TOWN COUNCIL OF MAMMOTH LAKES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

1) The Town Council will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Community Center Rehabilitation Project and the Lower Main Street Sidewalk Project.

The Town Council, Town staff, members of the Recreation Commission, and members of the public participated in the ribbon cutting ceremonies.

ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, California. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilmembers Cleland Hoff, Kirk Stapp, John Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, and Mayor Bill Sauser in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Human Resources Manager Cassandra Mance read a statement honoring the life of Town employee Jennifer Shedden.

Rich Boccia, Executive Director of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, gave a project update regarding the Mammoth Arts and Culture Center. He invited the community to attend the Veteran's Day celebration at Fire Station 1 on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Sandy Hogan thanked Mr. Boccia for the project update. She said that the Town needed to acknowledge and celebrate our partnerships.

Stacy Corless, Mono County Board of Supervisors, said that the flavored tobacco ban was an important public health policy partnership. She said she hoped the Town would join the County in the ban.

Ken Brengle, Executive Director of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, gave an update regarding current Chamber activities.

Patricia Robertson, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH), gave an update regarding current MLH activities. She said if the Town chose to purchase the Meridian Court units they should be deed restricted for owner occupancy, and that MLH was prepared to partner in that process with the Town.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND/OR DEPARTMENTS (as needed)

Betsy Truax, Chair of the Recreation Commission, gave an update regarding the Commission's recent activities.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown gave an update regarding current parks and recreation activities.

INTRODUCTIONS

2) Introduce new Equipment Mechanic Trainee Victor Garnica.

Fleet Superintendent Lon Adams introduced Mr. Garnica, Mr. West, and Mr. Figueroa to the Council and the community.

3) Introduce new Equipment Mechanic Salvador Figueroa.

4) Introduce new Equipment Mechanic Trainee Qwina West.

5) Introduce new Public Works Maintenance Worker Valentine Vega.

Public Works Maintenance Manager Todd Murphy introduced Mr. Vega, Mr. Haisten, and Mr. Maldonaldo to the Council and the community.

6) Introduce new Public Works Maintenance Worker Mike Haisten.

7) Introduce new Public Works Maintenance Worker Francisco (Fernando) Maldonado.

8) Introduce new Airport Maintenance Coordinator Neil Watterson.

Airport Operations and Maintenance Manager Vince Maniaci introduced Mr. Watterson to the Council and the community.

9) Introduce new Assistant Planner Gina Montecallo.

Senior Planner Chandler Van Schaack introduced Ms. Montecallo to the Council and the community.

10) Introduce new Revenue Specialist Jenna Duncan.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson introduced Ms. Duncan to the Council and the community.

COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

11) Fifteen year service recognition award to Parks Manager Warren Boling.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown thanked Mr. Boling for his years of service. Mayor Sauser presented Mr. Boling with a certificate of appreciation.

12) Fifteen year service recognition award to Equipment Mechanic Luis Cepeda.

Public Works Director Grady Dutton and Fleet Superintendent Lon Adams thanked Mr. Cepeda for his years of service. Mayor Sauser presented Mr. Cepeda with a certificate of appreciation.

13) Twenty year service recognition award to Public Works Maintenance Worker Scott Meredith.

Public Works Director Grady Dutton thanked Mr. Meredith for his years of service.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:48 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hoff said that she supported Agenda Item 18 but had requested that staff bring back an amendment to Section 17.144.050 regarding massage certification and timing.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Cleland Hoff, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to approve the consent agenda.

14) Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2019.

15) Approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 9, 2019.

16) Approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 28, 2019.

17) Approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 29, 2019.

18) Waive the reading and adopt by title only the Ordinance making the required CEQA and Municipal Code findings and approving Zoning Amendment 19-001.

19) Approve the Resolution Adopting the Employee Absence Due to Hazardous Conditions Policy.

20) Approve Resolution Establishing 2020 and 2021 Compensation Schedules and Benefits for Limited-Term Employees.

21) Receive draft summary memo that captures the direction received at the Town Council joint meeting with the Planning and Economic Development Commission held on October 9, 2019.

22) Resolution authorizing staff to apply for the "Recreational Trails and Greenways" grant funding from the State of California Natural Resources Agency - Proposition 68

23) Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-11 in the amount of $1,063,491.19.
Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-12 in the amount of $172,878.27.
Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-12 in the amount of $1,014,750.95.
Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-13 in the amount of $637,543.32.

Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-14 in the amount of $572,205.31.
Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-15 in the amount of $735,648.58.

POLICY MATTERS

24) Development of proposed Ordinance banning the sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

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

SPEAKING FROM THE FOOR:

Jennifer Wildman, Superintendent of the Mammoth Unified School District, spoke in support of the flavored tobacco ban.

Dr. Annie Rinaldi, Mammoth High School Principal, spoke in favor of the flavored tobacco ban.

Deanna Campbell, Mammoth Unified School District Board Member and Director of Cerro Coso College, spoke in support of the flavored tobacco ban.

America Hernandez spoke in support of the flavored tobacco ban.

Sage Harper and Lucy Perry, Mammoth Middle School students and Girl Scouts, spoke in support of the flavored tobacco ban.

Robert Calvert spoke in support of the flavored tobacco ban. He asked that the ban be taken further by banning nicotine and cigarette smoking in public.

Debbie Schnadt, Mono County Office of Education, spoke in support of the flavored tobacco ban.

Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer, gave a presentation in support of the flavored tobacco ban. There was discussion among members of Council and Dr. Boo.

Sandra Pearce, Mono County Public Health Director, spoke in support of the flavored tobacco ban.

Officer Daniel Hansen, School Resource Officer, spoke in support of the flavored tobacco ban.

There was discussion among members of Council.

The owner of the Smoke and Vape in Town said that he supported children's health but that parents were buying products for children. He said he worked with the Police Department to prevent sales to children. He said that it was a family problem. He said he was willing to help the community.

There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember John Wentworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, and carried by a 4 - 1 roll call vote to with Councilmember Cleland Hoff voting no, authorize staff to develop

a proposed Ordinance banning the sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products in the Town of Mammoth Lakes using the Mono County ordinance as a base line and allowing the Council to vote on the restrictions individually.

The Mayor called a recess at 8:06 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

25) Award Contract for the Operation of the Town's Snow Storage Lot .

Engineering Manager Haislip Hayes reported that no bids were received for the project and outlined options to proceed. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

26) Submission of a Special Use Permit Application to the Inyo National Forest related to the authority to maintain and construct trails.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report. Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje gave a presentation regarding the Mammoth Lakes Trails System. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember John Wentworth, seconded by Councilmember Cleland Hoff, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to approve the submission of a Special Use Permit Application to the Inyo National Forest related to the authority to maintain and construct trails.

27) Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting and Amending the 2019 California Building Standards Code including specific amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 15.24 "Design Requirements" and set a public hearing for November 20, 2019 to adopt the ordinance.

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly outlined the information in the staff report.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Cleland Hoff, seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to waive the full reading and introduce by title only an ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 15.24 to include revised language in Section 15.24.100, "Loft Requirements"; update the wind and seismic criteria in Sections 15.24.010 and 15.24.020; and correct minor errors, typos, and inconsistencies in Chapter 15.24 and amend Municipal Code Chapter 15.04 to reflect adoption of the 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Codes, including the California Building, Plumbing, Fire, Mechanical, Electrical, Residential, Energy, Historical Building, Existing Building, Referenced Standards, Administrative, and Green Building Standards Codes, and the 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, with certain local amendments, additions and deletions and set a public hearing for November 20, 2019 to adopt the ordinance.

28) Resolution authorizing the purchase of two properties located at 550 Mono Street (APNs 033-165-0222 and 033-165-018).

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

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember John Wentworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, and carried by a 4 - 1 roll call vote to with Councilmember Kirk Stapp voting no, approve the resolution authorizing the purchase of two properties located at 550 Mono Street APN 033-165-022 (Unit #I 101) and APN 033-165-018 (Unit # G 101) in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 and authorize the Town Manager and Administrative Services/Finance Director to complete all actions necessary for the purchase in the amount of $663,000 plus closing costs.

29) Resolution authorizing the purchase of two parcels located in the Sierra Business Park, Mono County CA, APNs 037-260-036 and 037-260-037.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Cleland Hoff, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Stapp, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to approve the resolution authorizing the purchase of two parcels (294 and 312 Industrial Circle, Lot 36 and 37) in Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 located in the Sierra Business Park, Mono County, CA, APNs 37-260-036 and 037-260-037 and authorize the Town Manager and Administrative Services/Finance Director to complete all actions necessary for the purchase in the amount of $675,000 plus closing costs.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Stapp attended the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board meeting, the special Town Council workshops, and the League of California Cities Conference.

Councilmember Hoff attended the League of California Cities meeting and the Town Council workshops.

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area ribbon cutting ceremony, the Local Transportation Commission meeting, the special meeting with the Planning and Economic Development Commission regarding The Parcel, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting, the Mammoth Mountain visioning process, the kickoff for the Sustainable Recreation Tourism Initiative in Bishop, the Winter Wildlands Alliance Conference in Idaho, the Town Council workshops, the Collaborative Planning Team meeting, and met with the Office of Planning and Research for Sustainable Recreation Tourism Initiative Grant in Sacramento.

Mayor Pro Tem Salcido attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting, the joint Council meeting with the Planning and Economic Development Commission regarding The Parcel, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting, the Mountain visioning process, the Ban the Bottle meeting, the Town Council special workshops, and the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting.

Mayor Sauser met with the Rotary Club. He attended the League of California Cities conference, the Mammoth Trails Committee meeting, and the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

30) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Name of case: Main Street Taxpayer Association v. Town of Mammoth Lakes

At 9:17 p.m. the Mayor announced that the Council would be entering into closed session for the purposes as stated in the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened from closed session at 9:26 p.m. and the Mayor announced that there was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Gray
Town Clerk