



Town Council of Mammoth Lakes
Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 4, 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

Councilmember Wentworth participated in the meeting remotely from 530 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, California, 90405, Room 920.

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

Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Fire Chief Ales Tomaier led the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Gladfelter introduced himself and said that he was looking for an internship in marketing and/or communication.

Betsy Truax, Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Vice President of Community Engagement, gave an update regarding current MLT activities.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Town Manager Rob Patterson reported that the closed session agenda item would not be needed tonight.

5. TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Agency Recognition for Inn Fire Mutual Aid Response.

Town Manager Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Fire Chief Ales Tomaier thanked the agencies involved.

Rich Booher said that he met a man who said that he had generator services available.

The Mayor called a recess at 4:13 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 4:28 p.m.

5.2 Recognize promotion of Kevin Bessenbacher to Building Inspector I.

Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff recognized the promotion of Mr. Bessenbacher.

5.3 Adopt the proclamation declaring June 2025 as Pride Month in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Erika Vanderveer, President of Eastern Sierra Pride, spoke in support of the proclamation.

Mayor Bubser read the proposed proclamation.

Moved by Councilmember Brent Truax

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Rice

Approve the proclamation declaring June, 2025 as Pride Month in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

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

Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif gave an update regarding current outdoor recreation activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff gave an update regarding current housing activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

6.1 June 2025 Public Works Engineering CIP Update.

7. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Receive a presentation on the status of the Lease to Locals Program.

Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff introduced Isaac Landman, Placemate. Mr. Landman gave an update regarding the Town's Lease to Locals Program. There was discussion among members of Council, Mr. Landman, and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rich Booher said that the Town was getting two for one with this program.

There was discussion among members of Council.

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Federal Budget and Visitation Impacts to Budget Forecast.

Town Manager Rob Patterson, Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff, Whitebark Institute's Resilience Program Director Janet Hatfield, and Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Vice President of Global Tourism Michael Vanderhurst outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:09 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

8.2 Community Recreation Center (CRC) Operations Update.

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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)

9.1 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2025.

9.2 Accept Check Register 5/14/25 in the amount of \$1,823,735.15.
Accept Check Register 5/22/25 in the amount of \$1,027,238.40.
Accept Check Register 5/28/25 in the amount of \$6,434.00. Accept
Check Register 5/29/25 in the amount of \$1,607,152.58.

10. POLICY MATTERS

10.1 Fiscal Year 2025-26 – Tentative Budget (Manager Recommended).

Town Manager Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report.
There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Rice attended the Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board meeting.

Councilmember Truax attended the Lodging Association meeting, the Chamber Non-Profit Mixer, and the Mammoth Lakes Film Festival.

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting and met with California Assemblyman David Tangipa.

Mayor Bubser attended the Chamber Non-Profit Mixer and spoke about the Community Coffee regarding wildfire prevention.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.(a), Conference with Labor Negotiators, the Council will meet with its representatives, Town Manager Rob Patterson, Community and Economic Development Director Nolan Bobroff, and Human Resources

Manager Amanda Pelham with respect to the following Employee Organizations: Mammoth Lakes Police Officers Association and the Mammoth Lakes Supervisory Association.

This item was continued.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk