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**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE  
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2016  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Dan Jansen at 8:32 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016 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  
Laila Benitez  
Cath Jett  
Dan Caton  
Bruce MacIntire

**The following Town Council members were absent:**

Michelle Sherry

Also in attendance were:

Kim Montgomery, Town Manager  
Jackie Kennefick, Director of Administration/Town Clerk  
Susan Johnston, Deputy Town Clerk  
Christina Meilander, Administrative Services Coordinator  
David Reed, Town Attorney  
Sarah Abbott, Associate Attorney with Town Attorney's Office  
Kevin Swain, Finance Director  
Julie Vergari, Chief Accountant  
Nichole Zangara Riley, Director of Marketing & Business Development  
Chris Broady, Police Chief  
Rachelle Redmond, MVPD  
Glen Van Nimwegen, Dir. of Planning & Development Services  
Deanna Drew, Director of Plazas & Environmental Services  
Finn Kjome, Director of Public Works  
Richard Strom  
Tim Kunkleman  
Stefanie Solomon  
Bingo Eaton  
Angela Pashayan  
Sally Field  
Matt Zumstein  
Jean Vatter  
David Eckman  
Jennifer Dieckman  
Art Goodtimes  
Carly Shaw

Paul Reich  
Anton Benitez  
Pete Mitchell  
Doug Tooley  
Banks Brown  
Greer Garner  
Tom Kennedy  
Liz Caton  
Robert Stenhammer  
Dominic Mauriello  
Michael Martelon  
Shannon Swyka  
Ellie Reuhl  
Nick Swyka  
Abel Chavez  
Mike Fitzhugh  
Deb Gesmundo  
Tom McGlade  
Bill Jensen  
Ray Richard  
Phil Evans  
Elizabeth Stuffings  
Luke Trujillo  
Jerry Reuhl  
David B.

**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 (2)**

On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Cath Jett, 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 8:32 a.m.

Council returned to regular session at 9:32 a.m.

**Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3)**

There was no public comment.

**Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes of the July 21, 2016 Regular Meeting (4)**

Council directed staff to arrange a tour of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Marty McKinley, Council voted unanimously to approve the July 21, 2016 Town Council meeting minutes with the following clarifications: On agenda item #18 add the word "annual" in the See Forever agreement - there is a \$3500 *annual* payment; and in item #10h the Mayor added that the sewer plant upgrade is focused on increasing the quality of the effluent water.

**TRAA (Telluride Regional Airport Authority) Bi-Annual Report (5)**

On a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to continue this item to the September 22, 2016 meeting.

Moved to agenda item # 7

**MTI (Marketing Telluride Inc.) Quarterly Report (6)**

President and CEO of MTI Michael Martelon presented the report. Mr. Martelon stated that in an Intergovernmental meeting, a subcommittee was formed to address how Mountain Village, the Town of Telluride and San Miguel County will work together to mitigate the issues of parking, transportation (Regional Transportation) and workforce housing. The committee consists of Dan Caton, District One Commissioner Amy Levek, and Telluride Mayor Sean Murphy. Summer 2016 will most likely be a record summer in terms of lodging occupancy and sales tax revenue. The Tourism Board is creating a web based portal which will include regional events. The portal will allow for the ability of local businesses to check what events are pending and on the calendar so that appropriate staffing and other issues may be planned for. Mr. Martelon suggested utilizing Munirevs to survey business owners and collect data on whether or not they are staffed properly for events. Public comment was received by Robert Stenhammer of Telluride Ski & Golf. Council discussion ensued regarding monitoring the *grey market* which includes VRBO (Vacation Rentals by Owner). Mr. Martelon stated that Munirevs does monitor the *grey market* daily which allows MTI the ability to track those rentals and revenue. Occupancy is going up but the room rates are being impacted by the VRBO market. Council directed staff to agendize a work session once Mr. Martelon has compiled the necessary information to discuss the *grey market*.

**Second Reading, Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance Amending Section 3.04.040 of the Municipal Code to Update Statutory Reference (7)**

Associate Town Attorney Sarah Abbott presented the above item stating that the purpose of this Ordinance is to correct a reference to the Colorado Revised Statutes and amend the Municipal Code to reflect the change. On a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Marty McKinley, Council voted 6-0 to approve an Ordinance amending section 3.04.040 of the Municipal Code to update a statutory reference. On a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted 6-0 to withdraw the earlier motion made by Laila Benitez and Dan Caton, to allow for a public hearing. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. The Mayor closed the public hearing. On a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted 6-0 (Michelle Sherry was absent) to approve an Ordinance amending section 3.04.040 of the Municipal Code to update a statutory reference.

**Election Items: (8)**

**a. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the San Miguel County Clerk for the Purpose of Conducting a Coordinated Election on November 8, 2016**

Sarah Abbott presented the above item explaining that the November election will be coordinated with San Miguel County and this agreement spells out what each entity is responsible for. On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted 6–0 to adopt a Resolution approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the San Miguel County Clerk for the purpose of conducting a coordinated election on November 8, 2016 and authorizing minor, non-substantive changes to this agreement.

**b. Consideration of an Emergency Ordinance Calling a Special Election on November 8, 2016 for the Purpose of Voting on the Formation and Funding of a Regional Transportation Authority**

Ms. Abbott explained that this Ordinance is an emergency Ordinance because the election must be called for at least 60 days in advance, so there is no time for two readings of a regular Ordinance. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. The Mayor closed the public hearing. On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted 6–0 (Michelle Sherry was absent) to adopt an Emergency Ordinance calling a Special Election on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of voting on the formation and funding of a Regional Transportation Authority.

**c. Consideration of a Resolution Certifying Ballot Questions for the Special Election on November 8, 2016**

On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted 6–0 to approve a Resolution certifying ballot questions for the Special Election on November 8, 2016 and directed staff to amend a Resolution supporting SMART (San Miguel Authority for Regional Transit) at the September Council meeting.

**Consideration of a Resolution to Modify the Pending Minor Lot Line Adjustment Plat for Lots 376RA, 387R and Access Tract A-376R (9)**

Director of Planning and Development Services Glen Van Nimwegen presented the above item. On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted 6–0 to adopt a Resolution modifying the approved Minor Subdivision to adjust lot lines between Lot 387R and Lot 376RA subject to the following condition: The applicant will submit appropriate fees to staff for recordation with the San Miguel County Clerk & Recorder's office within six months of approval.

Moved to item # 24

**Council Boards and Commissions Updates: (24)**

**a. Eco Action Partners(EAP) –Sherry**

There was no update.

**b. Telluride Historical Museum-Sherry**

Laila Benitez stated that they had a very successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Gala fundraiser July 28<sup>th</sup>. Ken Burns' National Parks movie will be shown on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Palm Theatre.

**c. San Miguel Watershed Coalition (SMWC)– Jett**

Cath Jett stated that the new Executive Director Elizabeth Stuffings has been on the job for three months. SMWC is pushing to have the Executive Committee, Advisory Board and sub committees become more of a presence in San Miguel County. Marty McKinley stated that the budget committee has concern over annual non-profit funding requests. Ms. Jett stated that there is an IG agreement in place that addresses funding for SMWC. The budget committee will provide a recommendation on how to handle the issue going forward. Council directed staff to add Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CCCA) to the Council Boards and Commissions updates.

**d. Colorado Flights Alliance (CFA) – Jansen**

Mayor Jansen stated that CFA is continuing to implement the return of commercial service into the Telluride Regional Airport starting December 17th. Discussion is underway regarding the schedule and CFA is

pushing for two flights a day. CFA continues to have discussions regarding the expansion of the Montrose Airport. The load factors for the holidays are coming in on target.

**e. Transportation & Parking- Benitez/MacIntire**

There was no update.

**f. Budget & Finance Committee – McKinley/Caton**

Marty McKinley stated that there will be no CEBT (Colorado Employer Benefit Trust) premium health increase for employee health insurance due to low claims. The upgrade to the regional waste treatment plant will be paid for over several years out of the water/sewer fund. The Town is responsible for thirty percent of the total cost. The upgrade will expand the capacity of the facility in addition to improving the quality of effluent. Salary increases for employees were discussed and the committee directed Human Resources Director Sue Kunz to conduct a salary comparison and include the national and local CPI (consumer price index).

**g. Gondola Committee – McKinley/Caton**

There was no update.

**h. Mayor's Update – Jansen**

Mayor Jansen, Town of Telluride Mayor Sean Murphy and Montrose Mayor Swanson met to discuss how to help each other and partner on common issues. The Mayor disclosed that he has been elected Chairman of the Budget Finance Committee for the Telluride Foundation where he serves on the Board. The Mayor was introduced to the One to One Mentoring program and encouraged Council members to become familiar with the great things the program does for children.

**First Reading, Setting of a Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance Approving Amendments to the Community Development Code to prohibit Lot Splits and Transferring Additional Density; and Limiting Rezoning in the Single-Family District (10)**

Glen Van Nimwegen presented the above item noting that the amendments excluded lot line adjustments and included that the only rezoning of a single family lot would be for active open space. Council discussion ensued regarding concerns about redistributing density. The goal is to maintain the integrity of the neighborhoods. Public comment was received by Dominic Mauriello and Nick Swyka. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Marty McKinley, Council voted 5-1 (with Cath Jett dissenting and Michelle Sherry absent), to approve on first reading an Ordinance approving amendments to the CDC to prohibit lot splits and transferring additional density; and limiting rezoning in the Single-Family District and to set the second reading, public hearing and Council vote for September 22, 2016.

**Update by Mr. Richard Strom with Century Link Regarding Recent Phone and Internet Service Outages (11)**

The Mayor stated that the goal of today's discussion is to gain perspective on what can be done to avoid phone and internet outages that have recently been experienced in the region. Century Link's Local Government Affairs Officer Abel Chavez, Regulatory Director for Colorado Tim Kunkleman, and Local Field Supervisor Richard Strom addressed Council's concerns. Mr. Chavez stated that there was an unfortunate series of events in June 2016 which started with a gunshot severing a fiber cable owned by Tri-State. Following that incident there were a number of outages almost weekly. According to Century Link, the solution to the problem and idea to creating a better and more resilient resource is adding new fiber and additional routes. Century Link has plans to work through the issues and is discussing costs; however, there is no financing in place at this time. Council discussion ensued regarding the need for consistent service. Council asked Century Link to report back to them once a plan is conceived. Council stressed that keeping the lines of communication open between Century Link and the Town is key and stated that if there is no solution in sight, Council may consider moving to a different carrier. Century Link representatives will report back to Council in the first quarter of 2017.

**First Reading, Council Vote and Setting of a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Revising Water and Sewer Regulations (Ordinance No. 2013-08) (12)**

Public Works Director Finn Kjome presented the above item stating that the State of Colorado recently enacted changes to State law regarding cross connections and backflow prevention for public water systems. Therefore, the Municipal Code needs to be modified to be in line with the State Statutes. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Bruce MacIntire and seconded by Cath Jett, Council voted 6-0 (Michelle Sherry

was absent) to pass on first reading an Ordinance revising water and sewer regulations (Ordinance No. 2013-08) and to set the second reading, public hearing and Council vote for September 22, 2016.

**Discussion on Support of Indigenous Peoples Day October 8, 2016 Including Funding Request (13)**

San Miguel County Commissioner Art Goodtimes presented the above item asking for the town to contribute \$5000 to support Indigenous *Peoples Day* activities. Council discussion ensued regarding the possibility of Mountain Village hosting events. Mr. Goodtimes requested that Council consider a Resolution welcoming and honoring the Ute people and agreed to provide a draft to staff. A ceremony with Ute dancers will take place in Placerville where a plaque will be dedicated. The dancers will then visit Telluride and Mountain Village. The Mayor thanked Mr. Goodtimes for his service and dedication. Council consensus was in support of paying one third of the final bill in either monetary or in-kind support. The Resolution will be presented and voted on at the September 22, 2016 Town Council meeting.

**Council took lunch from 12:25 p.m. to 12:36 p.m.**

**Consideration of Moving Forward on the Purchase of Park Land Associated with Lot 640A and Direction to Staff to Draft and Present a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Purchase of the Park Land (14)**

Town Attorney David Reed presented the above item stating that staff needs direction from Town Council in review of the appraisal conducted on the park parcel located on Lot 640A. The appraisal came in at \$650,000 and the purchase price is \$550,000. Council discussion ensued regarding the executed term sheet. Council directed staff to make the appraisal a public record. Public comment was received from Deb Gesmundo. Council consensus was to be more specific on the number of units permitted (up to 45 units) in the binding documents. The demolition of the Telluride Apartments building must be approved and permitted by the Town's building department. Council directed to staff to ensure that the demolition is done under the Town's authority in full compliance with current regulations and is completed expeditiously. On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Marty McKinley, Council voted 6-0 to authorize and direct legal counsel to draft a purchase contract consistent with the term sheet and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract; also adding that the contract include the defining statement "up to 45 units" and the requirement of a demolition plan.

**Discussion of a Parking Agreement for Gondola Parking Garage Between Town of Mountain Village, TMVOA (Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association), and TSG (Telluride Ski and Golf) (15)**

Mayor Jansen presented the above item stating that the original agreement with TSG (Telluride Ski and Golf) and TMVOA (Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association) called for free parking for TSG guests in the Gondola Parking Garage and stated that there is some level of dispute as to how that original agreement has been interpreted. The Town expends approximately \$500,000 in debt service as well as approximately \$90,000 in operating costs annually, and the parking fund balance is dwindling. Rebuilding the fund so that improvements (additional decks) can be made in the future is a priority. The Mayor stated that the new agreement will distribute the cost of operating the GPG (Gondola Parking Garage) between the three entities. Day parking will continue to be free while overnight parking will incur a fee. Public comment was received by Bill Jensen and Stefanie Solomon of TSG. Mr. Jensen and Ms. Solomon presented several documents (2003 open space conveyance agreement, 1984 Bill of Sale, 2010 Parking agreement and the appraisal of the land that was conveyed in 2003) disputing the Town's interpretation of the current agreement. Mr. Jensen was agreeable to building a parking fund that would benefit the community. The Town will continue to charge \$25 for an annual parking permit; provide free parking during the day and charge for overnight parking. The agreement is to raise \$500,000 over the next five years (\$100,000 each year). The \$100,000 will be split three ways and placed in a parking fund to be used for capital costs related to parking. TMVOA Executive Director Anton Benitez is supportive of the agreement but has concerns about on street festival parking. This agreement is an effort to clarify the past agreements and move forward with a joint solution, however; the previous agreement will remain in force. Council directed staff to move forward with an agreement between the Town of Mountain Village, TSG and TMVOA, and to confirm the dollar amount that will be split between the three entities. The agreement will include an annual auto renew with a 60 day cancellation clause. The overnight and event revenue collected by the Town will be applied to GPG

operating costs. The agreement will be revised and sent to TSG and TMVOA with the agreement to be in place by September 30, 2016.

**Finance: (16)**

**a. Presentation of the July 2016 Business & Government Activity Report (BAGAR)**

Finance Director Kevin Swain presented the BAGAR. Council discussion ensued.

**b. Consideration of the June 30, 2016 Financials**

Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Marty McKinley and seconded by Cath Jett, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 31, 2016 Financials as presented.

**Discussion with Continental Acquisition Corporation Regarding the Purchase of VCA (Village Court Apartments) (17)**

The purpose of this work session was to determine if Council was interested in initiating an RFP process for the sale of the Village Court Apartments. Real estate agent Sally Field and a representative for the Continental Acquisition Corporation Ray Wickert addressed Council stating that Continental Acquisition Corporation focuses primarily on affordable housing. Mr. Wickert gave a brief history stating that since the company's formation in June 1997, they have acquired sixty properties. As of March 2016, Continental Communities owns, manages and operates forty nine housing communities located in twelve states. Council discussion ensued regarding deed restriction requirements. The offer that was provided barely covers the mortgage and penalties that would be incurred with an early pay-off. VCA essentially pays for itself and if the property were to be sold, taxpayers would not receive a decrease in taxes. Council asked Mr. Wickert to provide information on Continental Acquisition Corporation's funding sources. Marty McKinley and Cath Jett agreed to create a detailed list of pros and cons regarding selling VCA for a future work session and to discuss the issue publically.

**Discussion with the Regional Forest Service Regarding Shared Resources (18)**

District Ranger for the Norwood area Matt Zumstein presented the proposal for sharing resources regionally. He explained that fire mitigation has consumed a good portion of the USDA Forest Service budget, which leaves them lacking in other areas such as recreation. The results of people using parks and trails are severe erosion, trash and damaged resources. Mr. Zumstein introduced a program that would create partnerships between the USDA Forest Service, the Town of Mountain Village, Town of Telluride, San Miguel County and other local stakeholders. The Forest Service requested \$25,000 in support from each entity to implement a Recreation Ranger Program. The program will provide customer service and generate interest in volunteer opportunities while educating the public on how to take care of our National Parks and trails. The Forest Service would provide staff, training and supplies for the rangers and the Town contributions would pay the ranger's salary. Council discussion ensued and Council consensus was in favor of supporting the program in the amount of \$25,000 in the 2017 budget.

**Joint Discussion with the DRB (Design Review Board) on the Design Regulations of the Community Development Code (19)**

The Mayor opened the discussion and introduced the following members of the DRB (Design Review Board) Phil Evans, David Eckman, Luke Trujillo, Jean Vatter, Greer Garner, Banks Brown and Liz Caton. David Eckman stated that DRB is looking for clear guidance on the architectural evolution and the community's desire to expand acceptable materials and designs. The two conditions that are most widely debated are roof lines and the amount of glazing used for a house. Luke Trujillo stated that by restricting the slope of the roof pitches to 6/12 gables, the designs never really change and the homes begin to look alike. DRB is proposing that by allowing variations, real estate values will increase and the result will be a more balanced and diverse community. Council asked DRB to develop specific recommendations for changes to roof lines, colors and materials. Discussion ensued regarding developing a communications plan regarding potential changes to the design guidelines. Council and DRB discussion recognized that many of the homes that are being built are requiring extensive variations and therefore revision of our design standards may be necessary to enable what our residents want. Council consensus was favorable to allowing some changes to the CDC with regards to the recommendations made by DRB. Community outreach will be coordinated

with Director of Marketing & Business Development. Nichole Zangara. Mr. Eckman expressed that he was pleased to have the support of Council.

**SMWC (San Miguel Watershed Coalition's) 2016 Accomplishment Report and 2017 Budget Request Submittal (20)**

Director of Plazas and Environmental Services Deanna Drew presented the above item showing the watershed region on a map and explaining the importance of supporting the San Miguel River from top to bottom. Ms. Drew provided some history and detailed SMWC's accomplishments stating that the Caribou tailings bank is slated for clean up where tailings will be removed and the water will be monitored above and below the site to determine if the cleanup improves the water quality. Ms. Drew also stated that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) will be installing a bulkhead at the Carbenera Mine which recently broke into the water table and discolored the San Miguel River for about two days. The SMWC provides increased water testing services and focuses on the ecological health of the San Miguel River. The goal is to bring people to the table and educate them on the health of the watershed and how to better improve the health of the San Miguel River. SMWC generates a "State of the San Miguel Watershed" scientific report every five years and provides data on the ecological conditions along the river. Ms. Drew thanked Council for their ongoing support which is defined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an annual commitment of \$10,000. SMWC Director Elizabeth Stuffings has been with the coalition for three months and has spent of the majority of her time working on water quality testing and donor relations to help grow support. She takes the data collected on the watershed and disseminates it to the public. Council consensus was in support of continuing the funding at the current level.

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

**2016 TCC (Telluride Conference Center) Update (21)**

Telluride Ski and Golf Executive Vice-President Robert Stenhammer presented the TCC mid-year review stating that the Conference Center is being positioned as a multi-use facility community asset. Mr. Stenhammer stated that the goal is to bring vibrancy to Mountain Village. Between January 1 and June 30, 2016, 64 events have been held at the Conference Center. Kid's Zone was started in March 2016 and has had at least 300 children and parents at each event. The facility received an upgrade to Delphi Management Software, a new screen, projector and sound system and updated HVAC controls and hardware to manage energy consumption. Director of Conference Center Sales Alison Besetti has sixteen solid prospects for the remainder of the year. TCC purchased a discounted sound system in 2015 for \$212,591. Mr. Stenhammer stated that it has provided an incredible boost to music venues and conferences. He will be re-submitting the purchase as an approved capital expenditure to Council. In 2017 there is the potential for an auto renew of the management contract if TCC has satisfied all expenditure requirements.

**Discussion of the Tri County Health Network's San Miguel Behavioral Health Strategic Plan (22)**

President of the Telluride R-1 School District Board of Education Paul Reich presented the above item stating that the Tri County Health Network's San Miguel Behavioral Health Strategic Plan has a mission statement to "Enhance the well-being of our community through education, prevention, advocacy and services that support resilience and recovery". Mr. Reich introduced Mandy Miller, Executive Director of SMRC (San Miguel Resource Center) and Lynn Borup, Executive Director, Tri-County Health Network. Mr. Reich stated that the discussion today is regarding the strategic plan that Tri County put together on behavioral health and substance abuse prevention. This community has the unique challenge of balancing a healthy resort community with a healthy community. Many of our visitors come to enjoy themselves in the "party atmosphere" and it is often challenging for the community to balance the needs of the full-time resident population with the sometimes contradictory impulses of a "party" environment. In response to this problem, Tri County Health Network along with San Miguel Resource Center, Telluride R-1 School District, San Miguel County Social Services, and the Center for Mental Health developed a three year local strategic plan aimed at:

- Creating a Regional Commission for Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse to improve access to and education of behavioral health throughout the region, while ensuring collaboration and efficient

- deployment of resources across the region;
- Establishing stable funding sources (reduce reliance on one-time grants) by accessing local cannabis and alcohol tax revenues, and contributions by stakeholders and retail cannabis and alcohol vendors;
- Engaging the community on the strategic plan in a second Behavioral Health Summit (September 2016) to increase community education and awareness about mental health
- Develop and implement prevention activities across agencies to avoid duplication and eliminate gaps
- Improve access to training and services

Mandy Miller related how important it was to establish community level services and education. Council discussion ensued regarding providing stable funding for the program. Mr. Reich stated that consistent funding will help secure grant funding. The Town of Mountain Village does not allow marijuana sales and alcohol sales are not broken out from food sales. Council discussed how to determine what the alcohol sales and liquor licensed premises sales are in Mountain Village. Council consensus was in support of the program and Mr. Reich was asked to return to Council with a funding number to be included in the budget process as a long term funding commitment. Council discussion ensued on how to determine if a percentage of the sales tax collected from liquor sales can be allocated to long term funding of the program. Direction of the staff was to determine if data about liquor sales can be collected without compromising privacy. The Mayor asked the budget committee to review the findings in order to assist in determining a potential funding amount.

#### **Launch of New Smart Irrigation Controls Water Conservation Incentive Program (23)**

Deanna Drew presented the above program stating that a water conservation committee consisting of Deanna Drew, Plazas and Environmental Services Manager JD Wise, Public Works Director Finn Kjome and Council member Michelle Sherry; to discuss ways to promote water conservation in the Town. The committee is working with Nichole Zangara on communicating the program details to residents/homeowners. JD Wise explained how the smart irrigation controls are connected to a real time data source that monitors the actual evaporation rate based on current weather conditions. The smart controller would replace the resident's old controller box with a weather station located onsite. The cost is approximately \$300 for six to seven zones. The water savings after installing the smart controller is about twenty percent. The homeowner would submit an invoice to the Town after the system has been installed. The budget for the rebate program is \$20,000. The rebate has been extended to all communities that utilize Town water.

#### **Staff Reports: (25)**

##### **a. Human Resources**

Sue Kunz presented her report. Council discussion ensued regarding the challenge in finding gondola employees that stay and where the difficulty lies. Discussion ensued regarding hiring more gondola workers and Ms. Montgomery stated that a budget increase has been included in the 2017 budget for additional gondola workers. Ms. Kunz stated that five new hires are camping this summer due to a lack of housing. The benchmarking study preliminary data should be available in the next week. The focus of the study is to show an "apples to apples" comparison between Mountain Village and other similar towns in regards to the size and structure of the Town Government.

##### **b. Town Manager**

Kim Montgomery stated that the July *Great Services Award* went to Pat Drew for professionalism and expertise in leading a very important site walk with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency in regards to the proposed hospital project in Mountain Village.

Council went back to Item 10

#### **Other Business (26)**

##### **a. Notice of TRAA Board Seat Expiration**

Deputy Town Clerk Susan Johnston presented the above item explaining that TRAA Board member Gary Bash's term expires in August 2016 and he has expressed a desire to continue in the position. The position will be advertised on the website. The deadline for submitting a letter of interest and biography is September 15<sup>th</sup>.



There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Bruce MacIntire and seconded by Dan Caton, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully prepared,

  
Susan Johnston  
Deputy Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jackie Kennefick  
Town Clerk

