



## **Town Council of Mammoth Lakes**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**October 5, 2022, 3:00 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

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#### **1. RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

- 1.1 **At 3:00 p.m. the Town Council will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony for completion of Lakes Basin Connector Trails at the intersection of Around Lake Mary Road and Lake George Road where the bike rack is located. (Map attached.)**

Members of the Town Council participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lakes Basin Connector Trails.

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

#### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Patricia Robertson led the flag salute.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Queenie Barnard, Mono County Assistant Clerk-Recorder-Registrar, provided an update on the upcoming election.

**5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly outlined the information in the Did You Know? housing flyer and announced that the public tour at The Parcel scheduled for tomorrow was sold out. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif thanked members of the Council for attending the ribbon cutting. He gave an update regarding current outdoor recreation activities.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown outlined the information in the 2022 Annual Program, Facility, and Activities Review presentation.

Sergeant Joseph Vetter and Sergeant Daniel Casabian gave an update regarding current police activities and announced that Officer Brian Madera had been appointed as the new School Resource Officer. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

**6.1 Did you Know? Housing Units.**

This is an informational item only.

**7. INTRODUCTIONS**

**7.1 Introduce new Outdoor Recreation Coordinator Gretchen Haselbauer.**

Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif introduced Ms. Haselbauer to the Council and the community.

**8. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

**8.1 Recognition of 15-year anniversary award to Public Works Director Haislip Hayes.**

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler thanked Mr. Hayes for his years of service.

## **9. WORKSHOP**

### **9.1 Joint meeting with Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) regarding existing and future housing initiatives.**

The Mayor called a recess at 4:57 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 5:06 p.m.

Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) Executive Director Patricia Robertson, MLH President Kirk Stapp, Vice President Jennifer Kreitz and Board Members Tom Hodges, Heidi Steenstra, and Tony Perkins attended the workshop.

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly, Senior Planner/Housing Coordinator Nolan Bobroff, and Ms. Robertson outlined the information in the Town Council and MLH Joint Meeting presentation. There was discussion among members of the Council, Board, and staff.

Councilmember Rea joined the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

MLH Vice President Kreitz left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:13 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:26 p.m.

## **10. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

### **10.1 Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) Progress Update presented by Janet Hatfield, ESCCRP Forest Health Program Manager.**

Janet Hatfield, Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) Forest Health Program Manager, outlined the information in the ESCCRP Progress Update and requested a letter of support from the Council for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Directed Grant. There was discussion among members of Council and Ms. Hatfield.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Fred Wong, Inyo National Forest (INF) Mammoth District Ranger, spoke about the coordination and process of the project.

Ales Tomaier, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFPD) Fire Chief, spoke about the changing culture related to forest management and

the manpower and equipment our community had access to to combat fires. Chief Tomaier spoke in favor of this project.

Stacy Corless, Mono County Supervisor and representative of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and the Executive Committee States' Wildfire and Resilience Task Force, announced that there were great local education resources available at the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance (ESWA) website. Supervisor Corless said that the Citizens Wildfire Academy through the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) series final presentation would be held on October 17th and would include information regarding fire insurance. She voiced her support of prescribed burning in Reds Meadow and this project in general and spoke about the State's available funding for wildfire mitigation.

There was discussion among members of Council, Ms. Hatfield, Mr. Wong, and Ms. Corless.

## **10.2 Update on Transit Service.**

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes outlined the information in the staff report.

### **SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:**

Phil Moores, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Executive Director, provided information about limitations on the range of where each bus could go on its route given time constraints.

Stacy Corless requested coordination with Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) and announced that there was a YARTS planning and strategy session in two weeks and invited Mr. Hayes to attend. Ms. Corless said that she appreciated the Town's efforts with trying to find busing solutions.

John Guatelli spoke on behalf of the Woodman neighborhood and said that they appreciated being heard on the busing issue. He said that personally he was in favor of the gray line which had been discussed in the presentation.

There was discussion among members of the Council, Mr. Moores, Ms. Corless, and staff.

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly reported that there was an amendment to item 11.3 on the staff report correcting the contract amount from approximately \$1.8M to \$2,102,908.

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)

**11.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2022.**

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

**11.3 Authorize a professional services agreement with Ascent Environmental for Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment Project CEQA/NEPA analysis.**

**11.4 Approve the Mayor signing the letter of support for the Whitebark Institute to apply for Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) grant funding to continue the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) work (Mammoth Donut).**

**11.5 Accept Check Register 09/15/2022 in the amount of \$2,081,871.16.  
Accept Check Register 09/22/2022 in the amount of \$3,946,237.78.**

## **12. POLICY MATTERS**

**12.1 Consider approval of the Parking Management Plan for the Sawyer (Parcel Phase 1) and update on the Kingfisher (Parcel Phase 2).**

Councilmember Sauser recused himself and left the meeting due to his ownership of property within 500 feet of The Parcel.

Councilmember Rea recused herself and left the meeting due to her rental of property within 700 feet of The Parcel.

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

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem John Wentworth  
Seconded by Councilmember Kirk Stapp

Approve the final parking management plan for Phase 1 “The Sawyer” in order to satisfy Condition 85 of Town Council Resolution 21-10.

For (3): Mayor Lynda Salcido, Mayor Pro Tem John Wentworth, and Councilmember Kirk Stapp

Absent (2): Councilmember Sarah Rea, and Councilmember Bill Sauser

Carried (3 to 0)

**12.2 Update on Community Recreation Center (CRC) Construction and Agreements with the Los Angeles Kings Hockey Club, L.P., and JV Ice PV, LLC.**

Councilmembers Rea and Sauser returned to the meeting.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes and Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Betsy Truax, Town Council Candidate and former Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, spoke about the history of the Community Recreation Center (CRC) project and the importance of making sure this facility served our community.

**13. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Sauser attended the Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) Subpart C meeting yesterday.

Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth reported that he was involved in the California Wildfire Resilience Taskforce and made a presentation in Grass Valley and prior to that made a presentation to Region 5 Forest Leadership. Mr. Wentworth attended the recent OSV Subpart C meeting and the Restaurant Association meeting regarding reusable containers.

Councilmember Stapp reported on the Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) wait list.

Mayor Salcido listened in on the Wildfire Resilience Taskforce meeting, and attended the Mammoth Lakes Chamber's Diversity Workshop, the Chamber's Candidate Forum, and the Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Liaison Committee meeting.

There was discussion among members of the Council.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:40 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closes session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

**14.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**(Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case:**  
**Christopher Kibler v. Town of Mammoth Lakes (Case No: 22UCM65).**

**14.2 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.(a), Conference with**  
**Labor Negotiators, the Council will meet with its representatives,**  
**Town Manager Daniel C. Holler, Administrative Services/Finance**  
**Director Rob Patterson, and HR Manager Amanda Pelham with**  
**respect to the following Employee Organization: Mammoth Lakes**  
**Police Officers Association.**

**15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

The Council reconvened from closed session at 9:18 p.m. and the Town Manager announced that there was no reportable action taken.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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Jamie Gray, Town Clerk