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**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2020  
SPECIAL BUDGET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Laila Benitez at 11:06 a.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020 in a virtual Zoom Webinar.

**Attendance:**

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

Laila Benitez, Mayor  
Dan Caton, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jack Gilbride  
Patrick Berry  
Pete Duprey  
Natalie Binder  
Marti Prohaska

Also in attendance were:

Kim Montgomery, Town Manager  
Susan Johnston, Town Clerk  
Chris Broady, Chief of Police  
Jim Mahoney, Assistant Town Attorney  
Kevin Swain, Finance Director  
Julie Vergari, Chief Accountant  
Sue Kunz, Director of Human Resources  
Michelle Haynes, Director of Planning and Development Services  
Finn Kjome, Director of Public Works  
Jim Soukup, Chief Technology Officer  
Zoe Dohnal, Business Development & Sustainability Senior Manager  
Kathrine Warren, Public Information Specialist  
Jim Loebe, Director of Transit & Recreation  
Steve Lehane, Broadband Services Director  
JD Wise, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Dawn Katz, Director of Mountain Munchkins

The Mayor read the Town Council statement regarding public comment in a virtual meeting.

**Discussion on 2020 Budget (2)**

Finance Director Kevin Swain presented.

**Capital Expenditures (2-1a)**

Re-forecasted 2020 Budget as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Council discussion ensued regarding capital expenditures. Pete Duprey presented. Council direction was to:

- Safety Improvements: Director of Public Works Finn Kjome stated that the Town could proceed with the design and contracting costing \$75,000 this year with construction to be completed by June 30, 2023 in order to utilize the grant of \$400,000.
- Gondola Parking Garage- Defer
- Shop remodel- continue with the architectural design of \$46,000, defer construction
- VCA Expansion- Defer
- VCA Parking Improvements- Move forward with the \$49,000 chip seal overlay (signed contract)
- Water & Sewer Town of Mountain Village- Move forward
- Water & Sewer Ski Ranches- Move forward
- Broadband- Move forward
- Vehicle- Defer \$30,000

- *Gondolas Station Upgrades- All Gondola items are on hold until the Gondola Committee meets, and the items are presented to the TMVOA Board*
- *Gondola Lighting*
- *Cabin Improvements*
- *Gondola Other*
- *General Fund*

**Broadband Fiber Project (2-1Ai)**

Council discussion ensued regarding the \$400,000 cable project of running fiber to the inside of buildings. Council consensus was to defer \$200,000 to 2021 and keep \$200,000 as a contingency in the Capital Budget in the event that the Shelter in Place Order is lifted.

**Discussion regarding Recession Plan (1B):**

Town Manager Kim Montgomery presented the proposed Recession Plan which defined the different stages by percentage of revenue loss. Council discussion ensued. Council consensus was to define the parameters of Significant as a 12-18% reduction in revenues, Major as a 19-25% revenue reduction and Crisis as a 26+% of revenue reduction. Council agreed to send any revisions of the Recession Plan to the Mayor and directed Director of Human Resources Sue Kunz to provide some examples of employee (salaries) and the impacts of going on unemployment, receiving the federal stimulus and EPSLA.

**Utilization of Strong Start Grant Funds to Pay Full-Time Mountain Munchkins Employees (1Biii)**

Director of Mountain Munchkins Dawn Katz presented stating that this was no longer an option for her employees.

**PTO Payouts (1Biv)**

Council discussion ensued. Council consensus was in favor of allowing employees to request PTO payouts once placed on a leave of absence as long as a balance of 120 hours was retained.

**Town Infrastructure Maintenance Standard/Expectations (2)**

Assistant Director of Public Works JD Wise presented. Council directed staff to re-agendize this item for the April 10, 2020 Special Budget Meeting.

**Discussion of Hardship Application for VCA Residents Including Criteria Policy and Communication to be Effective May 1, 2020 (3)**

Director of Planning and Development Services Michelle Haynes presented. Council discussion ensued. Council directed staff to create a weighting system for applications and present to Council at the April 10, 2020 Special Budget Meeting.

**Farm to Community (4)**

Business Development & Sustainability Senior Manager, Zoe Dohnal presented. Council discussion ensued. Council consensus was in favor of expanding the program to include up to 80 families at \$25.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Pete Duprey and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:01p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted,



Susan Johnston  
Town Clerk