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**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2018
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Laila Benitez at 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the Mountain Village Town Hall, 455 Mountain Village Boulevard, Mountain Village, Colorado.

Attendance:

The following Town Council members were present and acting:

Laila Benitez, Mayor
Dan Caton, Mayor Pro Tem
Dan Jansen
Jack Gilbride
Bruce MacIntire
Patrick Berry
Natalie Binder

Also in attendance were:

Kim Montgomery, Town Manager
Jackie Kennefick, Director of Administration/Town Clerk
Susan Johnston, Deputy Town Clerk
Christina Lambert, Administrative Services Coordinator
David Reed, Town Attorney
Jim Mahoney, Assistant Town Attorney
Sarah Abbott, Associate Town Attorney
Chris Broady, Police Chief
Kevin Swain, Finance Director
Julie Vergari, Chief Accountant
Michelle Haynes, Director of Planning & Development Services
Randy Kee, Building Official
Sam Starr, Planner
Bill Kight, Marketing & Business Development Director
Sue Kunz, Director of Human Resources
Finn Kjome, Director of Public Works
Steven LeHane, Director of Cable & Broadband Services

Kenny Maenpa
Elizabeth Stuffings
Bill Jensen
Anton Benitez
John Burchmore
Jolana Vanek
Robert Stenhammer
Marti Prohaska
Tim Johnson
Carly Shaw
Meghan Pittenger
Bill Jensen
Jonathan Greenspan

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2)

There was no public comment.

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 (3)

On a **MOTION** by Jack Gilbride and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted unanimously 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 8:35 a.m.

Council returned to regular session at 9:50 a.m.

Council took a break from: 9:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (4)

Consideration of Approval of Minutes of the December 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting (5)

Deputy Town Clerk Susan Johnston presented. On a **MOTION** by Jack Gilbride and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to approve the December 14, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

Consideration of a Resolution Designating Posting Locations for the Town's Ordinances and Public Notices (6)

On a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution designating posting location for the Town's Ordinances and Public Notices as presented.

Liquor Licensing Authority:

Consideration of Re-certification of the Mountain Village Promotional Association and Common Consumption Area (7)

Susan Johnston presented. Patrick Berry recused himself due to his employment with TSG who is a member of the Promotional Association. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted unanimously (with Patrick Berry recused) to approve the re-certification of the Mountain Village Promotional Association and Common Consumption Area as presented.

TRAA (Telluride Regional Airport Authority) Bi-Annual Report (8)

Airport Manager Kenny Maenpa presented the report stating that the following capital improvements were completed in 2017:

- Aircraft parking apron rehabilitation
- Commercial Terminal remodel and addition
- General Aviation Terminal remodel and addition

He stated that fuel sales and operations were down due to the three-month airport closure for remodeling. Mr. Maenpa encouraged Council to come out and see the improvements. The Category C approach is completed and CFA (Colorado Flights Alliance) is marketing it to the airlines. They are hopeful that the airport will soon see larger planes. He noted that TEX (Telluride Regional Airport) is one of the few airports that owns their approach.

Finance: (9)

a. Presentation of the December 31, 2017 Business & Government Activity Report (BAGAR)

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

b. November 30, 2017 Financials

On a **MOTION** by Dan Jansen and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 2017 Financials as presented.

First Reading, Setting of a Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance Approving a Major PUD Amendment to Extend the Development Agreement and the Associated Vested Property Rights on Lots 126R and 152R for a Two Year Period *The Applicant has Requested that this Item be Continued to the February 15, 2018 Town Council Meeting* (10)

Planning and Development Services Director Michelle Haynes stated that the applicant has requested the continuation to evaluate comments provided by the Design Review Board and determine how to proceed. On a **MOTION** by Jack Gilbride and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted unanimously to continue the above item to the February 15, 2018 Town Council Meeting.

First Reading, Setting of a Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance to Consider a Rezone and Density Transfer Application to Transfer Density from Lot 304 into the Density Bank per Community Development Code Sections 17.4.9 & 17.4.10 (11)

Michelle Haynes presented stating that Lots 303R1 and 305 have existing single-family homes on them. Lot 304 is vacant. The owners of lot 303R1, 304 and 305 have agreed to replat the three lots into two lots. A substantial portion of the former lot 304 will depict a private covenant called a no build zone on the newly replatted portions of Lots 303R2 and 305R. In order to propose a minor subdivision application, the applicants have submitted two concurrent applications: 1) transfer the density associated with lot 304 (to be vacated) to the density bank by way of a density transfer and rezone application and 2) submit a minor subdivision application to replat the properties. Both applications have been

received and are being reviewed concurrently. The Design Review Board unanimously recommended approval for the density transfer and rezone application for Lot 304 with conditions found in the proposed motion. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Patrick Berry, Council voted 7-0 to approve an Ordinance considering a rezone and density transfer application to transfer density from Lot 304 into the Density Bank per Community Development Code Sections 17.4.9 and 17.4.10 with the following findings and conditions:

Finding:

1. The owner of record of density in the density bank shall be responsible for all dues, fees and any taxes associated with the assigned density and zoning until such time as the density is either transferred to a lot or another person or entity.

Condition:

1. The density transfer approval is conditioned upon the minor subdivision plat approval by the Town Council.

Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Minor Scale Subdivision for Lots 303R1, 304 and 305 to Replat into Lots 303R2 and 305R per Community Development Code Section 17.4.13.E.2 Quasi-Judicial (12)

Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to approve a minor scale subdivision for Lots 303R1, 304 and 305 to replat into Lots 303R2 and 305R per Community Development Code section 17.4.13.E.2.

Council moved to agenda item # 19.

Consideration of Building Board of Appeals Appointment (13)

Building Official Randy Kee presented the above item stating that the Building Board of Appeals consists of five regular members and two alternates. The alternate member position is vacant as a result of Dylan Henderson moving out of state. The position was posted on the Town website and in the local newspaper. Council discussion ensued. Council directed staff to make sure that Town posting requirements are followed for future Building Board of Appeals appointments. On a **MOTION** by Jack Gilbride and seconded by Natalie Binder, Council voted unanimously to appoint Ryan Deppen as an alternate member of the Building Board of Appeals.

Council moved to agenda item #20b.

Consideration of a Letter of Support for a Grant Application by the San Miguel Watershed Coalition(SMWC) for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grant and Update on the Upper San Miguel Basin Forest Health Landscape Assessment (14)

Program Coordinator for SMWC Elizabeth Stuffings presented the request for a letter of support for a grant application which would provide \$95,000 of funding over two years. It is a funding opportunity for non-government watershed groups and would allow SMWC to expand their capacity and undergo watershed planning. Year one would focus on expanding the coalition's capacity with the primary goal of turning Ms. Stuffings half time position into a full-time program coordinator position. Year two of the funding would focus on watershed restoration planning. The Coalition's current level of funding is approximately a 50/50 split between local government funding and grant funding. SMWC's top priorities include: water quality testing, stakeholder outreach, stream management planning, landscape assessment, forest health issues and how they affect the watershed. On a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted unanimously to approve a letter of support for a grant application by the San Miguel Watershed Coalition for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grant.

Ms. Stuffings presented a Landscape Assessment update stating that recent activities/progress includes:

- Dr. Jason Sibold from Colorado State University presented the completed forest health landscape assessment maps to the stakeholder group. The maps were formatted down into a user-friendly interactive map for the community. The *Forests in Flux* maps are an educational tool to help the community and land managers make ecologically informed decisions.
- Stakeholder field trip to Boomerang Road to discuss future projects and how to utilize the landscape assessment maps

- Public education event held in December introducing the Landscape Assessment Project to the public.

Council discussion ensued regarding the need to become more proactive regarding our landscape. Council is very supportive of SMWC's efforts and would like to see a more aggressive regional program.

Consideration of Approval of the Green Team Committee Mission Statement, Focus/Guiding Principles and 2018 Action Plan (15)

Green Team Committee Chair Jonathan Greenspan and Co-Chair Marty Prohaska presented. Mr. Greenspan thanked Patrick Berry for helping to streamline the mission statement. Mr. Greenspan stated that all but two Mountain Village restaurants have agreed to perform a waste study audit which will help to determine how the Town's waste is being distributed. He will be attending a compost conference in Atlanta which will showcase the newest information on composting. Mr. Greenspan will create a list of all the area environmental organizations and their focus in an effort to determine how the Green Team can contribute without duplicating efforts. A key goal in 2018 is to establish the Green Team niche in the region. Council discussion ensued regarding whether the Green Team should focus locally or regionally. Council consensus was to focus primarily on actionable items in Mountain Village for the first year and to expand from there. Council directed the Green Team to provide quarterly reports and asked to have the action plan refined by the first quarter report in April. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to approve the Green Team Committee Mission Statement, focus/guiding principles and 2018 Action Plan with the amendment that the Green Team provide a revised action plan with their first quarter report in April.

Council took a break for lunch from 12:39 p.m. to 12:48 p.m.

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Reauthorization by the General Assembly of the Colorado Lottery Division in 2018 (16)

Marketing & Business Development Director Bill Kight presented the Resolution stating that Colorado voters provided for a statewide lottery, and in a subsequent election adopted the GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) amendment to the state constitution, which directs that lottery profits be used for parks, open space, wildlife, and outdoor recreation purposes. The Colorado Lottery Division is critical to the administration of the entire GOCO program and the provision for the Division is set to expire in 2018 unless extended by the General Assembly. Legislation to extend the Division to 2039 will be considered during the 2018 legislative session. The GOCO Trust Fund has distributed over \$10,300,000 in San Miguel County for these purposes to date, and future funds could be considered for distribution for the Town of Mountain Village. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution supporting the reauthorization by the General Assembly of Colorado Lottery Division in 2018.

Telluride Ski & Golf (TSG) Quarterly Update (17)

TSG Chief Executive Officer Bill Jensen presented the update stating that Colorado is experiencing the third lowest snow fall since the 1880's. Snowmaking operations began on October 26th and can potentially run through February 23rd. TSG is committed to making snow through the end of January and will reassess at that time. They are still pushing to expand terrain and expect to do so following the incoming snow storm. Mr. Jensen held a meeting to update the community and to squelch unfounded rumors that the ski area might close due to lack of snow, a water shortage and pressure from the U.S. Forest Service. He stated that the ski area will not be closing and that through January 17th the resort is at 82% of year over year visitation numbers. Revenues are 77% of 2017 numbers and they have reduced lift ticket prices to reflect the available terrain. All TSG housing units are occupied with a small reserve available and they are working on purchasing lots in Illium Valley to build additional units. These units are targeted for completion in early 2019. Mr. Jensen added that TSG is excited about the proposed core revitalization plan. Council thanked him for the informative report.

Consideration of a Proclamation of the Town Council of the Town of Mountain Village, Colorado Declaring January 2018 as Ski Mountain Employee Appreciation Month (18)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Caton read the Proclamation. On a **MOTION** by Jack Gilbride and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted unanimously to adopt a Proclamation declaring January 2018 as *Ski Mountain Employee Appreciation Month*.

Council moved to agenda item 20. c.(i)

Council Boards and Commissions Updates: (19)

a. San Miguel Watershed Coalition (SMWC) –Starr

There was no update.

b. Colorado Flights Alliance (CFA) –Jansen

Mr. Jansen stated that the flight loads held up well through the holidays although the passenger numbers are declining in January. CFA is promoting the expansion of service and capacity into TEX.

c. Transportation & Parking – MacIntire/Benitez

Mr. MacIntire stated that there is a committee meeting scheduled for January 22nd to discuss parking on upper Mountain Village Blvd.

d. Budget & Finance Committee -Gilbride/Caton

There was no update.

e. Gondola Committee – Caton/Berry

There was no update.

f. Colorado Communities for Climate Action – Berry

Mr. Berry stated that an extension was approved for a six-month delay on their budget and that a meeting is scheduled for next week.

g. San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation- Benitez/Caton/Binder

Mayor Benitez stated that a vehicle has been purchased for the Rico shuttle route. The exact route will be dependent on the passengers and is flexible. She stated that SMART's new Executive Director David Averill has established an office on the corner of Spruce and Pacific in Telluride and that he has extended an invitation to Council members to stop by. He will be scheduling a strategic planning retreat. Discussion ensued on the use of electric vehicles on the SMART fleet and the issues to be considered (cost, distances traveled etc.). They will keep looking at the possibility down the line.

h. Eco Action Partners (EAP)– Berry/Binder

As part of the Green team Patrick Berry stated that he is working on an inventory of local and regional environmental organizations to determine the focus of each group and where the needs are. Mr. Berry stated that he will be participating in the Carbon Neutral Coalition in a support capacity so that Mountain Village is represented if Bill Kight is unable to attend. Natalie Binder stated that she had attended the most recent meeting and that EAP is looking for direction from the Town on the role of the Green Team.

i. Telluride Historical Museum- Berry

Mr. Berry stated that the Museum is looking for old winter sports artifact donations for a summer exhibit. The Museum's storage unit in Montrose was broken into and will be inventoried to determine if anything is missing.

j. Telluride Conference Center (TCC) –MacIntire

Mr. MacIntire stated the committee met with TCC Manager Tony Kalyk to discuss what is needed to improve operations. Mr. Kalyk indicated that the back of the house needs some updating which would help streamline operations. The committee is discussing the possibilities for expansion.

k. Alliance for Inclusion – Berry

Dan Jansen stated that there was a meeting organized by students at the library to discuss DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

l. Green Team Committee- Berry/MacIntire

The next meeting is on January 29th. A revised mission statement is on today's agenda.

m. Mayor's Update – Benitez

Mayor Benitez updated that she has had many conversations with merchants about how to get through the challenging low snow season. She expressed appreciation for all the volunteers over the holiday season. CAST (Colorado Association of Ski Towns) is in Town and the opening dinner is tonight at Tomboy Tavern and the meeting is Friday January 19th at 8:00 a.m. to be held at The Peaks.

Dan Jansen has been asked to join the Telluride Tourism Board (TTB) and Council consensus was to add an update to the monthly Council Boards and Commission updates. He stated that CFA and TTB have been working together to promote alternate activities to visitors and will coordinate their efforts with TSG. The Mayor thanked President and CEO of Marketing Telluride Inc (MTI) Michael Martelon for actively involving the relevant players to promote alternate activities adding that he has been a driving force in communications.

Council moved to agenda item # 13

Staff Reports: (20)

a. Marketing & Business Development

Director Bill Kight presented his report stating that WiFi reporting is done on a year to date basis and there were zero email addresses captured last month because the contract with the previous host was terminated. He is working with Meracki to learn how to collect and save the email addresses from the units and should have it up and running soon. Mr. Kight stated that wayfinding continues to move forward. Since the last update the Village Center monument has been installed. He has received positive feedback on the installation and noted that the entrance sign will be installed in the next few days. The next phase will include parking garage signage. The web site is transitioning to a new web host and some functionality may be lost in the transition; but he will be working diligently to fix any bugs or pages that break. Mr. Kight stated that the Merchant meetings have been a great source of ideas and suggestions to improve the guest experience. Council thanked Mr. Kight for a very thorough report and expressed their appreciation for his hard work.

Council moved back to agenda item 14

b. Cable & Broadband Services

Director Steven Lehane presented his report stating that both the audit and fiber project have been completed. The fiber is hosting four contractors: T-Mobile, TSG, Mammoth Networks and Brainstorm. Cable programming may be dropping the four Univision channels because of a 42% price increase which would make Telemundo the only Spanish channel available.

c. Town Manager

Kim Montgomery stated that the nominees for the *Great Services Award* were Julie Vergari for helping an inexperienced business owner with a business license; Daniel Gleason for going above and beyond and filling in potholes at VCA; Finn Kjome and Bill Kight for their efforts with the wayfinding project; JD Wise and the Plaza Services crew for keeping the plazas clean and neat over the holidays and the Gondola Maintenance Department including Jim Loebe for their incredible dedication in repairing a bull wheel on the Gondola. The award went to the Gondola Maintenance Department and Jim Loebe for working all night to minimize impacts and limit interruption to the public. Ms. Montgomery stated that the Cassidy Ridge property is under contract and the Town plans to sell it by lottery to a qualified Town employee. The Town will have first right of refusal on the unit if the employee decides to sell. Ms. Montgomery stated that she will be working on an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Town's IT (Internet Technology) needs to include daily IT needs as well as cyber security. Brian Morgan of Telluride Bytes has been contracted to handle IT needs in the interim.

i) Consideration of a Proclamation of the Town Council of the Town of Mountain Village, Colorado Recognizing Extraordinary Service by the Town's Transit and Plaza Services Departments

Kim Montgomery presented the above item stating that the Proclamation was created to acknowledge the Town's Transit and Plaza Services Departments for their exemplary work on replacing a bull wheel on the Gondola and maintaining the plazas over the holiday season. The Mayor read the Proclamation and thanked the departments for their service and dedication. On a **MOTION** by Jack Gilbride and seconded by Patrick Berry, Council voted unanimously to adopt a Proclamation recognizing extraordinary service by the Town's Transit and Plaza Services Departments.

Other Business (21)

Chief of Police Chris Broady introduced the newest Police Officer, Grant Markwell. Mayor Benitez administered the Oath of Office and welcomed him to Mountain Village.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Bruce MacIntire, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully prepared,



Susan Johnston
Deputy Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,



Jackie Kennefick
Town Clerk

