



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 2, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Amy Callanan led the flag salute.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lara Kaylor, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Director of Content, Communication, and PR, announced that members of the MLT Board and staff would be attending Council meetings to give updates. She gave an update regarding current air service and marketing activities.

Kevin Bessenbacher, Ormat Pipeline Coordinator, introduced himself to the Council and the community.

4. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler announced that staff would be bringing forward a resolution at the next meeting regarding Russian aggression in Ukraine. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly gave an update regarding today's Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting. There was discussion among members of Council and staff regarding the appointment of a Council representative to the Local Transportation Commission (LTC).

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding current parks and recreation activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson gave an air service update. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Ms. Moberly announced that the Housing Now! page had been developed and was available on the Town's website. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Report on Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Work Program.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler introduced Executive Director of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Ken Brengle. Mr. Brengle and Briana Goico, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Membership and Marketing Manager, outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and Chamber staff.

6.2 Final Report on Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Grant 1148-RT Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler introduced Kristy Williams, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Project Management Specialist. Ms. Williams gave a presentation outlining the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative.

6.3 Pension Funding Discussion and Town of Mammoth Lakes Funding Status.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson introduced Dan Matusiewicz, GovInvest. Mr. Matusiewicz gave a presentation regarding the pension funding update. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Matusiewicz.

6.4 Quarterly TOT Enforcement Update – Second Quarter Fiscal Year 21-22.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson gave a presentation regarding the enforcement update. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Wentworth

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

7.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2022.

7.2 Approve the resolution re-authorizing the Town Council to meet virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic declared emergency.

7.3 Adopt a resolution approving a grant application of up to \$1,000,000 to the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) for the First-Time Homebuyer program to provide down payment assistance.

7.4 Project Closeout Report for the Transit Shelter Project.

7.5 Project Closeout Report for the Sierra Business Park Project.

7.6 Accept Payment Approval Report No. 22-33 in the amount of \$1,283,307.53. Accept Payment Approval Report No. 22-34 in the amount of \$195,894.62.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Conduct the Special Election for Formation of Community Facilities District No. 2021-1 (Juniper Ridge Maintenance Services).

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Deputy Airport Manager 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 6:59 p.m.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:59 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

The Town Clerk announced the election results.

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Councilmember Kirk Stapp

Adopt the Resolution Declaring the Election Results.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

9. POLICY MATTERS

9.1 Comment and discussion on Ormat plowing and related NEPA requirements in Shady Rest.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stacy Corless, Mono County Board of Supervisors, spoke about the lack of concern from Ormat and the Forest Service regarding the impacts to our community.

Town Attorney Andrew Morris advised that he would communicate with Mono County about the conditions, and Mr. Holler suggested that the

Town Council discuss the issue at their joint meeting with the Mono County Board of Supervisors on March 15th.

9.2 Update on COVID 19 Management and Operations.

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

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stapp reported on the Mammoth Lakes Housing wait list and the ridership for the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority.

Councilmember Sauser attended the Sub Part C meeting, the Local Transportation Commission meeting, and the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth attended the monthly Secretary Speaker Series event and the Local Transportation Commission meeting.

Mayor Salcido attended the Town County Liaison Committee meeting and the Chamber of Commerce Women in Business meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:51 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

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

11.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 : (One potential case).

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

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 9:00 p.m. and the Town Manager announced that no reportable action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk