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## TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor Laila Benitez at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Due to the Town's Disaster Declaration of March 19, 2020 related to the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held with virtual access provided through Zoom.

### **Attendance:**

#### **The following Town Council members were present and acting:**

Laila Benitez, Mayor  
Dan Caton, Mayor Pro Tem  
Patrick Berry  
Pete Duprey  
Natalie Binder  
Marti Prohaska  
Jack Gilbride

#### **The following Town Council members were absent:**

Also in attendance were:

Kim Montgomery, Town Manager  
Susan Johnston, Town Clerk  
Christina Lambert, Senior Deputy Town Clerk  
Paul Wisor, Town Attorney  
Julie Vergari, Chief Accountant  
Chris Broady, Chief of Police  
Lindsay Niehaus, Human Resources Coordinator  
Zoe Dohnal, Business Development and Sustainability Senior Manager  
Kathrine Warren, Public Information Specialist  
Michelle Haynes, Director of Planning & Development Services  
John Miller, Senior Planner  
Amy Ward, Planner  
Jim Loebe, Director of Transit & Recreation  
Jim Soukup, Chief Technology Officer  
Steven Lehane, Director of Broadband  
Kate Burns, Controller  
Finn Kjome, Director of Public Works  
JD Wise, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Kathy Smith, Accounts Payable

Steve Morton  
Anton Benitez  
Jonathan Greenspan  
Liz Caton  
Robert Stenhammer  
Ellen Kramer  
John Horn  
Banks Brown  
Cath Jett  
David Craig  
David Eckman  
Scott Bennett  
Julia Caulfield  
David Averill  
John Howe

### **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2)**

No public comment was received.

### **Liquor License Authority: Quasi-Judicial**

#### **a. Consideration of Re-Certification of the Mountain Village Promotional Association and Common Consumption Area (CCA)**

Town Clerk Susan Johnston presented stating that the applicant had asked to extend the CCA to year-round status. Council discussion ensued.

On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Peter Duprey, Council voted unanimously to approve the recertification with year-round status and to allow staff to make minor clarifying edits to the Common Consumption Area Map.

**Finance: (4)**

Chief Accountant Julie Vergari presented.

**a. Presentation of the December 31, 2020 Business & Government Activity Report (BAGAR)**

Council discussion ensued.

**b. Consideration of the November 30, 2020 Financials**

Council directed staff to include a COVID recession policy discussion on the regular February 18, 2021 Town Council agenda. On a **MOTION** by Pete Duprey and seconded by Patrick Berry, Council voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 2020 Financials as presented.

**Consideration of a Letter of Response to a Referral from SMC Planning Department to TMV for the Society Turn Sketch Plan Review (5)**

Mayor Benitez recused herself because of her position on the Hospital Board. Senior Planner John Miller presented. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Natalie Binder, Council voted unanimously to approve a letter of response to a referral from San Miguel County Planning Department for the Town of Mountain Village for the Society Turn Sketch Plan review as drafted.

**Consideration of a Resolution Adopting Interim Small Cell Infrastructure Design Guidelines (6)**

Planner Amy Ward presented. Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Pete Duprey and seconded by Patrick Berry, Council voted unanimously to approve a Resolution implementing Interim Small Cell Infrastructure Design Guidelines, and directed staff to work together with the Design Review Board to expeditiously initiate an amendment to the Community Development Code with respect to the siting of small-cell infrastructure in Town Rights-of-Way and other Zone Districts.

**Second Reading, Public Hearing and Council Vote on an Ordinance Regarding a Rezone and Density Transfer Application to Rezone Columbia Place Condominiums (Lot 37) Units 5-12 (8 units total) from a Hotel Efficiency Zoning Designation to Lodge Zoning Designation Quasi-Judicial (7)**

Natalie Binder recused herself because she owns property adjacent to the applicant. Senior Planner John Miller presented. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Representative for the applicant Robert Stenhammer provided public comment. The Mayor closed the public hearing. On a **MOTION** by Pete Duprey and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted 6-0 (with Natalie Binder recused) to adopt an Ordinance regarding a Rezone and Density Transfer Application to rezone Columbia Place Condominiums (Lot 37) Units 5-12 (8 units total) from a Hotel Efficiency Zoning Designation to Lodge Zoning Designation.

**A Joint Worksession between the DRB and Town Council Regarding Unit 12, The Ridge to Discuss a Variance to the Coonskin Ridge View Plane Exhibit Found in the Ridgeline Covenant and Town and County Settlement Agreement from a Height Restriction Limitation of 20 feet to 35 feet (8)**

John Miller presented. DRB members, Scott Bennett, Cath Jett, David Craige, Banks Brown, David Eckman, Ellen Kramer and Liz Caton were present for the discussion. Consultant and representative for the applicant John Horn presented and asked for clear guidance regarding the granting of a variance. Council discussion ensued regarding establishing multiple viewpoints. An offline discussion will determine who from Town Council, DRB and staff will meet to determine the appropriate viewpoint locations.

**Green Team Committee Quarterly Report (9)**

Green Team Committee Patrick Berry presented. Council discussion ensued regarding narrowing the focus of the Green Team to three items and the possibility of hiring an inhouse sustainability person. Public comment was received from Jonathan Greenspan.

**Staff Reports: (10)**

**a. Business Development and Sustainability**

Director Zoe Dohnal presented.

**b. Town Manager**

Kim Montgomery presented.

**Town Council Informational Council Boards and Commissions Updates (11)**

1. **Telluride Tourism Board – Berry**
2. **Colorado Flights Alliance – Gilbride**
3. **Transportation & Parking – Benitez/Duprey**
4. **Budget & Finance Committee – Gilbride/Duprey**
5. **Gondola Committee – Caton/Berry**
6. **Colorado Communities for Climate Action – Berry**
7. **San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) – Caton/Prohaska**
8. **Eco Action Partners – Berry/Prohaska**

Council directed staff to remove this board from Council Boards and Commissions and stated that there will no longer be Council representatives on the Board.

9. **Telluride Historical Museum – Prohaska**
10. **Telluride Conference Center – Gilbride/Binder**
11. **Alliance for Inclusion – Binder**
12. **Green Team Committee – Berry/Prohaska**
13. **Business Development Advisory Committee – Caton/Benitez**
14. **Mayor's Update - Benitez**

**Other Business (12)**

**a. Consideration of Approval of a Letter of Support for the 5 Star Program**

Council discussion ensued. On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Marti Prohaska, Council voted unanimously to approve a letter of support for the 5 Star Program.

**Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to Discuss Personnel Matters for Which the Employee has Consented: Town Manager Review (13)**

On a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters for which the employee has consented: Town Manager Review at 11:27 a.m.

Council returned to open session at 12:15 p.m.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Dan Caton and seconded by Jack Gilbride, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by,

Susan Johnston  
Town Clerk