

TOWN COUNCIL OF MAMMOTH LAKES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2014

ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, California. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilmembers Colin Fernie, Shields Richardson, John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, and Mayor Jo Bacon in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wentworth led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Urdi, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Tourism, gave an update regarding current tourism and marketing activities.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Hispanic Advisory Town Hall meeting, the Forest Service Plan Revision Conceptual Alternatives meeting, and the Eastern Sierra Connect Consortium meeting. He met with Forest Service staff, Congressman Cook's staff, and the Outdoor Alliance regarding the Inyo National Forest Plan Revision.

Councilmember Fernie attended the Water Hero award presentation, the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority board meeting, and the Mammoth Lakes Housing board meeting.

Councilmember Richardson attended the Hispanic Advisory Town Hall meeting and commented on the successful Thanksgiving holiday.

Mayor Pro Tem Raimondo attended the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority board meeting, the Mammoth Lakes Tourism board meeting, and the Air Service Group meeting.

Mayor Bacon attended the Water Hero award presentation and various Mammoth Lakes Recreation meetings.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND/OR DEPARTMENTS (as needed)

Steve Searles, Wildlife Management Officer, gave an update regarding current wildlife activity.

Recreation Manager Stuart Brown gave an update regarding current recreation activities.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Annual update from the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) presented by John Helm, ESTA Executive Director.

Mr. Helm gave an update regarding ESTA's mission and current programs and services. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Helm.

2. Update from Public Works Director Grady Dutton.

Mr. Dutton gave a Power Point presentation outlining the 2014 Overview and 2015 Outlook for the Public Works Department. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Dutton.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Fernie requested that Agenda Item 5 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Mayor Bacon requested that Agenda Item 4 be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, seconded by Councilmember Colin Fernie, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to approve the consent agenda.

3. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2014.
4. Waive the reading and adopt by title only an ordinance approving District Zoning Amendment 13-001 for the Inn at the Village Project, amending the North Village Specific Plan, and making findings in support thereof.

This item was removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Councilmember Richardson recused himself from this item and left the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor Bacon noted that she pulled the item off of the consent agenda to vote no.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Amy Cutter asked about the geographic area of the North Village and if Councilmember Raimondo also had a conflict and should not vote on this item.

Town Attorney Andrew Morris responded to Ms. Cutter's concerns.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, seconded by Councilmember Colin Fernie, and carried by a 3 - 1 roll call vote to with Councilmember Shields Richardson recused and Mayor Jo Bacon voting no, waive the reading and adopt by title only an ordinance approving District Zoning Amendment

13-001 for the Inn at the Village Project, amending the North Village Specific Plan, and making findings in support thereof.

Councilmember Richardson returned to the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

5. Direct the Town Manager to enter into negotiations for potential sites for temporary public parking and related uses.

This item was removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Mayor Bacon asked how pedestrians were going to get from the proposed parking to the Village. Town Manager Daniel C. Holler responded to Mayor Bacon's concerns. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Colin Fernie, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to direct the Town Manager to enter into negotiations for potential sites for temporary public parking and related uses.

6. Accept the Register of Demands No. 15-15 in the amount of \$1,135,840.37. Accept the Register of Demands No. 15-16 in the amount of \$11,684.50.

POLICY MATTERS

7. Direction to staff regarding procurement of a cover for the Multi-use Facility rink.

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

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Martin Kleinbard, Vice President of the Mammoth Lakes Contractors Association, said that the association supported the project and gave a donation towards it.

Jeff Posey, Mammoth Hockey, said that the Town would not get a better deal on a steel roof and should not pass up the opportunity. He said that solar panels could be installed on a steel roof. He said that he was looking into getting lights donated.

Lynn Altieri-Need said that the Town had an underperforming asset with huge potential. She said that with a roof the Rink could be used as a cultural center and has year round possibilities.

Patrick Bernard, President of Mammoth Youth Hockey, said that the roof was a great opportunity. He invited the Council and the community to come and watch the kids play hockey or the visitors skating. He said that the Rink was a great facility that complemented our Town. He said that the shade provided by a roof would allow for better quality ice and a better guest experience. He said that he supported the Ice Rink Roof project.

Jake Hull, parent of hockey enthusiast, said that there was a solar potential with a steel structure which would help with the return on investment.

Phil Higerd spoke in favor of the project. He said that it would provide a recreational amenity for all ages, and that hockey was a lifetime sport.

Rick Vahl spoke in support of the project.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Jo Bacon, seconded by Councilmember Shields Richardson, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to direct staff to continue with options for the construction including those discussed this evening, inform the Council of any changes to the financing gap, and begin immediate negotiations regarding the lease.

8. Waive the reading and introduce by title only an ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 8.12 related to refuse and solid waste disposal. Waive the reading and adopt by title only an ordinance adopting Chapter 8.14 to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code regarding solid waste recycling.

Public Works Director Grady Dutton and Senior Associate Civil Engineer Peter Bernasconi outlined the information in the staff report. Town Attorney Andrew Morris outlined the updated versions of the ordinances. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Martin Kleinbard asked if the fee was being changed. Mr. Morris responded. Mr. Kleinbard outlined his concerns about the potential to cut off trash service. Mr. Morris responded.

Jesse Baldwin, electrical contractor, President of the Mammoth Lakes Contractors Association, and member of the Building Advisory Committee/Board of Appeals, said that he appreciated the efforts of Town staff to discuss the changes with them.

Brian Robinette, Sierra Conservation Project, said that he supported the ordinances.

Rick Vahl, Mammoth Disposal, said that he supported recycling growth and supported the ordinances.

Amy Cutter discussed her concerns regarding discontinuing service.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to waive the reading and introduce by title only an ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 8.12 related to refuse and solid waste disposal. Waive the reading and adopt by title only an ordinance adopting Chapter 8.14 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code regarding solid waste recycling. Approve the introduction of both ordinances as presented this evening.

9. Award of contract to Caselle for the purchase and implementation of financial system software and related applications.

Finance Director Daniel Izzo, Town Manager Daniel C. Holler, and Town Attorney Andrew Morris outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, seconded by Councilmember Shields Richardson, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to authorize the Town Manager to sign a purchase/professional services contract with Caselle to purchase financial systems software, training, setup, and conversion for \$140,645 with a 5% contingency amount of \$7,032 and \$34,000 for customization of software for a total amount of \$181,677, subject to final legal review and authorize the Town Manager to amend the fiscal year 14-15 budget accordingly.

10. Waive the reading and introduce and adopt by title only an urgency ordinance amending Sections 3.12.100, 5.04.360, and 5.08.010 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code related to business licenses.

Town Attorney Andrew Morris, Finance Director Daniel Izzo, and Accounting Manager Susan Cash outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Martin Kleinbard outlined his concerns about businesses making under \$5,000. Ms. Cash responded to Mr. Kleinbard's concerns. There was discussion among members of staff and Mr. Kleinbard.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember John Wentworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to waive the reading and introduce and adopt by title only an urgency ordinance amending Sections 3.12.100, 5.04.360, and 5.08.010 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code related to business licenses.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Waive the reading and introduce by title only an ordinance repealing and readopting Chapter 5.32 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code pertaining to regulation of cable television services.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

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

With no members of the public coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:42 p.m.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, seconded by Councilmember Colin Fernie, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to waive the reading and introduce by title only an ordinance repealing and readopting Chapter 5.32 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code pertaining to regulation of cable television services.

12. Approve the resolution amending Resolutions No. 14-26 and 14-32 regarding Finance and Building Department fees.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

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

With no members of the public coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:47 p.m.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Raimondo, seconded by Councilmember Colin Fernie, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to approve the resolution amending Resolutions No. 14-26 and 14-32 regarding Finance and Building Department fees.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Gray
Town Clerk