting forth specs, opening it up for, and accepting, bids in a timely manner.

Mayor Whitsitt suggested that staff and the culvert contractor bring back suggestions.

Direction on CDC Parcel:

Interim Manager Davis Farrar said he'd had input from various council members on acquiring parts of the CDC property.

Mark said if there were ways to fund it without property tax increases , he would be okay with it.

Jacque Whitsitt thought it might be good to pursue looking at what partners money might still be out there, look at the POST money, information that could be brought back for discussion.

Jenn said she would love to see the message to the landowner that it is of high importance and there is a large percentage of citizens that are in support of ensuring that that portion of park and the Town of Basalt purchasing that is going to take much of the development land use issues forward , issues less forefront, off of the table of a prospective developer and makes it clearer and less extraction for a possible developer.

Bernie Grauer said he agreed with Mark and would have no objection as long as there were no new tax money at all to be utilized for this. Bernie said he had no objection to talking possibilities, but had wondered if we would be messing anything up between the contractual owner, Lowes Enterprises to be named, and the current owner CDC. Bernie wanted their negotiations to be going on parallel and unimpeded.

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

- Genna Moe
- Julie Fox Rubin
- Oliver Fox Rubin

6A. Update from Willits Town Center on Block 7 North containing 50 Affordable Housing Units

Tim Belinski and John Simicek gave an update on Willits Town Center's 50 affordable housing units.

7. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**7A. Request from Fire District to discount building permit fees (Scott Thompson)**

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt and Basalt and Rural Fire Protection District Chief Scott Thompson were present to address this item with Council.

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND GRAUER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO RETURN WITH A RESOLUTION REDUCING THE FEES AS DISCUSSED: WAIVING THE ENERGY AND PLAN REVIEW FEES, AND REDUCE THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES BY ONE-HALF. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Scott Thompson noted that, in conjunction with Eagle County Emergency Management, there would be a full-scale emergency exercise including simulated evacuation on May 7 and hoped for citizen and Council participation.

7B. Discuss Resolution No. 09, Series of 2017, Safe Harbor Community (This item was moved to be part of the Resolution item 10B.)

8. TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND GRAUER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL CONVENE AS THE LOCAL LIQUOR AUTHORITY. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8A. Public Hearing and Review of Elk Mountain Ventures, LLC dba Capitol Creek Brewery, Request for a New Brew Pub Liquor License to be located at 371 Market Street, Willits Town Center, Basalt.

Elk Mountain Ventures, LLC, owner William (Bill) Johnson was present for this discussion and hearing.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Whitsitt. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND RIFFLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE ELK MOUNTAIN VENTURES, LLC NEW BREW PUB LICENSE FOR CAPITOL CREEK BREWERY TO BE LOCATED AT 371 MARKET STREET, BASALT, PER THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND CONDITIONS NOTED IN THE MEMORANDUM DATED 03-14-17. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND GRAUER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADJOURN THE LOCAL LIQUOR AUTHORITY AND RECONVENE THE COUNCIL. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

9. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

9A. Continued Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 02 Series 2017: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving a PUD Amendment to the Southside IV PUD and a Site Plan Review Approval to Permit a Large Daycare and Associated Playground on Lot 1 of the PUD, 400 Alexander Lane, Basalt, Colorado.

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt and Dana Dalla Betta were present to follow up on this item with Council.

The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Whitsitt at 7:06 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND RIFFLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2017 ON SECOND READING, AND THAT STAFF SEND A LETTER TO THE PITKIN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STATING BASALT COUNCIL’S SUPPORT OF THE DAYCARE USE AT THIS LOCATION. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

10. RESOLUTIONS

10A. Resolution No. 06, Series of 2017: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Adopting the Basalt Climate Action Plan (CAP) Which Includes the Basalt Addendum to the Eagle County Climate Action Plan and the Document Titled “Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community”.

Planning Director Susan Philp and Sarah Gruen were present to discuss this item with Council. Phillip Ring of the Basalt Green Team voiced his support for adoption of this Resolution.

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 06, SERIES OF 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

10B. Resolution No. 09, Series of 2017: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Declaring and Affirming Basalt, Colorado’s Commitment as a “Safe Harbor”, to Build a Diverse, Inclusive and Just Community Ensuring Equal Protection and Services for All Residents

Mayor Whitsitt discussed this item, initiated in the Mayor’s Cabinet, with Council. Sam Bernal, owner of Tri Color Radio Aspen, was also present to address this matter with Council.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND RIFFLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 09, SERIES OF 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KITTLE ABSTAINING.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

11A. Update, via conference phone, of Town Manager Search from Peckham and McKenney (Phil McKenney)

Phil McKenney reported via conference phone that they closed the acceptance of applications with 58 applicants. There will be outreach to citizen members and department heads who will participate in the narrowing process. A mixer will be scheduled where the community will have an opportunity to meet the top candidates. Citizens and staff will help narrow the field, though the final decision will be that of Council.

Council requested they be provided with critical dates and commitments. They also requested a list of sample questions.

Mark Kittle left the meeting at this time.

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

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. Advanced Agendas
- c. Correspondence to the Town (Letters of Thanks from Discretionary Fund Recipients: Bridging Bionics, Special Olympics Colorado, Aspen Music Festival and School, Raising A Reader, Home Care & Hospice of the Valley)

13. ADJOURNMENT

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

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

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

By:

Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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