



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Special Meeting

January 25, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present: Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser,
Councilmember Chris Bubser, Councilmember Sarah Rea,
Councilmember Amanda Rice

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Police Chief Daniel Casabian led the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Urdi, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Executive Director, handed out copies of the 2023 Visitor Guide. He announced that MLT had forwarded a letter to Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) remitters who also pay sales tax, which discussed changes made at the State level with regard to sales tax now being charged on the TBID amount in addition to the sale.

Public Works Director/Town Engineer Haislip Hayes provided an update on snow removal efforts.

Zack Mills, long term resident, voiced concerns about the difficulty in getting housing in Mammoth and the large number of homes being used for rental income. He said that he felt that the Town should limit or cancel Short Term Rentals (STRs).

Pam Mitchell said that she thought the Main Lodge project was a good project, but voiced concerns she had about it and said she would like a meeting or workshop between the Town Council and Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) before the next Alterra meeting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Chris Bubser

Seconded by Councilmember Amanda Rice

Approve the Consent Agenda.

For (5): Mayor John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Sauser, Councilmember Chris Bubser, Councilmember Sarah Rea, and Councilmember Amanda Rice

Carried (5 to 0)

4.1 Adopt a resolution approving a grant application of up to \$452,144.65 to the Regional Early Action Planning grants program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) to support the acquisition of vacant land for the future development of affordable housing.

4.2 Approve and adopt Side Letter 01-2023 between the Town of Mammoth Lakes ("Town") and the Mammoth Lakes Police Officers' Association ("MLPOA") establishing benefits for employees in the position of Police Recruit.

5. POLICY MATTERS

5.1 Town Council Strategic Priorities and Key Objectives Review and Planning Process.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zack Mills asked what an EIFD was. Mr. Holler and members of the Council provided a description of, and additional information about, EIFD (Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District).

John Urdi, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Executive Director, asked how the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) and air subsidy fit into the enhanced recreation economy priority. Mayor Wentworth responded.

Betsy Truax, Mammoth Lakes Foundation (MLF) Executive Director, said that she felt the partnership MLF had with the Town was successful and spoke about the land use agreement and arts and culture piece of the partnership.

Mr. Urdi spoke about the enhanced required municipal services and the importance of phone and internet service being more reliable and the safety issues that come with the inability to reach out to people especially during a big storm, as well as businesses being unable to run their business when the internet is down.

6. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:50 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

6.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case:
Main Street Taxpayers Association v. Town of Mammoth Lakes.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 6:25 p.m. p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk