



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 9, 2019**

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.

6:00 pm 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 by Mayor Jacque Whitsitt. Council members present were Jennifer Riffle, Gary Tennenbaum, Katie Schwoerer and Bill Infante. Council members Ryan Slack and Auden Schendler were absent.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2A. Minutes: March 12, 2019

2B. Minutes: March 26, 2019

2C. Proclamation Declaring April, 2019, Colorado Architecture Month in the Town of Basalt, Colorado (Architect may want to speak/formally accept Proclamation)

2D. Proclamation Honoring the 49th Anniversary of Earth Day and the Month of the Young Child;

2E. Resolution 19, Series of 2019: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving Amendments to Resolution No. 14, Series of 2019, Regarding Services to be Provided by Holy Cross Energy to Provide a Level 3 Electric Vehicle Charger to be Located Along Midland Spur in Basalt, Colorado (Sara Nadolny)

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M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.

Katie Schwoerer said she would vote yes on these items except for the Minutes of March 12, as she had not been present for that meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

3A. Positive Comments and Gratitudes about Basalt

3B. 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.

A gratitude was offered up for the Swift Crew that had been clearing the dead underbrush from the hillside at Merino Park and across from the Art Base.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Katie Schwoerer asked about an update on the Shooting Range Committee. Town Manager Ryan Mahoney said their next meeting was scheduled for April 23 at the Third Street Center in Carbondale. Elected officials from both counties and the Town as well as staff were invited to attend. This meeting is intended as a briefing for the elected officials. They were unable to find a place to meet in Basalt, so settled on the Third Street Center in Carbondale. They intend to follow up with a full public reveal of their findings a few weeks after that. Katie said that when they do follow up with the public meeting, it would be useful to have that meeting in Basalt. Ryan said he had asked them about the meetings and will follow up.

Bill Infante noted that Eden Vardy of the Farm Collaborative, had been nominated to serve on the CPW (Colorado Parks and Wildlife Board) as a representative to the Production Agriculture seat. Bill thought it was wonderful to have a young person so committed to environmental education and growing food for our valley, who also happens to be building a home in Basalt. Bill reported that Eden was interested in recruiting support for his appointment to the CPW Citizen’s Commission for the Production Agriculture seat. Council directed staff to follow up on this request and bring information back to Council.

Jennifer Riffle noted that the Basalt Regional Library has a Seed Starting and Garden Prep Workshop to be held on Monday, April 22. And, the Basalt Library Seed Savers Club meets the 4th Monday of each month from March to October. It is headed by Signa Strom at the Library, for those who are interested in joining. Finally, the Basalt Library has free heirloom organic seeds for check out; they are aiming for people to check seeds back in this year. Difficulty of seed harvesting is rated by ski run colors, green dot, blue square, black diamond.

Jennifer Riffle said she had had an interaction with CPW last week. As she was hiking, she heard shooting on a day the range was supposed to be closed. Jenn thought perhaps the Roaring Fork Sportspersons Club may have permission to shoot on Thursdays, but CPW who has not gotten back with her as yet to clarify the allowed days for shooting at the range. Jenn suggested that anyone who has a complaint or question about allowed shooting at the range should contact Vail Dispatch who will get you in touch with the Eagle Sheriff who can make contact with anyone shooting at the range.

Jacque Whitsitt reported that the RF Conservancy River Clean Up was scheduled for Saturday, April 27; the annual Earth Day Parade with all the school children was scheduled for Monday, April 22 at 10 am down Midland Avenue.

Jennifer Riffle reported that Crown Mountain Recreation District was moving forward and has approved a needs assessment and financial feasibility of a 55,000 sf field house.

5. MANAGER’S REPORT

Ryan Mahoney updated Council on the hillside fire mitigation project along Midland Avenue. It is intended to be a showcase of what fuel reductions and mitigation can look like when done

well. The Swift Crew out of the Rifle with assistance from Roaring Fork Fire Rescue worked all day to clear the hillside and will complete the project, likely this week. First Bank had also had a grant the Town was able to tap into. As a result, the Town has not spent any money on this project, but has had a lot of great support.

Ryan reported on the NRCS flood mitigation – there is a contract on the agenda tonight with SGM and also an IGA with CPW. We completed the IGA with Eagle County. The wheels are turning as far as the design and deployment. There won't be anything in place prior to the runoff happening; the goal is to try to get some of these things in place before the monsoons; we are prioritizing the highest risk areas.

The first Master Plan kick off meeting will be held at the Temporary on Thursday, April 25 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Bill Infante asked if Council could get a look at the TABOR survey prior to it going into the agenda packet at the next meeting.

6. COUNCIL ACTIONS:

6A. Public Hearing on Basalt River Park LLC Application: Basalt River Park LLC on behalf of the Roaring Fork Community Development Corporation, a Colorado Non-Profit Corporation, has made an application to develop twenty-eight (28) residential units, three (3) commercial buildings which are proposed to include two (2) non-profit facilities and a food and beverage operation, and associated improvements on the property and on Town-owned property adjacent to or near property, commonly known as the Roaring Fork Community Development Corporation (CDC) Property. Development Actions include: Rezoning to the Community Serving Commercial (CSC) Zone District; CSC Sketch Plan Review; Amendments to the CSC Zone District, Sketch Plan Subdivision, ESA and ESA Reach II Floodplain Review.

Planning Assistant James Lindt reviewed the original application submitted and reviewed the application updated at this point. This evening will include a presentation from Bruce Kimmel of Ehler's, the Town's financial advisor. Christy Hamrick will also review the work she has done on past Town expenditures related to this property. Also present were Tim Belinski and Annie Glatz of IND Ventures; Michael McVoy of the Roaring Fork CDC, and Rich Carr of CCY Architects.

Bruce Kimmel gave an overview of what Ehler's had been asked to do dig into what the development group is asking for in terms of town participation – direct and indirect; looked for red flags in the financial plan; specific components of the development budget, the operating pro-forma, sales assumptions and other components; and test the availability of the capacity within that budget to fund some additional costs.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney reviewed discussion points for council to focus and return direction to staff. Tim Belinski added comments prior to the public hearing. Finance Director Christy Hamrick reviewed her findings of the analysis of the Town's costs, funding sources, and bond repayment costs as they relate to this CDC project.

The public hearing was opened. Citizens speaking were:
Bernie Grauer, Royal Laybourn, Gerry Terwilliger and Mark Kwiecienski.

Council comments and discussion followed. Town Manager Ryan Mahoney sought clarification from Council as to whether staff was to negotiate points based on the existing plan or on a redefined plan? Council discussion followed.

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND SCHWOERER TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BASALT RIVER PARK LLC APPLICATION TO MAY 14, 2019. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 07, Series of 2019: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Establishing the Basalt Finance Advisory Board as a Formal Advisory Board to the Town Council.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney discussed this item with Council. Some language amendments were made as well as clarity around the production of an annual work plan to Council. Member background was also discussed with council members feeling that members should have a financial background.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 07, SEIRES OF 2019 ON FIRST READING AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR APRIL 23, 2019, WITH THE INTEGRATION OF THE DISCUSSED EDITS.

Jennifer Riffle felt the Advisory Board members should have a financial background.

THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6C. First Reading of Ordinance No. 08, Series of 2019: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Establishing the Basalt Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST) Committee as a Formal Advisory Board to the Town Council.

Planning Director Susan Philp discussed this item with Council. This Ordinance followed the format used for the Basalt Financial Advisory Board. POST members discussed the Ordinance at their last meeting and made some recommendations that had been incorporated related to criteria for appointment, ties to the community, and various arguments for term lengths of 2 years vs 3 years. Jennifer Riffle also proposed terms be consistent across the board as they relate to advisory committees. Council requested staff bring back a recommendation of term lengths.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHWOERER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 09, SERIES OF 2019 ON FIRST READING INCORPORATION COUNCIL COMMENTS, AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR APRIL 23, 2019. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6D. Resolution No. 17, Series of 2019: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with SGM, INC. for Technical Assistance Contractor Services Related to the Lake Christine Fire NRCS Grant

Finance Director Christy Hamrick discussed this item with Council noting this was in sync with what has been discussed around the NRCS grant previously.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND TENNENBAUM TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17, SERIES OF 2019 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6E. Resolution No. 18, Series of 2019: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife Related to the Lake Christine Fire NRCS Grant

Finance Director Christy Hamrick led discussion of this item.

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND SCHWOERER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 18,SERIES OF 2019 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6F. First Reading of Ordinance No. 09, Series of 2019: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 4, Article IV (Sales Tax), and Chapter 6, Article I (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Municipal Code to Provide for an Exemption for Sales Tax and Business License Requirements for Entities without a Physical Presence in the Town.

Finance Director Christy Hamrick explained the background and need for these Code amendments.

M/S COUNCILORS INFANTE AND SCHWOERER TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES OF 2019 ON FIRST READING AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR APRIL 23, 2019. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

7. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

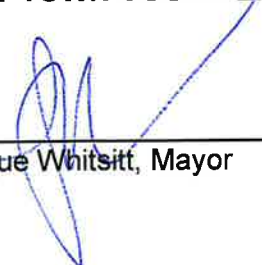
- 7A. Accounts Payable
- 7B. Advanced Agendas
- 7C. Correspondence to the Town
- 7D. Sales Tax Update – February 2019

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

The minutes of this March 26, 2019 meeting were read and approved this 9th day of April, 2019.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 

Jacques Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety at:
<https://townofbasalt.ompnetwork.org/sessions/103468?embedInPoint=1&embedOutPoint=8437&shareMethod=link>

