



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 17, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present: Mayor Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido,
Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth,
Councilmember Sarah Rea

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Daniel C. Holler led the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Clark, founding member and current Board member of the Mammoth Lakes Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), announced that CERT would be formally disbanding and no longer active in the community.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

4.1 URGENCY ITEM - Consideration of letter to comment on the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) program supporting Mono County's letter on the same topic.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler requested that the Town Council add an urgency item regarding comments for the Community Economic Resilience Fund program.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2b2, the Council hereby determines that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Town subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision a, said item being:

Consideration of letter to comment on the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) program supporting Mono County's letter on the same topic.

For (5): Mayor Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (5 to 0)

After Agenda Item 7.3, Town Manager Daniel C. Holler and Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth

Seconded by Mayor Bill Sauser

Direct staff to draft a letter regarding the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) program and forward to the appropriate parties.

For (5): Mayor Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (5 to 0)

5. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND/OR DEPARTMENTS (AS NEEDED)

Town Attorney Andrew Morris announced that the Town's victory was affirmed in the Main Street Taxpayers lawsuit. He said that the smokeless tobacco sale ban

lawsuit had been dropped. Mr. Morris reported that a settlement was pending regarding a bike accident lawsuit.

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly reported on the recent Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting. She announced current staffing changes in the department.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding current parks and recreation activities.

6. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Recognition of 30-year anniversary award to Public Works Maintenance Manager Todd Murphy.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes thanked Mr. Murphy for his years of service and presented him with his certificate of appreciation.

7. INTRODUCTIONS

7.1 Introduction of new Public Works Maintenance Worker Cullen Aukee.

Public Works Maintenance Manager Todd Murphy introduced Mr. Aukee to the Council and the community.

7.2 Introduction of new Public Works Maintenance Worker Brian Lemus.

Public Works Maintenance Manager Todd Murphy introduced Mr. Lemus to the Council and the community.

7.3 Introduction of new Human Resources Specialist - Payroll Erin Bulkley.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson introduced Ms. Bulkley to the Council and the community.

8. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Presentation from Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) regarding the MLT Annual Report and 2020-21 Deliverables.

John Urdi, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT), and Brian Wright, MLT Director of Marketing, gave a presentation regarding the Annual Report. There was discussion among members of Council and members of MLT staff.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Salcido and Councilmember Stapp noted that they had a conflict and would be recusing themselves from Agenda Item 9.4. Councilmember Wentworth requested that Agenda Item 9.4 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion. Ted Carleton, The Sheet, requested that Agenda Item 9.6 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Approve the Consent Agenda.

For (5): Mayor Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (5 to 0)

9.1 Approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 27, 2021.

9.2 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2021.

9.3 Adopt the resolution establishing a conflict-of-interest policy covering design-build projects and authorize staff to use design-build services for future projects.

9.4 Receive and file the Snowcreek Development Agreement 2021 Annual Review Report.

This item was removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Salcido and Councilmember Stapp were recused from this item due to their ownership of property near the project and left the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth
Seconded by Mayor Bill Sauser

Receive and file the Snowcreek Development Agreement Annual Review Report, finding the Developer in good faith substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of the Development Agreement.

For (3): Mayor Bill Sauser, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Abstain (2): Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, and Councilmember Kirk Stapp

Carried (3 to 0)

9.5 Approve the resolution opting to affirm an exemption from the requirements of mandatory organics collection services.

9.6 Accept Payment Approval Report No. 22-18 in the amount of \$1,827,699.76. Accept Payment Approval Report No. 22-19 in the amount of \$582,483.25. Accept Payment Approval Report No. 22-20 in the amount of 301,955.29.

Mayor Pro Tem Salcido and Councilmember Stapp returned to the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

This item was removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Ted Carleton, The Sheet, asked about an expense regarding the purchase of a San Joaquin unit. Town Manager Daniel C. Holler responded to Mr. Carleton's questions.

Moved by Mayor Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Kirk Stapp

Approve the Payment Approval Reports.

For (5): Mayor Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (5 to 0)

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.1 Public hearing and consideration of District Zoning Amendment 21-001 to amend the Clearwater Specific Plan at 164, 202, and 248 Old Mammoth Road, including adoption of the Addendum to the Clearwater Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report

Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido was recused due to her ownership of property near the project and left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m.

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly and Assistant Planner Gina Montecallo gave a presentation outlining the information in the staff report.

Matt Mering, applicant, introduced the application team and outlined the proposed project. There was discussion among members of Council and members of the applicant team.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ted Carleton, The Sheet, asked about the cabins. Members of the applicant team responded.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

There was discussion among members of Council.

Moved by Councilmember John Wentworth

Seconded by Mayor Bill Sauser

Waive the first reading and introduce by title only an ordinance making the required CEQA and Municipal Code findings and approving District Zoning Amendment (DZA) 21-001 and adopt the resolution making the required CEQA findings and adopting the Addendum to the Clearwater Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

For (4): Mayor Bill Sauser, Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Abstain (1): Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido

Carried (4 to 0)

10.2 Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolutions to Form Community Facilities District No 2021-1 (Juniper Ridge Maintenance Services) and Calling a Special Election.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:15 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:22 p.m. including Mayor Pro Tem Salcido.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Assistant Engineer Sierra Shultz outlined the information in the staff report.

With no members of the public coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Adopt the resolution to form Community Facilities District No. 2021-1 (Juniper Ridge Maintenance District).

For (5): Mayor Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (5 to 0)

Moved by Mayor Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Rea

Adopt the resolution calling a special election for Community Facilities District 2021-1 (Juniper Ridge Maintenance Services).

For (5): Mayor Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (5 to 0)

11. POLICY MATTERS

11.1 Solid Waste Program Update.

Assistant to the Town Manager Pam Kobylarz outlined the information in the staff report and introduced Glen Long, General Manager of Mammoth Disposal. Mr. Long introduced the Mammoth Disposal team, and they gave an update regarding current activities. There was discussion among members of Council and members of Mammoth Disposal.

11.2 Update on the status and Town's response and management of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler gave an update regarding the pandemic. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

11.3 Approve Resolution providing policy direction for commenting on proposed actions implementing adopted legislation.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido

Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Adopt the resolution providing policy direction to the Town Manager on providing comments on regulations, rules, procedures, other reports, and funding allocations or other actions put forward as part of the implementation process of adopted legislation.

For (5): Mayor Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, Councilmember Kirk Stapp, Councilmember John Wentworth, and Councilmember Sarah Rea

Carried (5 to 0)

12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Wentworth attended a tour of the Community Recreation Center (CRC) and the Local Transportation Commission meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Salcido attended the Mammoth Voices meeting regarding rural communities, the Town Holiday Party, the clinic at Mammoth High School, and a tour of the CRC site.

Councilmember Stapp reported on the Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) waitlist and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) ridership.

Mayor Sauser attended the Mammoth Voices meeting regarding rural communities and the Town Holiday Party.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the Town Council will hold a conference with its representatives in regard to lease negotiations pertaining to:

At 7:18 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 7:56 p.m. and the Town Manager announced that there was no reportable action taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk