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**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2017  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Dan Jansen at 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 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  
Dan Caton  
Laila Benitez  
Michelle Sherry  
Bruce MacIntire  
Cath Jett (via conference call for part of the meeting)

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

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  
Jim Mahoney, Assistant Town Attorney  
Jim Loebe, Director of Transit & Recreation  
Sue Kunz, Director of Human Resources  
Kevin Swain, Finance Director  
Chris Broady, Police Chief  
Glen Van Nimwegen, Dir. of Planning & Development Services  
Deanna Drew, Director of Plazas & Environmental Services  
Finn Kjome, Director of Public Works  
Sam Starr, Planner  
Bill Kight, Director Marketing & Business Development  
Joan May  
Charles Kieler  
Kiernan Lannon

Tim Johnson  
Gene Dackonish  
Jack Gilbride  
Robert Stenhammer  
Todd Brown  
Anton Benitez  
Garrett Brafford  
Carly Shaw  
Jeff Proteau  
Douglas Tooley  
Duncan Hogarth  
Heather Knox  
Bill Jensen  
Christell Kee  
Michelle Hogarth  
Jolana Vanek  
Katie Triest  
Stephanie Fanos

**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 Marty McKinley 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 8:34 a.m.

Council returned to regular session at 10:39 a.m.

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

Public comment was received by Douglas Tooley and Heather Knox.

**Gondola Market Research Trip Preliminary Report (4)**

TMVOA (Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association) Executive Director Anton Benitez presented the report together with Dan Caton, Jim Loebe and Garrett Brafford stating that in 2015 the TMVOA Board asked town staff to begin long term planning for the Gondola by developing a roadmap containing three key phases:

1. Understand the current system
2. Assess the need and define the desired future system
3. Funding and operating after 2027

A Gondola committee was formed and now includes representatives from the Town of Mountain Village, TMVOA, Town of Telluride, San Miguel County, and Telluride Ski & Golf. In January 2017 representatives from each entity participated in a research trip to Austria to study state of the art gondola systems. The representatives were Dan Caton, Jim Loebe, Duncan Hogarth, Anton Benitez, Garret Brafford, Todd Brown, Joan May and Jeff Proteau. The trip was sponsored by TMVOA and the goal was to observe the European systems and look for ways to address some of the challenges with the current system. The presentation included information on the overall system capacity and noise levels, terminal configuration, passenger flow, safety issues such as walk in cabins, and the total gondola experience for the rider. Public comment was received by Duncan Hogarth, Jeff Proteau, Joan May, Todd Brown, and Bill Jensen. The data gathered on the trip will be compiled and presented to Council at a future date. Council thanked them for the presentation.

Mayor Dan Jansen left the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and Mayor Pro-tem Marty McKinley presided.

**Consideration of Approval of Minutes of the February 16, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting (5)**

On a **MOTION** by Bruce MacIntire and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 16, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

**Consideration of an Invitation for Bid Scope of Work for a Compensation and Benefits Study (6)**

Director of Human Resources Sue Kunz presented stating that the purpose of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) is to engage the services of a qualified consulting firm or individual to enter into a contract for the purpose of conducting a compensation and benefits review and analysis. Public Sector Personnel Consultants performed the last study which was implemented in 2008. Council discussion ensued and consideration was given to increasing the budgeted amount for the study once the bids are reviewed. The IFB specifies that bids are due by April 24<sup>th</sup>; preliminary findings by July 10<sup>th</sup>, and the completed report is due by August 7<sup>th</sup>. On a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to move forward with the IFB with the following additions:

Under Town departments note that:

1. Special event administration has been added to the Planning & Development Services Department.
2. Add Parking and Recreation to the Transit department.

The contractor and staff would jointly develop a schedule for presentation to Town Council.

**Consideration of Appointments: (7)**

**a. Grant Committee**

At the January 19, 2017 Town Council meeting, Council approved the Mountain Village Community Grant Committee Bylaws and adopted program guidelines, however; appointments to the Grant Committee were discussed but no motion was made. The Council appointments discussed were Laila Benitez and Marty McKinley. Staff appointments discussed were Kim Montgomery and Deanna Drew. However, in light of Deanna's resignation, Ms. Montgomery suggests Jackie Keneffick be appointed as the other staff member.

On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Michelle Sherry, Council voted unanimously to appoint Marty McKinley and Laila Benitez as the Council representatives and Kim Montgomery and Jackie Kennefick as the staff representatives on the Grant Committee.

**b. Region 10**

Region 10 was established in 1972 and is a 501C3 non-profit organization offering public programs in support of 18 local communities and six counties in western Colorado. Traditionally, a Town Council member serves on the Board of Directors, which meets quarterly. During the 2014/2015 EDDI process, Town Council appointed Bob Delves to serve. Eventually his work obligations grew and he was no longer able to serve. At the 2015 September Town Council meeting, Council appointed former Marketing & Business Development Director Nichole Zangara Riley to serve. Due to Riley's resignation, Town Council will need to appoint a new board member. It is the recommendation of Town Manager Kim Montgomery to appoint the new Marketing & Business Development Director Bill Kight to serve in this role. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Laila Benitez, Council voted unanimously to appoint Bill Kight to serve on the board.

**c. Multi-Cultural Advisory Council**

At the February 16, 2017 Town Council meeting, during the discussion regarding Village Court Apartment's rental eligibility requirements, Laila Benitez expressed an interest in serving as a Mountain Village representative on the Multi-cultural Advisory Council. Since the appointment was not on the agenda, it was agendized for the meeting today. On a **MOTION** by Michelle Sherry and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted unanimously to appoint Laila Benitez to serve on the Multicultural Advisory Council.

**d. Three Regular and Two Alternate Seats on the Design Review Board**

Director of Planning & Development Services Glen Van Nimwegen presented the above item stating that all incumbents are willing to continue their service. Applicant Crystal Kee addressed Council stating that she is an interior designer and has had extensive experience working with contractors, architects, and designers. Council discussion ensued. Mr. Van Nimwegen clarified that the members whose seats are up for appointment are Phil Evans, David Eckman, Greer Garner, Jean Vatter (alternate) and Liz Caton (alternate). Council voted by paper ballot. On a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted unanimously to re-appoint David Eckman, Greer Garner and Phil Evans as regular members; and Jean Vatter and Liz Caton as alternate members of the Design Review Board. Mayor Pro-Tem McKinley thanked all the applicants for their willingness to serve.

**Council took lunch from 12:04 p.m. to 12:17 p.m.**

**Finance: (8)**

**a. Presentation of the February 28, 2017 Business & Government Activity Report (BAGAR)**

Director of Finance Kevin Swain presented the BAGAR. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Michelle Sherry, Council voted to accept the BAGAR as presented.

Council moved to agenda item 14 a.

**Telluride Historical Museum Annual Report (9)**

Telluride Historical Museum Executive Director Kiernan Lannon presented stating that the Museum experienced a significant turnaround from 2015 financially. By the end of 2016 the Museum had cut its operating deficit by over \$68,000. This rebound was due in large part to an increase in Mill Levy revenue,

combined with better budget oversight and difficult but necessary cutbacks, including some that affected staffing. The overall result is an institution that is in a far better financial position than it was twelve months ago. Mr. Lannon highlighted a number of events and programs that the museum hosted including *Ladies of the Mine*, annual evening with Ken Burns, new walking tours, historical pub crawls, *Haunted Hospital*, and *Old Fashioned Christmas* at Schmid Ranch. 8,231 members, residents, and tourists visited the Museum in 2016, which was an increase of nine point five percent from the previous year. The focus for 2017 will be on improving membership numbers, staff continuity, artifact storage, programming and budget. Public comment was received by Jolana Vanek.

**Second Reading, Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 17.4 Development Review Procedures of the Community Development Code Regarding Establishing a Two-step Design Review Process (10)**

Glen Van Nimwegen presented the above Ordinance stating that on March 2, 2017 the Design Review Board held a study session to discuss application requirements for each phase of the design review process. The Board stated that the term "Initial Architecture and Site Review" better describes the first step than "Sketch Review". Therefore, staff made this change to the draft Ordinance since the first reading. The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing. No public comment was received. The Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing. On a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted 5-0 (Cath Jett abstained because she missed the first reading and Dan Jansen was absent) to adopt on second reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 17.4 Development Review procedures of the Community Development Code regarding establishing a two-step Design Review Process.

**First Reading, Setting of a Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance to (1) Rezone and (2) Transfer Density for Lot 128, Units 736 and 740, (The Peaks, 136 Country Club Drive), into the Density Bank Quasi-Judicial (11)**

Planner II Dave Bangert presented the above Ordinance stating that the DRB voted 7-0 to recommend approval. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Laila Benitez, Council voted 5-0 (Cath Jett abstained because Council members are not allowed to vote on quasi-judicial matters when attending the meeting by phone and Dan Jansen was absent) to approve on first reading an Ordinance to (1) rezone and (2) transfer density for Lot 128, Units 736 and 740, (The Peaks, 136 Country Club Drive), into the Density Bank and to set the second reading, public hearing and final Council vote for April 20, 2017.

**2016 Governmental Energy Use and Green House Gas (GHG) Report (12)**

Town Manager Kim Montgomery stated that Plazas & Environmental Services Director Deanna Drew has resigned effective May 1 and thanked Ms. Drew for her many years of service adding that she was instrumental in changing the environmental awareness and culture of Mountain Village. Council members also thanked Ms. Drew for her hard work, creativity and passion for the environment and wished her well in her new endeavors. Ms. Drew stated that the GHG report details governmental energy use utilizing the year 2010 as a baseline. In 2016, total government Carbon dioxide emissions were down sixteen percent from the baseline level with the target being twenty percent. Carbon dioxide emissions from natural gas were down ten percent, electricity was down sixteen percent and fuel was down twenty-five percent from baseline levels. Ms. Drew stated that the rise and fall of natural gas use closely correlates with weather, temperature and snowfall amounts in our region.

**Market-based Solutions to Reduce Town of Mountain Village's Carbon Footprint (13)**

Deanna Drew introduced Adam Chambers of the Pinhead Climate Institute who joined the meeting by conference call. He is the winner of Telluride Foundation's Innovation Award for his carbon emissions offset program. Mr. Chambers is working on a program to offset the Town's carbon emissions and is proposing a market based solution. The idea involves identifying a Mountain Village project similar to the

Town of Telluride's Telluride Values project to offset the Galloping Goose, and working with participating farmers and ranchers to purchase credits offsetting the Town's carbon output. The Town will work with regional partners to create the local carbon offset market. The idea is to keep working lands working, create easements, measure carbon and sell credits. The carbon offset program produces co-benefits to participating farmers and ranchers:

- \*Carbon rich soil that is more productive
- \*Carbon rich soil that retains more moisture
- \*Farmers have new revenue stream

Council discussion ensued. Council thanked Mr. Chambers for the informative presentation and asked him to present potential projects to Council at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Staff Reports: (14)**

**a. Plazas & Environmental Services**

Deanna Drew presented her report stating that the plazas are bustling with activity. She highlighted 2017 projects including assisting with the installation of the new plaza snowmelt system and decorative plaza lighting, improving the Village Pond, Village Center plaza paver repairs, and installing smart irrigation controllers on Town property to evaluate their effectiveness for water conservation. Ms. Drew stated that Planner Sam Starr will be reviewing and approving special event applications. Mountain Film's theme this year is a call to action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and work toward becoming carbon neutral. The idea prompted discussion on whether the Town should show support by continuing the LED light bulb program or join with EcoAction Partners on their *Green Lights Program*. The topic will be discussed at the April Town Council meeting.

**b. Town Manager**

Ms. Montgomery stated that Jessica Quinn from the Plaza Services Department won the *Great Services Award* for February. She was nominated by John Cohn from TSG for guest awareness and attention to safety while driving the snow removal vehicle on the plaza.

Council returned to agenda item 9.

**Council Boards and Commissions Updates: (15)**

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

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

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

Laila Benitez stated that the Gondola Parking Garage is at ninety percent capacity today.

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

Marty McKinley stated that the next budget meeting is set for April 6th to begin the budget process.

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

There was no additional report.

**f. Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA)- Jett**

There was no report.

Cath Jett left the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

**g. San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)-Benitez**

Laila Benitez stated that the SMART Board has hired Amy Levek as Interim Executive Director. The Board is actively recruiting for a permanent Director and anticipate it being 90-120 days before they begin interviewing candidates for the position. They received their first grant to pay for web design.

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

Michelle Sherry stated that the Sneffels Energy Board met last week. Representatives from other co-ops were in attendance. Tri-State Energy Co-op is trying to help with some out-of-the-box solutions for the five percent cap on the amount of renewable energy that SMPA can purchase from other sources. Ms. Sherry stated that more participants are interested in the ideas and that it was good to see a shift in attitude. EAP has submitted a RREO (Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity) grant for composting. Telski has committed to have thirty of their businesses on board with the Green Business Certification. EAP is asking governments to encourage businesses to participate in the Green Business Certification Program. The *Green Lights Program* will be offered from May 1<sup>st</sup> to mid-June.

**i. Telluride Historical Museum-Sherry**

No additional report.

**j. Telluride Conference Center (TCC)-MacIntire**

Mr. MacIntire stated that the committee has discussed reaching out to an appraiser and would like to understand the methodology that an appraiser would use to appraise the TCC and perform a historical performance report. The committee is focused on the value that the Conference Center has to the community and whether or not the Town wants to relinquish control of the investment.

**k. Mayor's Update-Jansen**


There was no report.

**Other Business (16)**


- Director of Administration/Town Clerk Jackie Kennefick announced that advertisements are scheduled to begin at the end of the month for the June 27<sup>th</sup> election for candidates for three Town Council seats.
- Council directed staff to draft and send a letter of support for the composting grant as requested by Heather Knox of EAP.
- Glen Van Nimwegen thanked Council for their attendance at the Town Hall Subarea Charrettes. A work session to discuss the Town Hall Subarea Plan will be agendaized for the May 18<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting and the Resolution will be agendaized for the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Mr. Van Nimwegen stated that an Ordinance will be introduced to approve a re-zone for additional units at the Village Court Apartments. The first reading will be scheduled for the May 18<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting and second reading, public hearing and final vote will be at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Laila Benitez and seconded by Dan Caton, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully prepared,

  
Susan Johnston  
Deputy Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jackie Kennefick  
Town Clerk