



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 28, 2022**

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.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Ryan Slack, standing in for Mayor Bill Kane and Mayor Pro-tem David Knight, called the regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council to order 6:04 PM. Also present were Council members Dieter Schindler, Angela Anderson and Glenn Drummond. Mayor Bill Kane and Mayor Pro-tem David Knight were absent.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Minutes: June 14, 2022

2B. Special Event Activity Permit: Aspen Valley Marathon (Alec Sloan)

*Council discussed changing the order of the items on an agenda to accommodate the presence of the Early Childhood Development Center presenters who would be a little late.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHINDLER AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL MOVE ITEM 7A BEFORE ITEM 6B ON THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND ANDERSON THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Ryan Slack thanked the Town Staff for getting the Sunday Market up and running, and especially Sara Nadolny for spearheading the effort.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney reported the Basalt Summer Concert Series had been announced today. It will be a little different with three concerts, two of which will be held at TACAW and the final concert at Lions Park. The band 'Husbands' plays at TACAW on July 2, Nick Waterhouse on July 8, and Eli "Paperboy" Reed, plays at Lions Park on August 24.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6A. Honoring Gerry Terwilliger's Service with the Basalt Green Team

Ryan Slack read a Proclamation honoring Gerry Terwilliger's volunteer time with the Green Team and his support of various environmental causes in Basalt. Gerry was an original member of the Green Team. He was thanked for his contributions to the Green Team and community.

7. COUNCIL ACTIONS

7A. Appointments – Green Team: Interview and Appointment of Prospective Green Team Member (Sara Nadolny)

Sara Nadolny introduced Charlie Eckert and Mike Steiner both individuals who are interested in serving on the Basalt Green Team. There are currently three sitting members of the Green Team who have recommended appointment of both Charlie Eckert and Mike Steiner.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHINDLER AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINT CHARLIE ECKERT AND MIKE STEINER TO THE BASALT GREEN TEAM FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS TO END JUNE, 2025. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

6B. Early Childhood Development Center on Parcel 2E – Update (Catherine Christoff)

Town Engineer Catherine Christoff kicked off the presentation of the Early Childhood Development Center by introducing the project representatives: Michelle Oger, Director of Blue Lake Preschool, Andi Korber of Land and Shelter Architects, and Alan Ford of Alan Ford Architects (who joined the meeting shortly after his introduction), and joining via Zoom, Jamison Neyers of Shaw Construction.

Catherine Christoff offered some background on the project. The 2020 Master Plan identified childcare as a burden of residents of Basalt in tandem with affordable housing, and identified a childcare center on Parcel 2E as one of its top 13 projects. In December of 2021, Council approved the engagement of Land and Shelter along with Alan Ford Architects in the development of three conceptual plans for the parcel. In February of this year, Council approved an agreement with Blue Lake Preschool to assist in the programming of that facility. Staff, Land and Shelter and Alan Ford have been working on the three schematic designs before Council this evening. Shaw Construction was brought in to understand the magnitude of costs for the next steps

The three design options were presented: Option One was a single story building; Option Two was a single-story childcare center and single store housing building; Option Three stacked the affordable housing on top of the childcare center.

Andi Korber and Alan Ford detailed each of the designs that focus on connecting inside and outside learning spaces, parking configurations, common areas, building entry options and flexible use rooms. The number of children that could be accommodated with each design were discussed as were pricing options.

Michelle Oger explained the history of the Blue Lake Pre-School from its early days as a for-profit center to their evolution into a non-profit organization. She discussed the need for infant, toddler and pre-K children in the valley as well as her experience with the use, needs and design of the other facilities in El Jebel (Blue Lake) and Carbondale (Little Blue). Michelle described the number of children that could ideally be accommodated in each design; the numbers are restricted by the licensing.

Ryan Slack asked if they had any issue trying to do housing along with this. Michelle Oger said she was more open to the idea than she was last year. Blue Lake has five teachers housed in The Hub (Aspen Skico building), and housing in this project could be a great way to acquire and retain teachers.

Catherine presented the very preliminary cost estimates on the design options were identified: Option One – \$9.5 million; Option Two – around \$12 million; and Option 3 – around \$13.2 million.

Discussion followed concerning grants and raising funds for the childcare facility with Michelle Oger noting grants would be a large part of this, and optimistically hopeful that they would be able to raise funds through a capital campaign in two to three years. Michelle discussed her preferred design and talked about the difference in costs between design One and Two. Jamie Neyers of Shaw Construction added that difference in cost between Option One and Option Two was not just the housing, there were other aspects adding to the cost differences. He thought that the cost of adding the housing would probably be \$350,000 per unit.

Council members commented on the proposals: Dieter Schindler was thrilled to be having this conversation, and thrilled that they believe it can be done. He appreciated Michelle putting the time and effort into this. Dieter like option One which made the most sense to him.

Angela Anderson agreed with Dieter that Option One made the most sense for the neighborhood. She also thought it was a big ask, that on top of raising money for the childcare facility, they would be asked to raise money for affordable housing. Thought a proponent of affordable housing, Angela though Option One seemed to fit Blue Lake's needs and would fit in better with the neighborhood design.

Council offered general direction to keep moving forward on the project and thanked them for their efforts so far, and thanked them for the update.

Glenn Drummond thought all three options needed to be kept open as there were three other people who would chime in.

Ryan Slack added that he wouldn't shy away from the housing given the challenges of finding employees now. He felt that all three were very options.

7B. Public Hearing and Resolution No. 41, Series of 2022: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado Declining Participation in the Colorado Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Program (FAMLI) (Christy Chicoine)

Christy Chicoine explained this program allowed the Town to join or opt out. The cost to staff would be .45% of their payroll with a matching contribution from the Town. The staff can also participate in short and long term disability programs through the Town’s existing benefit program. Christy noted that this information had been shared with Town staff and no one made any comments.

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin explained this Act, FAMLI, creates medical leave program that the employee and employer would pay into. Most all municipalities are opting out as they already have benefits in place and this would be an additional expense. There is a procedure to opt out, including giving employees notice of intent to opt out and to provide an opportunity for employee and public comment.

Mayor Pro-tem Ryan Slack opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND SCHINDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION 41, 2022, DECLINING PARTICIPATION IN THE COLORADO PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM (FAMLI). THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

8. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of the June 28, 2022 meeting were read and approved this 12th day of July, 2022.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 
William G. Kane, Mayor



ATTEST:


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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