



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – MAY 28, 2019**

**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.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jacque Whitsitt at 6:04 pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Council members present were Auden Schendler, Gary Tennenbaum and Bill Infante. Council members Jennifer Riffle and Katie Schwoerer were absent.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2A. Minutes:** May 14, 2019

**2B. Resolution No. 22, Series of 2019:** A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving Street Improvements and Authorizing Staff to Enter into Contract for 2019 Street Improvements (Ryan Mahoney, Boyd Bierbaum, Chris Lehrman)

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND TENNENBAUM TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**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.**

Beatriz Soto was present with Robin Waters representing the Latino Chamber of Commerce and Community Engagement – a Roaring Fork Valley-wide project. Beatriz sought Basalt's support for this project which would assist local communities in engaging with the Latino community and share information and resources that are available to the Latino community in a safe fashion.

Lynne Mace and Peggy Baer had met with BPAC a year ago to discuss a sculpture that Peggy's husband's parents wanted to donate to the Town; BPAC asked Lynne to speak with POST about it. To date, no further response has come from either committee or the Town. The

sculpture is to be a gift from David Baer's parents; it is to be a life-sized bronze fisherman designed by Howard Nevill a well known artist from the Granby area. This is a complete donation including installation and funds for its maintenance. Lynne requested the Town respond in some fashion. Staff took note and should respond shortly.

#### **4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

There were no Mayor or Council reports or comments this evening.

#### **5. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney introduced the Town's newest employee and Chief Building Official Rick Fout.

Ryan updated Council noting that the community pool opened up this last weekend for the rest of the summer.

This Thursday, May 30, is the final open house as part of the Master Planning process at RMI beginning at 5:30 pm. There will be new information so those who have attended previously are encouraged to attend again. There will also be new activities for the kids.

#### **6. PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **6A. TABOR Conversation**

Bill Ray was present with a PowerPoint discussion on the TABOR issue. The issue presented information on Preparing for a Ballot Question – Timelines and FCPA.

#### **7. COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**7A. Resolution No. 23, Series of 2019:** A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Granting Sketch Plan Approval for the Basalt River Park Development (James Lindt/Ryan Mahoney)

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt introduced applicant representatives Tim Belinski, Robin Schiller of CCY Architects, and Annie Glatz. Also present was the Town's financial consultant Bruce Kimmel of Ehler's. After the last review by Council, and report by Kimmel in early April, the applicant needed to re-balance about \$750,000 worth of costs, plus a community benefit. This evening's meeting reviews the results of that rebalancing of the project costs as worked on between Town staff and the applicant.

James noted that an amended item 7A – Revised Resolution- had been distributed to the Council this evening.

After presentations, Mayor Whitsitt opened the floor to public comment at 7:10 pm. Citizens speaking this evening were:

- Royal Laybourn

- Frank Taverna
- Lynne Mace
- Mike Mercatoris
- Gerry Terwilliger
- Bernie Grauer
- Dan Grant
- Sandy Kucharik

Public comments were closed at 7:30 pm.

Council members offered their comments and thoughts on the amendments.

**M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND INFANTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO 23, SERIES OF 2019, AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Council member Auden Schendler recused himself from the meeting for the discussion of item 7B.

**7B. Continued Public Hearing and First Reading on Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2019**

**Public Hearing:** Aspen Skiing Company Application - for the purpose of considering an application submitted by the Aspen Skiing Company on behalf of the property owner, Willits Town Center, LLC for amendments to the Willits Town Center PUD to permit the Aspen Skiing Company's Willits Workforce Housing Project on Block 9 of Willits Town Center. (James Lindt)

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt introduced Phillip Jeffreys and David Corbin of the Aspen Skiing Company application for workforce housing on Block 9 of Willits Town Center. At the last meeting staff reviewed the request for the PUD and discussion items with Council. Council provided initial comments on the application. The applicants have returned this evening with two alternatives for consideration this evening. James briefly reviewed the 2 alternatives.

David Corbin and Phillip Jeffreys both made presentations to Council requesting Council support for the draft Ordinance as written for Alternative 1.

The continued public hearing was opened by Mayor Whitsitt at approximately 8:17 pm. Citizens making comments on this item this evening were:

Carol Hawk, Enid Ritchie, Cathy Click, Scott Picard, Guy Pisano, Rick Sheriff (?), Mike Mercatoris, Brett Suma, Doug Grant, Dan Grant, John Locke and a comment from Brenda Wilde read by Carol Hawk.

There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed at 9:05 pm.

Council offered comments to the applicant.

**M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ALTERNATIVE 1, ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2019 ON FIRST READING, AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR JUNE 11, 2019. THE MOTION TIED 2-2 WITH MAYOR WHITSITT AND COUNCILOR SLACK OPPOSED. THE MOTION FAILED.**

**M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND INFANTE TO CONTINUE THE FIRST READING TO JUNE 11, 2019. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Councilor Auden Schendler returned to the council meeting.

**7C. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2019:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Approving a Contract to Buy and Sell Real Estate for Property Located at 29 and 30 Shining Mountain Way; and Providing for Other Matters Relating Thereto. (Ryan Mahoney/Jeff Conklin)

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin spoke to this issue. Real Estate Sales representative Jana Dillard was present to address any questions. Jeff explained this Ordinance was approved by Council on first reading at their May 14, 2019 meeting. The Contract with the Aspen School District is included in the packet.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 9:30 pm. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND SLACK TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2019 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**7D. First Reading of Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2019:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Establishing the Basalt Green Team as a Formal Advisory Board to the Town Council (Susan Philp)

Planning Director Susan Philp discussed this item with Council. Susan noted this Ordinance was to establish the Green Team as a formal Advisory Board to the Council the same as had been done for the POST and BACH Committees; this establishes a formal committee structure.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND SCHENDLER APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2019 ON FIRST READING, SUBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE LANGUAGE FROM 'SHOULD' TO 'SHALL', AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING TO JUNE 11, 2019. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**8. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 8A. Accounts Payable
- 8B. Advanced Agendas
- 8C. Correspondence to the Town

**9. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

The minutes of this May 28, 2019 meeting were read and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Pamela K Schilling*  
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Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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