



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES – MAY 22, 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.

5:00 PM **WORKSESSION:** Council and Pitkin County Commissioners re: Basalt
Whitewater Park

5:45 **Break:** Council and Commissioners Travel to 6:00 PM Groundbreaking at Basalt
Vista (Habitat Project) at Basalt High School

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro tem Gary Tennenbaum called the regular meeting to order at 6:29 PM. Council members present were Jennifer Riffle, Bill Infante, Auden Schendler, Katie Schwoerer and Ryan Slack. Mayor Jacque Whitsitt was absent.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Minutes: May 8, 2018

2B. Special Event Activity Permit: Motors on Midland (Watkins Fulk-Gray)

2C. Continue to June 12, 2018: Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2018: Amending the Town's Sustainability Building Regulations (Jim Wilson)

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (Please limit comments to 3 minutes.)

3A. Positive Comments and Gratitudes about Basalt

3B. 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.

- Bennett Bramson commented about the sidewalk that terminates at Ponderosa Park. There are boulders there as if to hinder the sidewalk space forcing pedestrians into the street. Bennett asked council to consider finishing that 10- yards of sidewalk. Town Manager Ryan Mahoney noted that was a project on staff radar and contemplated for completion this year. The rocks were placed there to keep cars from parking, not to obstruct pedestrians. The project, though it appears small, is somewhere in the \$20,000 to \$40,000 range to prep the ground and lay the concrete.
- Jenn Riffle noted she was grateful to our public works for the turf that is looking very prime, very green and very lush. Auden added that public works did a great job with the Frying Pan Road, clearing the debris along the edge of the road.
- Kris Mattera thanked all who helped produce this year's Basalt Magazine, and especially Basalt staff who help verify information and resource phone numbers included in the magazine.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Jennifer Riffle reported she had been approached by Tim Belinski on the Roaring Fork CDC parcel and she had declined any communication with him on that.

Katie Schwoerer reported she was also approached by Tim via email and had declined to comment.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

- Town Manager Ryan Mahoney introduced Lisa Nieslanik as the interim Finance Director.
- Ryan reported on the new website, the Council's Top 12 Priorities, paving of East Two Rivers Road after replacing a water line; Grand River has started road repairs including crack sealing, chip sealing, milling and overlay throughout town; and that bears are out and about and the PD is again working to remind people to keep their trash and other food items contained.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6A. Informational: Pitkin County Clerk presentation on Changes to Election Laws re: Unaffiliated Voters and Election Primary

County Clerk Janice Vos Caudill was unable to attend this evening and will reschedule to a future meeting.

7. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

7A. Board and Council Appointments

Council discussion was held to determine who would sit on various boards and committees.

- Ryan Slack volunteered for the Ruedi Water and Power Authority.

- Jennifer Riffle volunteered as the RFTA Alternate with Jacque Whitsitt remaining as the primary appointee.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment (BOZA) Council representatives are Bill Infante and Auden Schendler.
- Basalt Emergency Management Committee (BEMC) will be Katie Schwoerer.
- Basalt Child Care Coalition will continue with Gary Tennenbaum, and add as an alternate, Ryan Slack.
- Northwest Colorado Council of Governments will remove Ryan Mahoney and add Bill Infante as the representative, with staff member Watkins Fulk-Gray remaining as the alternate.
- Aspen/Snowmass Nordic Council will continue with Gary Tennenbaum as representative and Katie Schwoerer as alternate.
- Finance Committee will be Bill Infante and Katie Schwoerer with further discussion in the future as to meetings and other representatives.
- Discussion to be held in future also, regarding council representation on the POST committee.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND RIFFLE TO APPOINT THE INDIVIDUALS AS LISTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

8. COUNCIL ACTIONS

8A. Direction from Council: Basalt Childcare Coalition updates and options for an Early Childhood Development Center.

Present for this discussion were Shirley Ritter of Kids First, Andy Davies of the Aspen Community Foundation, Joanie Goodwin of the Early Childhood Network, Dustin Anderson of Anderson Peak Architecture, and Staff Planner Sara Nadolny. The Basalt Childcare Coalition presented updates suggesting development of the Town Parcel 2E at Willits as a childcare facility with some scenarios including possible affordable housing with the childcare facility; and discussion for sustainable funding mechanisms and partners for early child care in Basalt.

After the presentation, Council members discussed their views, made observations and asked questions of the presenters

8B. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 09, Series of 2018: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Fines, Penalties and Administrative Fees Pursuant to Section 2-381 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Basalt, Colorado

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney presented the second reading of the ordinance amending the fees particularly related to the sale of tobacco and nicotine products in the Town of Basalt, and fines for violating the ordinance increasing the age of tobacco and nicotine sales to 21 within the Town of Basalt.

Mayor Pro tem Tennenbaum opened the public hearing at 7:53 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFLE AND SCHWOERER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 09, SERIES OF 2018 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

8C. First Reading of Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2018: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Adopting Miscellaneous Amendments to the Basalt Community Housing Guidelines

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt presented this item to Council.

Mayor Pro tem Tennenbaum opened the floor to public comments. Doug MacDonald spoke to ordinance for the Basalt Affordable Community Housing group endorsing some changes and noting the BACH disappointment with the 1,000 hours per year volunteer requirement being made of retirees in community housing units.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND SLACK TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING, ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2018, WITH THE AMENDMENT TO DEFAULT TO THE ORIGINAL GUIDANCE BY BACH TO 500 VOLUNTEER HOURS; AND TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR JUNE 12, 2018.

8D. Resolution No. 10, Series of 2018: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving Miscellaneous Amendments to the Policy for Administering Town-Owned Employee Housing Units

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt presented this item to Council.

Mayor Pro tem Tennenbaum opened the floor to public comments. Doug MacDonald spoke to the Resolution for the Basalt Affordable Housing group noting that large businesses such as the Aspen Skiing Company would have the means and motive to provide housing for their employees, but other large businesses, including food businesses, would likely not provide that benefit or subsidies to their employees, particularly part time employees. BACH felt that was an arbitrary discrimination against the feel it was a wrong way to make a distinction, a way around this might be to limit eligibility to employee who are eligible and do not receive any subsidization from their employer and not split the determining factor between large employers and small employers.

James noted a letter received from the BACH Chair this afternoon which he read for the record.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 10, SERIES OF 2018 UTILIZING OPTION 1, AND EXTENDING THE WAITING PERIOD; ALLOWING US TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT CONTINUE TO THINK ABOUT.

Ryan Mahoney reminded Council this pertained to the 18 town-owned units, not a thousand; most of which are snatched up pretty quickly by the first 2 categories. There are only 2 non-government type workers and we will also have the discussion about whether we want to town as many units as we currently have.

THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

8E. Resolution No. 11, Series of 2018: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Appointing and Retaining a Town Attorney

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney discussed this item with Council. This Resolution appoints as the Town Attorney, Jeff Conklin of Karp, Neu, Hanlon; the services and expertise of all the members of the firm will be available to the Town. The hourly rate is \$185 per hour. In general, termination of the services with the firm are 'at will', so there isn't any contract with severance provisions.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND INFANTE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 11, SERIES OF 2018. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

8F. Resolution No. 12, Series of 2018: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Amending the Town's Policies for Special Events and Commercial Activities on Town-Owned Properties

Staff Planner Watkins Fulk Gray was present to discuss this item with Council. This Resolution updates the special events policies and approval process.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND RIFFLE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES OF 2018. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 9A. Accounts Payable
- 9B. Advanced Agendas
- 9C. Correspondence to the Town


10. ADJOURN



M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND RIFFLE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:44 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

The minutes of this May 22, 2018 meeting were read and approved this 12th day of June, 2018.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

By: 
Gary Tennenbaum, Mayor Pro tem

 
Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety at:
<https://townofbasalt.ompnetwork.org/sessions/38334?embedInPoint=1&embedOutPoint=13603&shareMethod=link>