



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 5, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Deputy Airport Manager Sierra Waugh led the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandy Hogan outlined her concerns about federal employees leaving office and asked the Town to send a letter of concern to federal legislators.

Betsy Truax, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Vice President of Community Engagement, announced the next MLT meeting, the resident sentiment survey, and the community skate night being held tonight.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

5. INTRODUCTIONS

5.1 Introduce new Airport Maintenance Coordinator Casey Penn.

Airport Operations Manager Soibian Spring introduced Mr. Penn to the Council and the community.

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

Police Chief Dan Casabian gave an update regarding the FLOCK program. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes requested that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to bring back an item at the next meeting regarding the impact of federal actions. The Town Council agreed.

6.1 February 2025 Office of Outdoor Recreation Update.

7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Update on the Snowcreek Development Agreement Amendment.

Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff and Town Attorney Andrew Morris outlined the timeline for the Snowcreek DA amendments and introduced Nira Doherty, consultant. Ms. Doherty outlined the deal points discussed through negotiations with the developer.

Chuck Lande, Snowcreek Development, said that they were operating under the current development agreement. He said that an extension was in the best interest of the Town, and that it needed to be a fair deal for himself and the Town.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice
Seconded by Councilmember Brent Truax

Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

8.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2025.

8.2 Approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 16, 2025.

8.3 Approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 22, 2025.

8.4 Resolution terminating the emergency action to repair flood-damaged Mammoth Lakes Police Department station drywall, flooring and related items without competitive bidding.

**8.5 Accept Check Register 1/16/25 in the amount of \$1,317,274.64.
Accept Check Register 1/23/25 in the amount of \$286,485.78.**

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Community Facilities District No. 2023-1 (Maintenance Services) Annexation No. 1

Councilmember Truax announced his recusal due to a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 5:46 p.m.

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

With no members of the public coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:48 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Adopt the resolution authorizing the annexation of territory into a Community Facilities District, authorizing the levy of a special tax, and submitting the levy of special tax to qualified electors.

For (4): Mayor Chris Bubser, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice, Councilmember Bill Sauser, and Councilmember John Wentworth

Conflict (1): Councilmember Brent Truax

Carried (4 to 0)

Town Clerk Jamie Gray read the election results.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Seconded by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Adopt the resolution declaring the results of a special annexation landowner election, determining validity of prior proceedings, and directing the recording of the Eighth Amendment to the Notice of Special Tax Lien.

For (4): Mayor Chris Bubser, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice, Councilmember Bill Sauser, and Councilmember John Wentworth

Conflict (1): Councilmember Brent Truax

Carried (4 to 0)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice
Seconded by Councilmember Bill Sauser

Waive the reading and introduce by title only the ordinance authorizing the levy of special taxes in Community Facilities District No. 2023-1, including certain annexation territory.

For (4): Mayor Chris Bubser, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice, Councilmember Bill Sauser, and Councilmember John Wentworth

Conflict (1): Councilmember Brent Truax

Carried (4 to 0)

Councilmember Truax returned to the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

10. POLICY MATTERS

10.1 Review of Town Council procedure for policy matters and discuss changing the individual public comment period time to three minutes.

Town Attorney Andrew Morris outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

CONSENSUS:

Direct staff to change the public comment period time to three minutes.

10.2 Long Valley Fire Protection District Memorandum of Understanding.

Deputy Airport Manager Sierra Waugh and Scott McGuire, Long Valley Fire Protection District Chief, outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice
Seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth

Authorize the Town to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Long Valley Fire Protection District for the purposes of fire suppression systems, facilities, and procedures at Mammoth Yosemite Airport.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

10.3 2025 Town Council Strategic Planning Series – Presentation of Key Initiatives for refinement

The Mayor called a recess at 6:26 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

Assistant to the Town Manager Pam Kobylarz, 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.

11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Truax attended the Town's defensive driving class, the lodging meeting, the Town staff appreciation lunch, and the Town's ethics training.

Councilmember Wentworth met with Eric Clark from Mammoth Resorts, attended the Foro Latino meeting, attended the Council strategic priorities special meeting, met with Leslie Yen from the Inyo National Forest, and attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board meeting.

Mayor Bubser attended the Foro Latino meeting, the immigration meeting, the Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) Wounded Warrior luncheon, the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Board meeting, and went on a ride-along with the Mammoth Lakes Police Department.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of
subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One case)

At 7:45 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 7:55 p.m. and announced that there was no reportable action taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk