



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – MAY 26, 2020**

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.

COUNCIL WORKSESSION – CIRSA TRAINING

The Council Worksession was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Kane. Council members present were Bill Infante, Glenn Drummond, David Knight Elyse Hottel and Ryan Slack. Gary Tennenbaum joined shortly after the start of the worksession.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mayor Kane. Council members present were Gary Tennenbaum, Ryan Slack, David Knight, Glenn Drummond, Elyse Hottel and Bill Infante.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Minutes – May 1, 2020

2B. Minutes – May 12, 2020

2C. Appoint David Knight as the Town's Representative to the Roaring Fork Conservancy (instead of Elyse Hottel)

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND DRUMMOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

3A. Positive Comments and Gratitudes about Basalt

3B. At this time members of the public are invited to address the Town Council on any issue, except for items scheduled for a Public Hearing at this meeting.

Stacey Craft, Basalt resident, called to voice her concerns with the Basalt Shooting Range noting it was being operated during drought conditions with no full time supervision – both contributing factors to the 2018 wildfire. It had been recommended that CPW (Colorado Parks

and Wildlife) install a green belt above the range. Stacey noted that CPW had committed \$30 million for the shooting range at Cameo, but said they could not afford a range supervisor for Basalt. Stacey added that the irrigation fire break hasn't been implemented, no supervision, no security cameras and no soil or lead testing has been completed.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney offered some feedback he had received recently concerning the hours of operation which will begin on July 1 that will allow for complete closure on Wednesdays including the private shooting groups. Ryan outlined the hours at the range with the two different schedules: May 15 through October 14, and October 15 through May 14. Summer hours are somewhat extended from 7 am to 7 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday and Sunday hours from 9 am to 5 pm. Winter hours are from 9 am to 4 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; closed Wednesdays. The soils testing plan has been approved and testing should begin by the end of May with results anticipated later this summer (delays being caused by the COVID testing). They are doing work to set up the cameras (running electrical lines); some items still pending. Staff will continue follow up.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Ryan Slack reported that RWAPA (Ruedi Water And Power Authority) secured a \$200,000 grant to check boats going into Ruedi for ANS (Aquatic Nuisance Species), namely zebra and quagga mussels.

Bill Infante offered updates on the restaurants reopening which has been allowed by the Eagle County variance approved by the State; he was waiting on Pitkin County variance orders. Bill hosted a Zoom meeting with restauranteurs and Mark Benchimol from Eagle County Environmental Health who offered guidance on reopening the restaurants. The focus was on hygiene, mask wearing, table accessories, etc. Clarification on face mask wearing in restaurants by kitchen staff and customers was made through the work of Police Chief Greg Knott and Town Attorney Jeff Conklin. Bill Kane and Bill Infante visited with 8 or 9 restaurants Monday evening; their show of support was welcomed.

Bill Kane acknowledged Bill Infante's time in nursing these restaurants back to open.

Bill Kane reported that the work with restaurants would continue as they put together plans for temporary expanded outdoor liquor consumption areas. Restaurants have been pleased with the responsiveness from the State and the Town.

Bill Kane updated Council on meeting as the RFTA representative and the issues surrounding the Maroon Bells bus system for the summer. It will operate, but will require a reservation with higher costs likely being borne by fewer riders.

Elyse Hottel attended the CORE (Colorado Office Resource Efficiency) meeting on Thursday; they would like contact information for those who were interested in receiving their twice-a-month newsletter. David Knight, Glenn Drummond and Bill Infante indicated interest; Gary Tennenbaum already receives.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney discussed his conversation with Jeff Gatlin of RE-1 School District to allow parking at the school this summer to supplement downtown parking. Jeff Gatlin

though they may be able to accommodate. The idea is to park at the school and take the Swinging Bridge Trail downtown. They thought perhaps they could also encourage local business employees to park there and open downtown parking spaces for customers.

Ryan noted that over the weekend, in anticipation of full trash cans, we did have one employee empty the bins every single day. The big winner was Triangle Park; additional receptacles have been placed and staff will continue to monitor. A second weekly collection of the large dumpster at public works has been added to help accommodate the trash collection around town consisting of a large number of take-out containers.

Applications from restaurants have been coming in for expanded liquor consumption areas. Staff has been brainstorming the use of parking spaces for added seating and had estimates on concrete river piers for safety against traffic. Scheduling the concrete river piers is key. Another idea has been to offer small grants to the restaurants to add seating or aesthetics to their expanded spaces to help them get up and running again.

Staff is obtaining pricing on handwashing stations for placement in public spaces around town.

Staff met with the Chamber of Commerce and TACAW who is considering a summer concert services and how they might be able to roll that out.

At the last Council meeting, the Council terminated the purchase contract with the seller for the additional public works piece of land. We did receive our earnest money back; the property is now under contract with a different buyer.

Ryan Mahoney noted he was following up on a request for a Council retreat and was in contact with Kathie Novak as the moderator. Council would look at their work plan, strategic plan, etc.

6. COUNCIL ACTIONS

6A. Resolution No. 17, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Adopting Public Health Orders Regarding Face Coverings

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney noted this Resolution would extend the requirement to wear face coverings in public spaces until June 23.

Some discussion was held concerning the language surrounding kitchen areas, banks, restaurant customers, and customers of marijuana dispensaries

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17, SERIES OF 2020. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6B. Resolution No. 18, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending its Local Disaster Emergency Declaration to Provide for Administrative Approval of Temporary Modifications of Liquor License Premises and Temporary Encroachment Licenses in the Town's Rights-Of-Way to Facilitate Compliance with Social Distancing and Applicable Public Health Orders

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney noted this Resolution was in response to the reopening of restaurants to allow for temporary additional consumption areas. This Resolution allows for the administrative review and approval of the applications and encroachments licenses.

M/S COUNCILORS KNIGHT AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18, SERIES OF 2020. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6C. Continued Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2020:

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Granting Special Review Approval for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Located at 112 E. Hillside Drive, Basalt, Colorado (Clasen Application)

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt explained the Ordinance and reviewed the actions to date.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 7:15 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6D. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2020: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Granting Approval for a Two-Family Dwelling Unit Located at 710 E. Sopris Drive, Basalt Colorado (Perko Application)

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt, Applicant John Perko and Attorney David Myler were present for this discussion. James opened with an outline of the application. John Perko followed with comments regarding the need for the creation of an ADU. David Myler spoke to the issue of the requirements for a deed restriction.

Mayor Kane opened the public comment at 7:53 PM.

Keith McDougal, 680 E. Sopris Drive, expressed his concerns with the proposed variance to convert an existing single family dwelling into a 2 family dwelling.

He felt that the concerns for the variance request had not been fully relayed to P&Z during their review, and stated the application should be denied based on deceit in the permitting process, all statements in the application, safety concerns and consistency with existing zoning. Mr. McDougal expressed that the applicants submitted an application with what they intended to build, but said that the project was already built and had been occupied for several years. Mr. McDougal felt approval of this project would set a bad precedent for Sopris Drive and the town.

Mr. McDougal spoke to comments made by Eagle County regarding affordable housing and felt this project was not affordable nor rented to the listed occupations.

Council discussion followed.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2020 ON FIRST READING, WITH THE APPLICANTS' ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN LIEU OF THE DEED RESTRICTION, AND THE MINIMUM RENTAL TERM SHALL BE 6 MONTHS; AND CONTINUE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR JUNE 9, 2020.

Council discussed other amendments to the occupancy priorities; staff indicated they would work with the applicant on that language.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6E. First Reading Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2020: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado Approving a License and Indemnity Agreement for the Installation and Maintenance of a Fence in the Right-Of-Way Along Spur Lane for the Property at 105 West Sopris Drive, Basalt, Colorado (Barbara Reese Property)

Staff Planner Sara Nadolny, applicant Barbara Reese and applicant representative Suzanne Jackson discussed the proposed fence with Council.

Though not technically a public hearing, the Mayor opened the floor to public comment. There were no public comments and the comment period was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2020 ON FIRST READING, AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR JUNE 9, 2020. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6F. First Quarter Financials (Christy Hamrick)

Finance Director Christy Hamrick introduced Cheryl Ruppel of the Basalt Finance Advisory Board (FAB). The FAB has been reviewing and working over the last year to improve on the quarterly financial report. Cheryl Ruppel spoke with Council about how the FAB came up with the changes, followed by Christy Hamrick discussing the results.

6G. Resolution 19, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Approving the Basalt Bucks Stimulus Program

Town Manager Bill Kane offered introductory remarks and background of the proposed stimulus program. Bill explained the 2008 concept and his thoughts on the updated information on the proposed 2020 Basalt Bucks stimulus program.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Finance Director Christy Hamrick discussed information from the 2008 program - what worked and what didn't, and outlined staff's brainstorming this year's voucher program. Staff wanted to design a program sensitive to the realities of COVID 19; we are still restricted in our movements. The past program reimbursed people for spending money and encouraged outside visitors to come to town. This proposed program is centered around community and kicking off summer with our residents and restaurants being open; a celebration looking inward to the community. Also, providing a \$20 voucher to the residents would reach everyone in the community. One benefit would be that it would leverage additional spending within the community.

Staff proposed 2700 vouchers to be distributed at a summer concert series or used as another promotion. The target is retail and restaurants for now; those that have been highly impacted. The retailer or restaurant would bring their receipts in with the vouchers and the Town would reimburse them. The Town of Avon did a similar program early on. Both programs – the 2008 and the 2020 – could work, both have pros and cons. Staff feels the \$20 voucher program is more sensitive to the times at hand.

Mayor Kane thought the previous program could also be set up and run later, perhaps this winter or next summer.

Council discussed the past and current programs, shared their thoughts on each and arguments in favor of one program over the other.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19, SERIES OF 2020. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 7A. Accounts Payable
- 7B. Advanced Agendas
- 7C. Correspondence to the Town

8. ADJOURNMENT

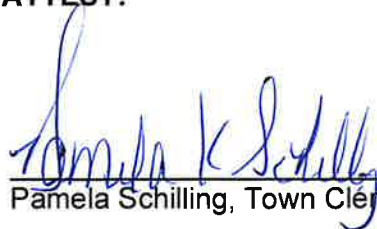
Mayor Kane adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 pm.

The minutes of this May 26, 2020 meeting were read and approved this 9th day of June, 2020.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

By: 
William G. Kane, Mayor


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

This meeting may be viewed in its entirety here:
<https://townofbasalt.ompnetwork.org/sessions/140474?embedInPoint=1&embedOutPoint=12846&shareMethod=link>