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**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE  
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2020  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Laila Benitez at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 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  
Paul Wisor, Town Attorney  
Julie Vergari, Chief Accountant  
Chris Broady, Chief of Police  
Jaime Holmes, Director of Human Resources  
Lindsay Niehaus, Human Resources Coordinator  
Kathrine Warren, Public Information Specialist  
Michelle Haynes, Director of Planning & Development Services  
John Miller, Senior Planner  
Amy Ward, Planner  
Jim Loebe, Director of Transit & Recreation  
Jim Soukup, Chief Technology Officer  
Steven Lehane, Director of Broadband  
Finn Kjome, Director of Public Works  
JD Wise, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Dawn Katz, Director of Mountain Munchkins  
Kate Burns, Controller

Julia Caulfield  
Anton Benitez  
Cara Pallone  
Stefano Togni  
Huascar Gomez  
Tony Kalyk  
Tyler Newman

**Public Comment (1)**

There was no public comment.

**Consent Agenda: (2)**

**All matters in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted with a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these Items. If discussion is deemed necessary, that item should be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:**

- a. Consideration of Approval of the October 7, 2020 Town Council Budget Meeting Minutes
- b. Consideration of Approval of the October 15, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Natalie Binder, Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Council Health Benefits Discussion (3)**

Director of Human Resources Jaime Holmes presented. Council discussion ensued. Council consensus was to add the cost of Council health benefits to the 2021 budget.

Jack Gilbride joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

**Consideration to Authorize an Application for an Extension of the Gondola Parking Garage Design Review Approvals and Vested Property Rights beyond October 20, 2021, Lot 1003R-1 (4)**

Director of Planning and Development Services Michelle Haynes and Town Attorney Paul Wisor presented. On a **MOTION** by Jack Gilbride and seconded by Natalie Binder, Council voted unanimously to authorize the preparation of an application for an extension of the Gondola Parking Garage Design Review approvals and vested property rights beyond October 20, 2021 for Lot 1003R-1.

On a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to adjourn as the Mountain Village Town Council and convene as the Board of the Mountain Village Housing Authority.

**Mountain Village Housing Authority: (5)**

- a. Consideration to Authorize an Application for an Extension of the Village Court Apartments (VCA) Phase IV Design Review Approval from January 11, 2021 to July 11, 2021 and an Extension of Vested Property Rights

Michelle Haynes presented. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Marti Prohaska, Council voted unanimously to authorize an application for an extension of the Village Court Apartments Phase IV Design Review approval from January 11, 2021 to July 11, 2021 and to the extend the vested property rights for ten years.

On a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Dan Caton Council voted unanimously to adjourn as the Board of the Mountain Village Housing Authority and to convene as the Town Council.

**Discussion and Consideration of a Bolstered Fire Mitigation and Forest Health Programs and the Associated Budget Request (6)**

Michelle Haynes and Senior Planner John Miller presented. Council discussion ensued regarding creating a master plan to address a Forest Health Program which would include a forester. Council directed staff to agendize an item to propose the program at the November Regular Town Council meeting.

**Consideration to Hire a Mountain Munchkins Part-Time, Seasonal Substitute Teacher Position (7)**

Mountain Munchkins Director Dawn Katz presented. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to approve the hiring of a Mountain Munchkins part-time, seasonal substitute teacher position.

**Consideration of Approval for Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association (TMVOA) Gondola Plaza Wireless Speakers Purchase (8)**

TMVOA President & Chief Executive Officer Anton Benitez presented. Mayor Benitez recused herself from the discussion and Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Caton took over for the agenda item. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Natalie Binder and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to approve the TMVOA application to purchase additional wireless speakers for the Gondola Plaza.

**Council Boards and Commissions Updates : (9)**

1. Telluride Tourism Board – Berry

2. Colorado Flights Alliance – Gilbride
3. Transportation & Parking – Benitez/Duprey
4. Budget & Finance Committee – Gilbride/Duprey
5. Gondola Committee – Caton/Berry
6. Colorado Communities for Climate Action – Berry
7. San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) –Caton/Prohaska
8. Eco Action Partners – Berry/Prohaska
9. Telluride Historical Museum – Prohaska
10. Telluride Conference Center – Gilbride/Binder
11. Alliance for Inclusion – Binder
12. Green Team Committee – Berry/Prohaska
13. Business Development Advisory Committee – Caton/Benitez
14. Mayor's Update – Benitez

**Other Business (10)**

Dan Caton stated that a company is proposing a meal delivery program for the winter season. More information will follow.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Marti Prohaska and seconded by Dan Caton, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by,

  
Susan Johnston

Town Clerk