



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2021**

**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 1. WORKSESSION:** Basalt Forward 2030 – Discussing a Path Forward for the Basalt Master Plan and Town Facilities (Ryan Mahoney)

The Worksession began at 5:04 PM with Mayor Kane, Gary Tennenbaum, Bill Infante, Glenn Drummond, David Knight and Elyse Hottel in attendance. Also present were Town Attorney Jeff Conklin and staff members Susan Philp, Ryan Mahoney, Boyd Bierbaum, James Lindt, Christy Hamrick, Greg Knott and Pam Schilling.

A short recess was called at approximately 5:48 PM.

**2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Bill Kane called the regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council to order at 6:02 PM. Present were Council members Ryan Slack, Elyse Hottel, David Knight, Glenn Drummond, Bill Infante and Gary Tennenbaum.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**3A. Minutes:** February 23, 2021

**3B. Resolution No. 11, Series of 2021:** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Granting Approval for the 2021 Basalt Sunday Market on Midland Spur and Lions Park in Downtown Basalt (Sara Nadolny)

**3C. Ratification of Appointment:** Ratify recommendation of Carolyn Kane to the Basalt Seat of the Basalt Regional Library Board (Pam Schilling)

(Town Attorney Conklin clarified that a roll call vote for Resolutions on a consent agenda was unnecessary; a consent vote was held.)

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** 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 public comments this evening.

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

Bill Kane said that Elyse Hottel had sent a note around to discuss reviving the Council Coffees. He suggested everyone stay tuned for suggestions on meeting times, etc.

Bill Kane reported on the many folks who had heard about the poor service from Comcast. Comcast has been in touch with the Town and was working on the issue. They have corrected the noise on the lines and working to update the capacity (node) which they hope to complete in a week.

Bill Kane remembered Auden Schendler's letter regarding climate action and home heating options and suggested it would be great for Council to become more knowledgeable. To that end, he would like to have someone from the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) join the Council to discuss this and offer more informed choices. Ryan Mahoney said staff had held a brief discussion with CORE and Holy Cross Energy to figure out what they are targeting. One of the things they are looking at is resilience as well as electric storage. CORE and Holy Cross would be invited to meet with Council to learn what they are working on and how they might guide us to getting the most bang for our buck.

Bill Kane thanked Elyse Hottel and Glenn Drummond for sitting through the library interviews to make an appointment for the Basalt Regional Library Board.

Bill Infante offered thanks and praise to Ryan Honey for a tour around The Arts Campus at Willits (TACAW). He felt the staff, board and administration had done an excellent job building a premiere site. Bill Infante felt we will all be super proud of the new event center. He also noted the contributions made by local companies including Myers Steel, Alpine Bank, Harriman Construction, Gould Construction, Umbrella Roofing, the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE), Albright Associates and Sopris Engineering who have all contributed to making Basalt a center for arts and culture in the Rocky Mountains.

#### **6. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney reminded the Council that the PD has been out doing their part to educate folks regarding the leash law and of the spaces provided for off-leash pets. The PD has been educating and warning, but are at a point now where enforcement will begin taking the place of education. Permanent signs will be posted soon on various sites identifying leash free zones.

Ryan Mahoney also mentioned Recreation Director Brian Passenti has been leading the charge for the youth basketball recreation program. The schools are able to participate and now the little kids are in the school gym. They are not playing yet, but they are learning skills and scrimmaging with each other.

## **7. PRESENTATIONS AND ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

### **7A. Worksession:** POST (Parks Opens Space Trails) Committee Update and Check-in (Susan Philp)

Planning Director Susan Philp noted this was an opportunity for POST to check in with Council. Susan introduce the six POST members including Chairman Jason Groves, Vice Chair Carol Hawk, and members Cindy Bruce, Aimee Beasley and Julie Kolar. POST member Paul Hiltz was unable to attend the meeting. Packet materials included information on six major POST projects, renaming the Parcel 10 space, and an item concerning communication. POST members reviewed some of the projects including the swimming pool and the Basalt River Park, as well as the re-naming of the Parcel 10 space to Sunset Point (located across from the Park Modern condominiums. POST members also sought direction on a request regarding public outreach and communication activities.

Glenn Drummond observed that a dog potty station was needed between the round-about near Whole Foods and the intersection of Willits Lane and Hooks Spur bridge.

Council members commented in support of the communication plan.

Council direction was offered by Glenn Drummond who clarified that Council consensus was to formulate a plan to move forward on the proposed communications. Ryan Mahoney said the staffs' intent was to get out an RFP for some outside help with an overall communications strategy; these communications will be a part of that.

### **7B. Council Direction** regarding a request from the Mountain Pact request for Council support of Resolution to Pause Oil and Gas Leasing (Elyse Hottel and Bill Infante)

Ryan Mahoney said that the Mountain Pact had sent an email seeking support on a resolution that supports the Biden Administration's pause on oil and gas leasing in order to allow a comprehensive review of existing lease program. This won't impact existing leases or leases on State, Tribal or private lands; it applies only to those leases on Federal lands. Of the 26 million on-shore acres currently under lease, about 13 million of those are unused and not producing. It does seem appropriate to take a look, and this action aligns with our Climate Emergency Policy.

Bill Infante said the support would be consistent with our declaration of a climate emergency and underscores our role in helping to protect federal lands. The Mountain Pact has been an effective partner in prior initiatives to protect public lands, protect biodiversity, reduce greenhouse gas emission, etc. and they deserve our support.

Elyse Hottel added that because this only affects new leases, it would not affect the Land and Water Conservation Funds that had previously been approved.

Staff proposed to bring back a resolution to the next meeting for consent agenda approval.

## **8. COUNCIL ACTIONS**

**8A. Resolution No. 12 Series of 2021:** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with CTA, Inc, dba Cushing Terrell (Ryan Mahoney/Christy Chicoine/Susan Philp)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney noted that during the worksession this evening, it was discussed to move forward with a contract with Cushing Terrell for help with a facilities needs assessment; to determine what the Town might need based on growing staff, based on deferred maintenance, help to assess our facilities' energy efficiency, among others. At the end of the process there will be a presentation of the findings, costs associated with the needs, and assistance with the public outreach piece. It is a comprehensive look at our properties and a good step to complement what we see in the master plan. Wayne Freeman was introduced as the primary in assisting with the Master Plan process; staff was excited to recommend this group for their professional services.

Christy Chicoine added this assessment was a forward-thinking project; it would look 5 to 10 years into the future at what the needs will be from a Town perspective.

**M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES OF 2021 AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**8B. Resolution No. 13, Series of 2021:** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado Amending Resolution No. 23, Series of 2017 and Resolution No. 24, Series of 2019 Regarding Allocation of Real Estate Transfer Assessment Funds For Use by TACAW (Ryan Mahoney/Susan Philp/Christy Chicoine)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney introduced Ryan Honey, Jody Edwards and asked Kendall Smith to say hello and introduce himself. Ryan Mahoney said approval of this item would update the 2017 and 2019 resolutions that allocate funds and sets forth the financing arrangements with TACAW. This Resolution would approve the allocation of \$350,000 from the Real Estate Transfer Assessment (RETA) funds to be used toward the capital costs associated with the new building, and \$110,000 over the next 2 years for programming and grand opening efforts. The Resolution also speaks to the future endowment funds and rules surrounding that endowment.

Ryan Honey and Jody Edwards commented in support of the Resolution.

Elyse Hottel welcomed Kendall Smith and noted that in this time of COVID, she was not familiar with Jody Edwards or Kendall Smith and their roles in TACAW. Jody and Kendall introduced themselves and described their respective roles in TACAW.

**M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 13, SERIES OF 2021 AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**8C. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2021:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending the 2021 Budget and Providing for a Supplemental Appropriation Related to the Roaring Fork Broadband Middle Mile Project (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney explained this Ordinance would appropriate the funds to allow Basalt to participate in the grant for the Broadband Middle Mile Project. The Library meets tomorrow night to discuss their interest and potential contribution to the project as well.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 7:18 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:22 PM.

**M/S COUNCILORS KNIGHT AND HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2021 ON SECOND READING. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 9A.** Accounts Payable
- 9B.** Advanced Agendas
- 9C.** February Sales Tax Report
- 9D.** Correspondence to the Town

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

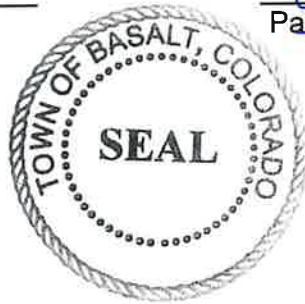
The minutes of this March 9, 2021 meeting were read and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.

**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:**

By:   
William G. Kane, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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