



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 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.**

This meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

Roll call for the worksessions was held at 5:07 PM. Present were Mayor Bill Kane, Council members Gary Tennenbaum, Bill Infante, Glenn Drummond, David Knight and Elyse Hottel. Ryan Slack joined just after the start of the worksession.

**WORKSESSION A: Basalt Chamber Sign Committee** (Watkins Fulk-Gray)

Staff Planner Watkins Fulk Gray was present with members of the Chamber Sign committee Lynne Mace, Phillip Ring, and Chamber Director Kris Mattera. (Unable to attend were Sign committee members Tim Belinski, Bill Simon, Melissa Jones, and Bennett Bramson.) Watkins spoke about the Committee's main project for 2020 which was the East Entrance Sign. Budgetary constraints and Covid have put things on hold. The Committee is requesting funding not spent in 2020 be reissued for 2021. General consensus by council members was to move forward with the sign plan presented this evening.

**WORKSESSION B: Meeting with Basalt Childcare Coalition** (Sara Nadolny)

Staff Planner Sara Nadolny was present with members of the Basalt Early Childcare Coalition Dustin Anderson of Peak Architecture, Joni Goodwin of the Early Childhood Network, Shirley Ritter of Kids First, Leigh Carlson Hernandez – Eagle County Early Childhood Manager. Sara said the Coalition was present to discuss their proposed 2021 Work Plan and 2021 Budget request. Sarah gave a brief history and background of the Basalt Childcare Coalition and the Town's financial involvement with the Coalition. Shirley Ritter spoke to capacity planning; they are still seeing a need for quality, affordable childcare. Joni Goodwin spoke to the Quality Improvement Initiative used toward teachers setting professional goals to improve the quality of their classroom; and spoke to family tuition assistance.

**Council Break**

**6:00 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Kane called the regular meeting of the Basalt Town council to order at 6:04 PM. Council members present were Ryan Slack, Gary Tennenbaum, Bill Infante, Glenn Drummond, David Knight, and Elyse Hottel.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:****2A. Minutes:** August 11, 2020**2B. Minutes:** August 25, 2020**2C. Letter of Support:** Mountain Pact Letter of Support for the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act

Clerk Schilling noted a change to page 1 of the minutes of August 25, 2020; copies with the correction in red had been emailed to Council earlier in the day.

**M/S COUNCILOR INFANTE AND SLACK/HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES AS EDITED. 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.

There were no citizen comments called in this evening.

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

David Knight reported on the Roaring Fork Conservancy Board who met 2 weeks ago. In conjunction with Basalt Recreation, the Conservancy has set up a new fly-fishing program. They have other programs as well; details are on the Conservancy's website.

The Conservancy is working with Glenwood Springs on their riparian setback; you can read about it in the Glenwood Post Independent.

The Conservancy is working with the Colorado River District and the Colorado Water Conservation Board on a winter lease for more water flow in the Frying Pan to help prevent anchor ice.

Ryan Slack reported that the RWAPA funds help protect Ruedi Reservoir from the invasive mussels. They are up to 17 boats that they have caught and cleaned; the program is working. The staff conducting these inspections couldn't be nicer; Ryan loved that we were protecting waters and were a part of RWAPA.

Gary Tennenbaum said that after hearing about the car crash on Frying Pan Road, he thought it was time for the Town to really try to work with Eagle County and pressure them to do more for that road. Gary felt the safety has diminished for road cyclists and the amount of use that happens up at Ruedi, the road deserves more attention; not just signage, but get safety improvements on their radar. Gary asked for Council thoughts on making more of a council request to Eagle to increase the safety of Frying Pan Road. Town Manager Ryan Mahoney said he exchanged some emails with Bernie Grauer who was recently notified of additional signage that would be posted for cyclist safety specifically. Ryan Slack noted that he had seen more sheriff presence on the road from the counties this past weekend. Susan said it might be a good time to reach out as they are working in the budget process; the Roaring Fork Valley Regional Planning Commission adopted the Mid Valley Trails Plan last Thursday and one thing that was added was to work on the Frying Pan Corridor study. It might be good to put the idea before the County Commissioners for funding that study.

Bill Infante noted that Rene Lujan had started a conversation about CDOT grant funds that would be available for those businesses that will be losing their extended seating when the temperatures drop. Bill Infante wondered if we could pursue that and maybe get the restaurants some of that money. Ryan Mahoney said he did reach out to CDOT and wanted to reach out to the restaurants to see what might help them this winter. Applying for funds to place a tent on an individual's property would be viable, but CDOT really wants to see a broad benefit from their funds be used to benefit the community generally. The funds need to be tied back to transportation – such as street benches, bike racks, etc. Public safety is first and foremost and heating, air circulation and snow loads are all concerns with use of tents. Staff recommendation would be to return to council after staff gathers some information from businesses. Additionally, we may have to look for outside help with applying for those grant funds; perhaps an outside grant writer.

Bill Infante raised the issue that what the Council approved for the Riverfront parcel might not actually be built. Bill wished to discuss it because it threatened to materially change the project proposed by the developer, and Council should discuss if they would want to proceed. Bill asked that the Pan and Fork be added to the agenda for an update from staff or the developer. Bill Kane suggested staff also inquire as to the status of the final plat preparation; once we have an executable plat, we can proceed with the purchase agreement with the CDC and start to make improvements on the Town's park parcel. Ryan Mahoney suggested Town Attorney Conklin could speak to the legal questions with regard to land uses and what we did and did not agree to in the land process.

Bill Kane added a thank you to the Council for their brief encounter last week with P&Z that set us in a good direction of understanding each other a bit better. There are specific follow ups Council can undertake when they meet next week to discuss the strategic plan and specific project priorities. That worksession will be held Tuesday, September 15 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Bill Infante asked if Council would engage our committees or commissions in any way during this strategic session on the 15th; do we recommend we might extend an invitation to the community to provide input as well into the strategic process. Ryan Mahoney said the committees have been presenting during Council meetings and we are using that information and direction Council has provided after each of those sessions; that information has found its way into a draft workplan. There's not a great way to have the public present physically. To have Council sit down and establish the goals for the town is the appropriate measure with a work plan like this. Gary Tennenbaum felt Council members had been elected by the people to do this and had already discussed with the committees and boards. For the public, they have the chance to comment everywhere on the election, and who they elected to Council. It's time for us to sit down and set the strategic plan and the work plan put that in the budget going forward. Glenn Drummond said it was hard enough to do what they needed to do as council without the busyness of everyone else trying to interject. We have a lot of work to do as a council and we were elected to do that. Glenn said when he was on POST they were given the strategic plan and were given an opportunity to comment on that.

Bill Kane suggested Council get through the next strategic planning session and if Council is formulating ideas they need additional input on, we can volley it back to those committees.

Elyse Hottel asked if Ryan would be reaching out to Ana at Mountain Pact to let her know that Council agreed to participate in that this evening (letter in support of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act under Consent Agenda). Ryan indicate he would reach out to Ana.

Bill Kane raised the idea of public coffee meetings and would like to proceed with those on an informal basis. The coffee meetings would be an opportunity for councilors and the public to meet. The meetings will be posted in the event more than 2 council members show up; locations will be rotated. Jeff Conklin noted he would develop a set of ground rules using the basic open meeting law provisions – no decisions will be made, no matters of quas-judicial process are to be discussed; the meetings are primarily for the purpose of the public to engage council on ideas they have; etc.

## **5. MANAGER’S REPORT**

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney reported that even though we have wet and cool weather, we will stay in Stage 2 Fire Restrictions.

Ryan said that Chief Knott wanted to remind the public as we are coming into fall – bear season – people should make sure the trash containers don’t go out before 7 am on the day of collection. Also, to be sure to tell the community they have done a great job so far this year with wildlife and trash; we haven’t seen the incidents seen in other places in Colorado because of the good habits developed here.

An email about the shooting range being re-opened during Stage 2 Fire Restrictions had been received. Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Eagle County and the Eagle County Sheriff and the Fire Chief discussed and opened the range in advance of hunting season to allow people to sight their rifles in a more controlled environment. There had been some confusion that the range would stay closed during Stage 2 Fire Restrictions; that is not the case and the conditions are being assessed as they go along.

Elyse Hottel asked how the results of the lead testing were communicated to the public. Ryan Mahoney said CPW (Colorado Parks and Wildlife) had been interviewed by the newspaper that went out last week. CPW Matt Yamashita said their PIO (Public Information Officer) had prepared that public announcement for folks. The good news was they did not find any contamination that had left the site, and have done mitigation work so that future potential contamination would not leave the site.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS:**

**6A. Election Update:** Regina O’Brien, Eagle County Clerk and Janice Vos Caudill, Pitkin County Clerk

Regina O’Brien, Eagle County Clerk and Janice Vos Caudill, Pitkin County Clerk, were present to update the public on the November election. They encourage using the mail ballot and 24/7 drop boxes, and discussed voter registration, voters checking their registration and the address of where they want their ballots mailed, vote centers, mail ballot drop dates and other election deadlines (ballots are mailed out on October 9 to all registered voters), utilizing drop boxes for return of ballots, encouraging voters to call if they do not receive their ballot in a timely fashion, encouraging the community to vote a mail ballot as opposed to going to the polls as we are in a pandemic.

**6B. Youth Zone:** Update of Activities (Lori Mueller, Executive Director YZ)

Lori Mueller, Executive Director of Youth Zone and Carol Wolff, Youth Zone’s new Director of Development, were present to thank Council for help with their capital campaign that resulted in

the ability for YZ to have a home of their own. They also thanked Council for the annual contribution to Youth Zone through municipal court.

Lori highlighted the Evaluation Report and discussed the youth served by their organization. They discussed the annual fundraiser – ZoneFest - and invited council to the virtual participation.

**6C. Basalt Bucks Stimulus and Coronavirus Relief Funding:** Update (Ryan Mahoney/Christy Chicoine)

Christy Chicoine updated Council on the Stimulus and Relief Funding. The funding came from Eagle and Pitkin counties for a total of about \$282,000.

As of today (updated from the information in the packet), 1,610 Basalt Bucks have been returned which is about 45% of the Bucks sent out. Total Bucks to businesses was \$32,200 with about \$79,000 receipts from those sales. We got about 2.5 dollars for each Basalt Buck spent. Christy reviewed the Coronavirus budget, discussed the total cost of the Coronavirus funding, where funds had been spent what had yet to be spent. Ryan Mahoney reviewed the new funds to go toward Food Bank of the Rockies and the Mid Valley Clinic. Ryan also discussed the business survey and thought that staff would be able to turn those results around for presentation to Council fairly quickly.

Council comments were offered.

Elyse Hottel thought the eviction moratorium had been extended and wondered how that might affect the BACH funds. Gary Tennenbaum said it wasn't just evictions, but the late fees people may be incurring that we could assist with; at some point the rents and fees will have to be paid and we should try to help them pay and stay current rather than renters facing 3 to 5 months of rent and fees on top of that. Discussion was raised about the potential for possibly assisting those landlords who rely on rents to make the mortgage.

BACH met earlier this week and felt that they would prefer to help people pay along the way; and they hoped to bring a framework for assistance back to the next meeting.

Bill Kane thought we would know more about our economy in the next few weeks. It might be wise to revisit the stimulus program this winter if it looks like we are going to have a robust winter season.

The question was also raised whether businesses could also obtain rental assistance.

**7. COUNCIL ACTIONS: 7A. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2020:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Granting Rezoning to the P (Public) Zone District, Site Plan Review Approval, A Community Housing Mitigation Waiver, and Establishment of Dimensional Requirements in the P (Public) Zone District, Including an Off-Street Parking Reduction for an Expansion to St. Vincent's Church Located at 240 Midland Avenue, Basalt, Colorado (James Lindt)

David Knight recused himself from this discussion.

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt introduce applicant representative Pat McMahon.

James updated Council on the presentation and subsequent discussions from the last meeting.

The applicant and adjoining property owner have begun discussions on the overlap property to the rear of the church parcel to identify the property lines. A Condition #14 was added to require a 6 foot privacy fence between the Church property and a rear adjoining property.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 7:32 PM. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:34 PM.

**M/S COUNCLORS DRUMMOND AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**7B. Public Hearing – Recreational Marijuana License Renewal:** Roots Rx – 165 Southside Drive, Basalt, CO (Pam Schilling)

The staff memo and comments from the investigating agencies was reviewed by Town Clerk Schilling. The request of the Planning Department for the applicant to remove the non-conforming teardrop signs within 30 days of license was acknowledged by the applicant who indicated he would remove the signs as requested.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 7:39 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LICENSE FOR ROOTS RX, 165 SOUTHSIDE DRIVE, BASALT, COLORADO, CONTINGENT ON THE APPLICANT MEETING THE STAFF AND AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS AS STATED IN THE STAFF MEMO DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**7C. Public Hearing – Medical Marijuana License Renewal:** Down Valley HYH, LLC, dba Goodpeople 165 Midland Avenue, Unit 110 (Pam Schilling)

The staff memo and comments from the investigating agencies was reviewed by Town Clerk Schilling.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 7:43 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSE FOR DOWN VALLEY HYH, DBA GOODPEOPLE, LOCATED AT 175 MIDLAND AVENUE, UNIT 110, BASALT, COLORADO CONTINGENT UPON THE APPLICANT MEETING AND CONTINUING THE CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS STATED IN THE STAFF MEMO DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**7D. Public Hearing – Retail/Recreational Marijuana License Renewal:** Down Valley HYH, LLC, dba Goodpeople, 175 Midland Avenue, Unit 210 (Pam Schilling)

The staff memo and comments from the investigating agencies was reviewed by Town Clerk Schilling.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 7:48 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUCILORS DRUMMOND AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE RETAIL/RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LICENSE FOR DOWN VALLEY HYH, DBA GOODPEOPLE, LOCATED AT 175 MIDLAND AVENUE, UNIT 210, BASALT, COLORADO CONTINGENT UPON THE APPLICANT MEETING AND CONTINUING THE CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS STATED IN THE STAFF MEMO DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION**

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER OR SALE OF PROPERTY INTERESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(A); MORE SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF LOT 4 MID-VALLEY CENTER. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

Council entered Executive Session at 7:53 PM.

Council adjourned Executive Session at 8:36 PM.

**9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 9A. Accounts Payable;
- 9B. Advanced Agendas;
- 9C. BACH Rental Assistance Update
- 9D. Correspondence to the Town



**10. ADJOURNMENT AT**


Mayor Kane adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.

The minutes of this July 14, 2020 meeting were read and approved this 28th day of July, 2020.

**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:**

**ATTEST:**

By:   
 William G. Kane, Mayor

  
 Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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