



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

Basalt is an inclusive, sustainable, mountain community that boasts both historic charm and progressive vision. It is an engaging place to live, work and play while offering an abundance of creative, professional, educational and recreational outlets.

1. WORKSESSION: Basalt River Park Development and Basalt River Park Status

Worksession Roll Call: Mayor Bill Kane, Glenn Drummond, Gary Tennenbaum, Elyse Hottel, David Knight, Bill Infante. Ryan Slack indicated he would arrive about 10 minutes late to the worksession.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney introduced Assistant Planning Director James Lindt who would guide the conversation this evening, as well as developer representatives Tim Belinski, Andrew Light and Elise Wolf of Connect One Design. James Lindt updated the Council on the status of the River Park development as well as the River Park itself. A memo outlining the approved development program was included in the packet. James reviewed the approved project of townhomes, and mixed use development of residential and commercial office space, the nonprofit parcel and restaurant space. Community Benefits were included in the staff memo and reviewed, the Status of the development construction was reviewed and Discussion Topics were presented and deliberated.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Bill Kane called the regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council to order at 6:06 PM. Mayor Kane then welcomed Boy Scout Troop #242 along with Scoutmasters Mark Murphy and Sarah Upton. The Scouts were present to work on their "Citizenship in the Community" badge.

In addition to Mayor Kane, also present were Council members Glenn Drummond, Elyse Hottel, Ryan Slack, David Knight, Gary Tennenbaum and Bill Infante.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3A. Minutes: February 9, 2021

3B. Letter of Support: To BowTie Cinemas re: Movieland

3C. Resolution No. 08, Series of 2021: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Granting Approval for a Community Garden on the Grace-Shehi Open Space Parcel that is Jointly Owned by the Town of Basalt and Pitkin County for the 2021 Growing Season (Sara Nadolny)

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: At this time members of the public are invited to address the Town Council on any issue, except for items scheduled for a Public Hearing at this meeting.

Rick Stevens spoke to the River Park plan saying there didn't seem to be a clear timeline for the project. He encouraged benchmarks for the public benefit projects noting it was important for the community to see forward progress on the public piece. Rick said the timeline didn't include much winter work, but actually, winter was an ideal time to work as the water table is way down. Rick wondered about the status of the map revision and where that was in the process. Rick said the community owned non-profit parcel was a big deal for this community and it was probably allowed this development project to go forward. He said he would like to see an opportunity for a cooperative venture of non-profits in its place rather than a single non-profit; a place for some bigger picture things where non-profits could incubate.

Carol Hawk, Willits, said that when they bought their house back in 2000, they had a 2 year old and a 4 year old. One of the many attractions to Willits were the 2 locations for future day care. That was 21 years ago and there are still no day care facilities. Carol discussed the sites, one at 1300 Valley Road that had since become additional condominiums, and the other lot adjacent to the Rugby field that has recently been gifted to the Town of Basalt. Carol said that with the popularity of the Park Modern townhomes, any plans for the independent and assisted living space that had been contemplated, may be lost as well. Carol found it hard to understand how the Town could approve a PUD with extensive community amenities used to market the community, then allow them to go away. Carol was aware of the conceptualized day care planned for the lot adjacent to TACAW, though didn't feel it was realistic that a day-care would be able to afford to build the facility and felt the developer should have been required to do so. Carol felt that with the increased revenues from on-line sales tax, the Town should prioritize children and working families. She asked Council to include the construction of the new facility to an upcoming session for discussion on how to move it forward sooner rather than later. Carol offered her help to fundraise if needed.

Ryan Slack, member of the Childcare Coalition, offered to reach out to Carol Hawk to update her on what is happening with childcare issues and facilities. Ryan Slack also shared that on the Stott's Mill project, they would be building a shell to offer to a day-care provider. The town would be getting some new daycare and Ryan Slack said he would be happy to share what he knew with Carol Hawk.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

David Knight spoke to a letter that had been forwarded to Council from Auden Schendler regarding electrification of new and old buildings as it relates to climate change. David asked that we focus some of the efforts of the Green Team and merge some of Auden's ideas to learn how we can accelerate electrification of the built environment, look at financials, feasibility, sequencing and conduct some worksessions with them. David thought we should get on this sooner rather than later and make it a priority of the Staff, Council and the Green Team.

Gary Tennenbaum said he would second David's comments. Gary noted that a lot of properties in Elk Run have the old boilers and asked what one was to do with them. A lot of homes have baseboard heat which is harder to replace. Gary looked forward to the conversations about

what we can do to keep stepping this up. Gary wondered how we could accelerate this and show some bold leadership from Council to kick-start electrification.

Ryan Mahoney noted Auden's letter had been forwarded to Planning and the Green Team and will be picked up at their next meeting. Ryan Mahoney said he did verify that a portion of what was in the letter was in the work plan for this year. We don't have enough information on replacement of equipment and how we could mandate or subsidize for that. Education about switching from gas to electric and what it would take to do that would be good. It becomes a great thing to add to the 2022 Green Team Work Plan.

Elyse Hottel suggested CORE be invited to speak with Council at a worksession. Elyse also reminded everyone that resiliency would need to be considered as well; if everything were electric and the grid were to go down, it could cause other issues; redundancy needed to be considered.

Bill Kane felt this needed to be a regional issue. He suggested getting CORE, Carbondale and other communities in a valley wide effort in terms of code-amendments, incentives, financing sources, etc. Holy Cross would have to be involved as well.

Glenn Drummond said we were at phase to educate the public; education would be very important.

Gary Tennenbaum said another item would be to get the installers up to speed on all the new technology; that could be one of the biggest constraints. Gary felt it was good to continue the conversation and didn't want to wait too long to get everyone else on board.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney had no report this evening.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7A. VISTA Project: Presentation by Eagle County to Discuss the Vista Project and Appoint Councilor to Eagle County's Stewardship Team (Ryan Mahoney and Susan Philp)

Ryan Mahoney introduced Angelo Fernandez, Chief Culture Officer for Eagle County who is undertaking this process with the aim to inform the Eagle County government about their strategic planning and master planning.

Bill Kane welcomed Angelo and thanked him for his communications with the Town related to COVID and other matters.

Angelo Fernandez shared a PowerPoint presentation of the Vista Project which is, among other things, to be a community dialogue, shared vision and working together as a region to engage all voices and perspectives of the community, to recover from COVID 10, and use as a primary form of engagement for Eagle County's Comprehensive Plan. A PowerPoint presentation was made by Angelo highlighting the Why, What and Who, the goals, project phasing, and how people can get involved.

Council was asked to appoint a member to the Eagle County Vista Stewardship Team. Glenn Drummond had been approached to participate and was enthusiastic to do so.

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINT GLENN DRUMMOND AS THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO EAGLE COUNTY'S VISTA STEWARDSHIP TEAM. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7B. December 2020 and January 2021 Sales Tax Reports (Christy Chicoine)

Finance Director Christy Chicoine updated Council on the December 2020 and January 2021 Sales tax reports. December 2020 showed a 17% increase in revenues over the same time period in 2019. Retail sales, building, retail liquor and sporting retail increases contributed. There were some losses as well, with lodging down about 6%, restaurants without bars down 6.8% and utilities down 12%. There was an overall 15.1% year to date increase.

Christy Chicoine also reviewed January 2021 with a 16.3% increase year over year. The building section has an increase of 155.7% and retail sales were up 9.2%. Lodging was down 15% and the restaurant sector was down 10% locally as well.

8. COUNCIL ACTIONS

8A. Resolution No. 09, Series of 2021: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing a Grant Application by the Town to State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Funds for Improvements to the Public Works Property and East Valley Road Intersection (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney explained the grant being pursued for supplemental funds for the new Public Works Facility. This presentation to Council tonight fulfills the requirement that the governing body be aware of the application being submitted. The application seeks an additional \$200,000 to supplement the \$550,00 budgeted by the Town for improvements.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND HOTTLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 09. SERIES OF 2021 AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8B. Appointments to Green Team: Greg Smith, Pranav Lakhina, Martin Bonzi (Sara Nadolny)

Staff Planner Sara Nadolny introduced three new Green Team applicants to the Council. Council thanked the members for their interest and willingness to participate. The applicants have been attending the Green Team meetings.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINT GREG SMITH, PRANAV LAKHINA AND MARTIN BONZI TO THE BASALT GREEN TEAM FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2023. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8C. Appointment of Anna Lohr to the Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC) (Susan Philp)

Planning Director Susan Philp introduced BPAC applicant Anna Lohr to the Council. Anna is the Operations Manager of TACAW (The Arts Campus at Willits); she has been participating in the BPAC meetings. Council asked about Anna's interest in serving on BPAC.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINT ANNA LOHR TO THE BASALT PUBLIC ARTS COUNCIL (BPAC) FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2023. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8D. Resolution No. 10, Series of 2021: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving a Revised Sign Design for the East Entrance Sign at Two Rivers Road and Highway 82 and Directing Town Staff to Request Bids for Fabrication and Installation of the Sign (James Lindt and Watkins Fulk-Gray)

Staff Planner Watkins Fulk-Gray explained the original sign design had received only one bid which was way over budget. This sign redesign was created to be more in line with the available budget. Council discussed the timeline for the project with Watkins. James noted the sign would be on CDOT property and would require a special use permit, which could impact the timing.

M/S COUNCILORS HOTTEL AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 10, SERIES OF 2021, AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8E. First Reading of Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2021: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending the 2021 Budget and Providing for a Supplemental Appropriation Related to the Roaring Fork Broadband Middle Mile Project (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney explained that at the last Council meeting the Council adopted a resolution supporting the grant. Council is being asked tonight to approve an Ordinance on first reading for a supplemental budget to show the funding for the project is available. The Library is meeting soon to discuss their potential participation in an additional \$16,000 link to the broadband. Initial construction would possibly begin this summer. Internet service would be a subsequent step provided to the consumer through private companies such as Ting and other Internet Service Providers.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2021, ON FIRST READING AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- 9A.** Accounts Payable
- 9B.** Advanced Agendas
- 9C.** VALE Board Meeting Minutes of 02/16/2021
- 9D.** Correspondence to the Town

10. ADJOURNMENT

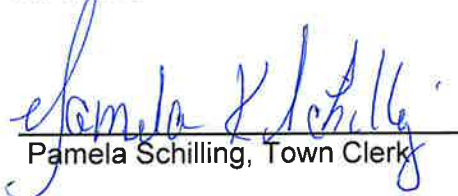
The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

The minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting were read and approved this 9th day of March, 2021.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 
William G. Kane, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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