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## TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2015 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Dan Jansen at 8:31 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015 in the Mountain Village Town Hall, 455 Mountain Village Town Hall Boulevard, Mountain Village, Colorado.

### **Attendance:**

#### **The following Town Council members were present and acting:**

Dan Jansen, Mayor  
Marty McKinley, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Michelle Sherry  
Dan Caton  
Laila Benitez  
Bruce MacIntire  
Cath Jett

#### Also in attendance were:

Kim Montgomery, Town Manager  
Susan Johnston, Deputy Town Clerk  
Christina Meilander, Administrative Services Coordinator  
David Reed, Town Attorney, via conference call  
Jim Mahoney, Assistant Town Attorney  
Sarah Abbott, Attorney  
Kevin Swain, Finance Director  
Julie Vergari, Chief Accountant  
Chris Broady, Police Chief  
Rachelle Redmond, MVPD Lieutenant  
Glen Van Nimwegen, Dir. of Planning & Development Services  
Deanna Drew, Director of Plazas & Environmental Services  
JD Wise, Plaza Services Manager  
Finn Kjome, Public Works Director  
Chris Colter, Director of Transit & Recreation  
Dave Bangert, Forester/Planner  
Sue Kunz, Human Resources Director  
Corrie McMills, Human Resources Coordinator  
Randy Kee, Building Official  
Rob Johnson, Transit Operations Manager  
Jim Loebe, Gondola Maintenance Manager  
Rachelle Redmond, MVPD Lieutenant  
Patrick Meucci, VCA Manager  
Toby Houshens  
Tristan Rubadeau  
Jessamy Pressler  
Eric Bikis  
Carol Custer

Michael Martelon  
Matt Skinner  
Anton Benitez  
Jolana Vanek  
Danielle Rodriguez  
August Hasz  
Ellie Slegers  
Bob Powell  
Dennis Lankes  
Jonathan Greenspan  
Kim Wheels  
Angela Pashayan  
Don Pashayan  
Paul Oupadia  
Robert Stenhammer  
Jesse Johnson  
Ashley Nager  
Todd Hooper  
Bob Bledsoe  
Brian Kanaga  
Suse Connolly  
Len Metheny  
Jessica Kingston  
Patrick Latcham  
Ellior Steinberg  
Alexandre Rubadeau  
Paul Hora  
Josh Freed

### **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (2)**

There was no public comment.

**Consideration of Approval of Minutes:(3)**

**a. October 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Marty McKinley, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 15, 2015 Town Council meeting minutes with the following amendments to the Doppelmayr Engineering Study: The report stated that the current machine could run indefinitely with proper maintenance, however; the possibility that parts may become obsolete was also discussed. The Mayor stated that the next step is to schedule an Intergovernmental Meeting with the Town of Telluride and San Miguel County to discuss if the Gondola will continue to operate after 2027 and what type of Gondola system will be operated.

**b. October 29, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes**

On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 29, 2015 Town Council meeting minutes with one amendment regarding Gay Ski Week funding: Council consensus was in support of the \$25,000 request, however; it was noted that in order to avoid the "double dipping" issue of obtaining support from Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association (TMVOA) as well as the Town of Mountain Village, the \$25,000 will be an overall contribution from the entire Mountain Village community.

**Consideration of Appointments: (4)**

**a. One Regular Board Seat and One Alternate Board Seat for Telluride Regional Airport Authority (TRAA)**

Deputy Town Clerk Susan Johnston stated that there were three candidates for the two positions and their letters of interest and bios were included in the packet. Council discussion ensued regarding the candidates (Robert Stenhammer, Richard Child and Lawrence Crosby). Robert Stenhammer introduced himself, spoke about his background and explained why he wanted to serve on the Board. Mr. Child and Mr. Crosby were unable to attend the meeting. Council voted by ballot and once the votes were tallied on a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Laila Benitez, Council voted unanimously to appoint Lawrence Crosby to the regular seat and Richard Child to the alternate seat on the TRAA Board for a term of four years.

**b. One Alternate Seat for Eco Action Partners Board (EAP)**

On a **MOTION** by Michelle Sherry and seconded by Marty McKinley, Council voted unanimously to appoint Laila Benitez to the alternate seat on the Eco Action Partners Board with Cath Jett serving as a backup.

On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to convene as the Mountain Village Housing Authority Board.

**Mountain Village Housing Authority: (5)**

**Consideration of an Exception Request for the Buyers of Boulders 5**

Housing Authority representative Danielle Rodriguez presented the above item. Laila Benitez and Michelle Sherry recused themselves because they are property owners in the Boulders area. On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted 5-0 (with Laila Benitez and Michelle Sherry recusing themselves), to approve the exception request for buyers Scott Bookman and April Lane of Boulders 5.

On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Dan Caton, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene as the Mountain Village Town Council.

**Bi-Annual Reports for Marketing Telluride Inc. (MTI) & Colorado Flights Alliance (CFA)(6)**

President and CEO of MTI Michael Martelon and COO of Colorado Flights Alliance Matt Skinner presented their reports. Mr. Martelon stated that Mountain Village sales taxes were up 19.2 % over 2014 summer numbers. September taxes alone were up 28% over last year. He stated that both Mountain Village and the Town of Telluride were up 16.2 % this summer over 2014. Matt Skinner stated that CFA had a great summer. Seats were filled effectively on the Legacy flights with 10-12% overall growth out of Montrose. The one weak spot was the Allegiant Airlines with load factors weakening.

CFA has added a Los Angeles and Chicago flight with American which are both off of the guarantee program. The daily United Airlines Houston flight also came off the program. Overall, CFA is roughly 10% up from last year with some room for growth going into the ski season. CFA is working very closely with Telluride Ski and Golf, as well as the local lodgers on marketing and will be bringing back the buy one, get one free marketing tool for Allegiant for three weeks beginning Black Friday. Council thanked them for the report and their service on the TRAA Board.

### **Marketing & Business Development Budget Discussion(7)**

Mayor Jansen recused himself from elements of this discussion including Telluride Venture Accelerator (TVA) and the Co-Working Space. The Mayor sits on the Telluride Foundation Board and is a mentor with TVA. He is also a landlord of the Telluride Foundation. Mayor Pro Tem Marty McKinley led the work session. Director of Marketing and Business Development Nichole Zangara framed the discussion explaining certain aspects of the Marketing and Business Development Budget. Council discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

**Marketing Collateral:** Nichole included a placeholder for clear wayfinding signage throughout the Town. A formal proposal will be provided and a staff level committee will be formed which will include representatives from Plaza Services, Police Department and Planning and Development Services.

**Website Development:** The budget makes allowances for keeping up with a rapidly changing industry.

**Email communication:** The budget includes increased email marketing. Council directed staff to provide a synopsis of spending on the top 5-10 projects in her quarterly report.

**Sponsorship:** Telluride Venture Accelerator (TVA) was started by three partners; Elliott Steinberg, Paul Major and Jesse Johnson. Initially members of Town Council and Town staff approached TVA and asked how the Town could help them continue working out of Mountain Village. Jesse Johnson TVA Co-founder and CEO stated that TVA is beginning their fourth year as a nonprofit and works closely with Paul Major of the Telluride Foundation. They are based in Mountain Village at the Peaks Hotel & Spa. Most of their events are hosted in Mountain Village. Five of the seven businesses that have taken off have based their operations in Mountain Village. TVA's goal is to make the region a better place to start and develop businesses. Public comment was received by Dennis Lankes with Abrams Strategic Group, Patrick Latham Co-founder of Pro-Editors, Toby Hodgens CEO of Travel Recon, Brian Kanaga, Jolana Vanek, and Ashley Nager. Extensive Council discussion ensued regarding the level to which the Town could provide funding and for what purposes. Assistant Town Attorney Jim Mahoney stated that Council could decide not to allocate funds at this time and then amend the amount at the second reading of the Budget Ordinance. Based on Mr. Mahoney's direction, Council directed staff to remove this amount from the budget and asked that TVA provide a proposal at the December 10, 2015 Town Council meeting. Council can then make a more informed decision.

#### **Co-Working Space:**

Council discussion ensued regarding the likelihood of the Co-working space opening in time for the ski season. Public comment was received by Josh Freed and Dennis Lankes of Abrams/Proximity Space, and Brian Kanaga. Mr. Lankes explained that the distribution of the \$30,000 sponsorship has not been determined at this point. Council directed staff to gather information from other cities on their co-working space scenarios and present it at the December 10, 2015 Town Council meeting.

Mayor Jansen rejoined the conversation after the discussion about co-working space ended.

**VCA:** Budgeted \$20,000 for an interactive e-commerce website. Council directed staff to present a marketing plan with an associated budget at a future meeting.

**Uptown:** Ms. Zangara discussed including Council participation for Uptown interviews stating that it provided the option of live chat and two way communications with residents. All Council members indicated that they would be willing to participate.

**Telluride TV:** Council directed staff to air Town Council meetings on Telluride TV and continue to make them available online beginning in 2016.

**Goals and Measures:** Ms. Zangara asked that Council consider allowing her to get a year under her belt in the new position and then adjust goals and measures. The Mayor stated that he is comfortable with reporting

soft goals for the first year. Ms. Zangara stated that she would present a separate quarterly report summarizing business development activities.

(Council moved to agenda item # 9)

**Executive Session for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(b), and for the Purpose of Negotiations Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)e (8)**

On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Laila Benitez, Council agreed to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(b), and for the purpose of negotiations pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)e at 1:10 p.m.

Council returned to regular session at 2:31 p.m.

(Council moved to agenda item # 11)

**Mountain Village Water Update and Discussion(9)**

Eric Bikis of Bikis Water Consultant Division of SGM presented the above item explaining how the Town's water rights work. Mr. Bikis stated that there is plenty of water capacity to meet the full build out of Mountain Village. Council discussion ensued regarding water conservation and how the water levels indicate the type of conservation efforts needed. Council consensus was not to mandate conservation at this time but instead consider creating reward based programs encouraging conservation. Council directed staff to agendize a work session in the spring to discuss the Town philosophy on water conservation policies and how to use water incentive programs.

On a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Marty McKinley, Council voted unanimously to extend the meeting past 6 hours.

On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to convene as the Board of Directors for the Dissolved Mountain Village Metro District.

**Town Council Acting as the Board of Directors for the Dissolved Mountain Village Metro District: Public Hearing on the Proposed 2016 and Revised 2015 Budgets (11)**

Mayor Jansen opened the public hearing. No public comment was received. The Mayor closed the public hearing. Council discussion ensued.

On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Michelle Sherry, the Board voted unanimously to re-convene as Town Council.

**Finance: (12)**

Finance Director Kevin Swain presented the following:

**a. Presentation of the October 2015 Business & Government Activity Report (BAGAR)**

Council discussion ensued.

**b. Consideration of the September 30, 2015 Financials**

On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Michelle Sherry, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 30, 2015 financials as presented.

(Council moved on to agenda item #13)

**c. First Reading, Setting of a Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance to Set Mill Levies for 2016**

Mr. Swain presented the above Ordinance noting that the general operating levy is set and approved by Town voters. The mill levy is fixed at 13.11 mills for the Town.

On a **MOTION** by Marty McKinley and seconded by Laila Benitez, Council voted 7-0 to pass on first reading an Ordinance to set mill levies for 2016, and to set the second reading, public hearing, and final Council vote for December 10, 2015.

**d. First Reading, Setting of a Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance to Adopt the 2016 Budget and the Revised 2015 Budget**

Kevin Swain presented the proposed 2016 and revised 2015 budgets. The following are modifications to the budget draft prepared for first reading:

- Remove \$50,000 for Telluride Venture Accelerator Sponsorship
- Decreased of \$7,000 for professional consulting in the Marketing and Business Development budget
- Decrease the Tourism Fund by \$13,000 for Marketing Telluride Inc. funding of the Guest Services Agent position
- Move \$55,000 back from the 2016 budget to the 2015 budget to pay for the Gondola Rails

Council discussion ensued regarding the TMVOA deadline to certify the Gondola budget. Town Council asked that TMVOA move their 2015 December meeting to prior to December 10<sup>th</sup>, and revise their future meeting schedules in consideration of the November 15 deadline for TMVOA to approve the budget for the gondola. This will ensure that the Town meets the legal requirement for passing the budget. Mr. Swain stated that the Town of Telluride has notified the Town of Mountain Village that funds will be needed beginning in 2018 to bring the joint waste water plant into compliance with Federal Regulations. This means that the Public Works reserves will need to be increased in order to pay for the Town's share of the project. Mr. Swain presented three options for increasing the reserves: increase water/sewer fees, issue debt (would have to go to the voters), and explore other sources of funding such as grants. Council discussed engaging engineers to review the plans that the Town of Telluride is proposing for the plant. Council directed staff to agendize a work session discussing funding options at the January Town Council meeting. Public comment was received by Jonathan Greenspan and Anton Benitez. Mr. Benitez stated that he had been in contact with the TMVOA Board and that they had officially approved the Gondola budget. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Marty McKinley, Council voted 7-0 to pass on first reading an Ordinance to Adopt the 2016 budget and the revised 2015 budget subject to the revisions noted above and to set the second reading, public hearing, and final Council vote for December 10, 2015.

**e. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting Certain Fee Schedules Effective January 1, 2016**

Mr. Swain presented the above Resolution. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Marty McKinley and seconded by Laila Benitez, Council voted 6-1, with Dan Caton dissenting, to adopt a Resolution adopting certain fee schedules effective January 1, 2016 as presented.

**f. Grant Process Work Session**

Kim Montgomery stated that the Town was once in the business of providing grants and already has a process in place. Director of Administration Jackie Kennefick will present the grant process to Town Council at the January Town Council meeting.

**Discussion with Resource Engineering Group Consultants and Presentation Regarding the Feasibility of Converting Village Court Apartments to Natural Gas(13)**

Plaza and Environmental Services Director Deanna Drew stated that the primary goal of the study was to determine the cost effectiveness of converting VCA from electrical to gas-fired heating systems. Resource Energy Group Energy Consultant August Hasz stated that the study indicated that the cost to facilitate the conversion would be at least \$2.3 million. This number does not take into account the cost of retrofitting common hot water plumbing to the existing buildings. Council discussion ensued regarding possible future technological improvements and whether or not it is wise to make the change now with the return on investment of 15-30 years. He stated that the Town would need to establish a real project estimated cost before moving forward. Mr. Hasz added that there are conservation efforts that can be introduced such as programmable thermostats, improved insulation, and trading out old appliances for energy star products. Council directed staff to prepare a report on the energy saved by replacing the refrigerators and to see if there are any grants available for this type of project.

**Discussion on Possibility of Reinstating the Plaza Use Committee Including Possible Goals, Outcomes, Scope of Work, Composition of Members and any Budgetary Impact(14)**

Deanna Drew presented the above item stating that in the October 2015 Town Council suggested that staff reinstate the Plaza Use Committee. This item was continued to the December 10, 2015 Town Council meeting.

**Consideration of Approval of Gondola Operations Blanket Deployment and Cleaning Plan (15)**

HR Coordinator and Safety Committee advisor Corrie McMills presented the above item stating that the gondola and safety committee have put together a thorough plan to handle the blanket issues. All employees have been instructed on proper handling of soiled blankets. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Bruce MacIntire and seconded by Cath Jett, Council voted unanimously to approve the gondola operations blanket deployment and cleaning plan as presented.

**Council Boards and Commissions Updates: (16)**

- a. **Eco Action Partners(EAP) –Sherry**
- b. **Telluride Historical Museum-Sherry**
- c. **San Miguel Watershed Coalition – Jett**
- d. **Colorado Flights Alliance – Jansen**
- e. **Transportation & Parking- Benitez/MacIntire**
- f. **Budget & Finance Committee – McKinley/Caton**
- g. **Gondola Committee – McKinley/Caton**
- h. **Mayor's Update – Jansen**

Council Boards and Commissions updates will be provided in the December 10, 2015 Town Council meeting.

**Staff Reports: (17)**

**a. Transit & Recreation**

Chris Colter presented his report stating that the Dopplemayr intergovernmental meeting went well and all parties agreed that the Gondola is a regional responsibility. A Regional Transportation Authority Intergovernmental meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Marty McKinley will chair the meeting as Mayor Jansen will be unable to attend. Council discussion ensued regarding the use of the Village Pond activities. Council discussed opening a dialog between Boot Doctors and the Hotel Madeline regarding broom ball and activities. A work session will be scheduled for the December 10, 2015 meeting.

**b. Public Works**

Finn Kjome presented his report. Council commended Mr. Kjome and his staff for being accident free and taking such good care of the roads and sidewalks.

**c. Town Manager**

October Great Services Award went to Corrie McMills for going above and beyond in her efforts to address the employee housing issue.

**Other Business: (18)**

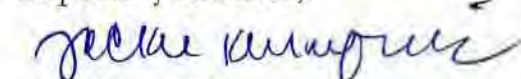
There was no other business.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully prepared,

  
Susan Johnston  
Deputy Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jackie Kennefick  
Town Clerk