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## TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2020 SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Laila Benitez at 8:3 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020. Due to the Town's Disaster Declaration of March 19, 2020 related to the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held with virtual access provided through Zoom.

### **Attendance:**

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

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

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

Also in attendance were:

Kim Montgomery, Town Manager  
Susan Johnston, Town Clerk  
Christina Lambert, Senior Deputy Town Clerk  
Jim Mahoney, Assistant Town Attorney  
Chris Broady, Chief of Police  
Jamie Holmes, Director of Human Resources  
Kevin Swain, Director of Finance  
Julie Vergari, Chief Accountant  
Zoe Dohnal, Business Development and Sustainability Senior Manager  
Kathrine Warren, Public Information Specialist  
Michelle Haynes, Director of Planning & Development Services  
John Miller, Planner II  
Jim Loebe, Director of Transit & Recreation  
Jim Soukup, Chief Technology Officer  
Finn Kjome, Director of Public Works  
JD Wise, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Kate Burns, Controller  
Kathy Smith, Accounts Payable Specialist  
Lindsay Niehaus, Accounts Receivable Specialist

Paul Wisor  
Sherry Reeder

#### **Consideration of Approval of a Letter of Support for Great Mountain Outdoors Act (2)**

Council member Patrick Berry presented. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Natalie Binder, Council voted unanimously to approve a letter of support for Great Mountain Outdoors Act.

**Consideration of a Recommendation to Bring Current Leave of Absence Employees Back to Work as of August 1, 2020 and to Continue a Hiring Freeze (3)**

Town Manager Kim Montgomery presented. Council discussion ensued. Director of Finance Kevin Swain proposed filling a finance position recently vacated by a transfer to the Human Resources Department. On a **MOTION** by Pete Duprey and seconded by Marti Prohaska, Council voted unanimously to bring current leave of absence employees back to work as of August 1, 2020 and to continue a hiring freeze but allow the Finance Department to fill the vacant Accounts Receivable position.

Jack Gilbride joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**Business Development Advisory Committee (BDAC) Update (4)**

Business Development and Sustainability Senior Manager Zoe Dohnal presented. Council discussion ensued.

**a. Consideration of Approval for Additional 2020 Business Relief Funding**

Zoe Dohnal presented. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to approve the additional 2020 business relief funding.

**Staff Reports: (5)**

**a. Technology and Broadband Services**

Chief Technology Officer Jim Soukup presented.

**Council Boards and Commissions Updates : (6)**


- a. Telluride Tourism Board – Berry**
- b. Colorado Flights Alliance – Gilbride**
- c. Transportation & Parking – Benitez/Duprey**
- d. Budget & Finance Committee – Gilbride/Duprey**
- e. Gondola Committee – Caton/Berry**
- f. Colorado Communities for Climate Action – Berry**
- g. San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) – Caton/Prohaska**
- h. Eco Action Partners – Berry/Prohaska**
- i. Telluride Historical Museum – Prohaska**
- j. Telluride Conference Center – Gilbride/Binder**
- k. Alliance for Inclusion – Binder**
- l. Green Team Committee – Berry/Prohaska**
- m. Business Development Advisory Committee – Caton/Benitez**
- n. Mayor's Update - Benitez**

**Other Business: (7)**

Police Chief Chris Broady stated that additional signage has been added in the Core designating the Bike Dismount Zone. Marti Prohaska stated that she was proud of the way this Council has handled the COVID-19 crisis.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by,

  
Susan Johnston  
Town Clerk