



**Town Council
Monday, July 21, 2025
4:00 PM**

Regular Meeting
130 Kearns Road
Town Council Chambers
Snowmass Village, CO 81615

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Shenk called to order the Regular Meeting of the Snowmass Village Town Council on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

A complete live recording of this meeting can be found at www.tosv.com under Town Council Meetings. This meeting will be archived indefinitely, allowing you to view it at anytime.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Alyssa Shenk, Tom Fridstein, Susan Marolt and Cecily DeAngelo.

Council Members Absent: Britta Gustafson

Staff Present: Clint Kinney, Town Manager; Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney; Mike Methany, Chief Building Officer; Dave Shinnemen, Community Development Director; and Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk.

Public Present: Tharyn Mulberry, Max Marolt, Darrell Smith, Leslie Desmond & Harper Powell

3. Proclamations and Presentations

3.A. A Presentation from the Aspen School District Regarding the Snowmass Village Public Education Fund

Tharyn Mulberry and Max Marolt from the Aspen School District presented their request to double the Snowmass Village Public Education Fund from \$500,000 to \$1 million annually. They explained that state funding cuts, capped cost-of-living multipliers, and

increased operational costs are creating financial challenges for the district. The additional funding would help increase staff pay, maintain small class sizes, and support professional development.

The district is pursuing multiple funding avenues: a bond for housing and capital needs, a mill levy override to preserve existing funding levels, and increases to both the Snowmass Village and Aspen public education funds. The increase would cost property owners approximately \$73 per \$1 million of actual home value.

The district currently has 318 students from Snowmass Village, representing 20.4% of the student population, but the Snowmass Village Public Education Fund only comprises 9.1% of the district's supplemental funding. By doubling the fund to \$1 million, it would better align with the proportion of Snowmass students in the district.

Council expressed general support but requested more specific information about the tax impact before making a decision on the ballot measure.

Aug 18th will be the first reading. Sept 2nd will be the second reading of the proposed ballot issue.

4. Public Comment

This section is set aside for the Town Council to LISTEN to comments by the public regarding items that do not otherwise appear on this agenda. Generally, the Town Council will not discuss the issue and will not take an official action under this section of the agenda. (Five Minute Time Limit)

Darrell Smith commented on the Environmental Advisory Board's proposals, specifically supporting third-party irrigation assessments on town properties. He also addressed wildfire mitigation, suggesting the town explore Vail's ordinance approach for existing structures, consult with insurance companies on standards, and consider curbside wildfire assessments.

Leslie Desmond commented on supporting the school district funding request, sharing her personal experience as a teacher who moved to the area in 1975. She expressed appreciation for the school district's housing on Northridge Lane and emphasized that schools are the heart of the community.

5. Consent Agenda

These are items where all conditions or requirements have been agreed to or met prior to the time they come before the Council for final action. A Single Public Hearing will be opened for all items on the Consent Agenda. These items will be approved by a single motion of the Council. The Mayor will ask if there is anyone present who has objection to such procedure as to certain items. Members of the Council may also ask that an item be removed from the consent section and fully discussed. All items not removed from the consent section will then be approved. A member of the Council may vote no on specific items without asking that they be removed from the consent section for full discussion. Any item that is removed from the consent agenda will be placed on the regular agenda.

The Council discussed agenda item additions for future meetings. Mayor Shenk requested adding a community feedback session about the roundabout before budget

discussions, including information from Water and Sanitation about their project for that intersection. The Council agreed to schedule this for September 2nd.

Mayor Shenk also inquired about the timeline for the town park updates, noting that only one proposal had been received from a landscape architect. Town Manager Clint Kinney indicated that they were reaching out to additional firms and would provide an update at the August 4th meeting.

Council Member Fridstein moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of draft agendas and Resolution 24 authorizing coordination of the 2025 election with Pitkin County. Council Member Marolt seconded the motion. All in favor.
Council Member Gustafson absent.

5.A. 2025 Draft Agendas

5.B. Resolution authorizing coordination of 2025 election with Pitkin County

6. Public Hearings - Quasi-Judicial Hearings

Public Hearings are the formal opportunity for the Town Council to LISTEN to the public regarding the issue at hand. For land use hearings the Council is required to act in a quasi-judicial capacity. When acting as a quasi-judicial body, the Council is acting in much the same capacity as a judge would act in a court of law. Under these circumstances, the judicial or quasi-judicial must limit its consideration to matters which are placed into evidence and are part of the public record. The Council must base their decision on the law and the evidence presented at the hearing.

7. Policy/Legislative Public Hearings

7.A. Lighting Code Amendment - Ordinance No 10, 2025 - First Reading

Dave Shinneman, Community Development Director, and Mike Methany, Building Official, presented the first reading of Ordinance 10 regarding lighting code amendments. Mr. Shinneman explained that the Planning Commission had reviewed the ordinance on two occasions and made recommendations reflected in the red-lined version provided to Council.

The Council discussed several aspects of the ordinance, focusing particularly on the end date for seasonal lighting. The Planning Commission had recommended March 1st to align with Aspen's regulations, but the Council recalled their previous discussion favoring January 30th for residential properties.

The Council also discussed provisions about outdoor televisions and clarification on the definition of lighting used to outline structures.

After discussion, the Council agreed to modify the ordinance to:

- Prohibit the use of outdoor televisions in residential zones
- Set January 31st as the end date for residential holiday lighting while maintaining March 1st for commercial properties
- Clarify language about lighting used to outline structures to read "including, but not limited to neon and fluorescent"

Council Member Fridstein moved to approve Ordinance 10 on first reading with the three modifications discussed. Council Member Marolt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Council Member Gustafson absent.

7.B. Workforce Housing Land Use Process - Code Amendment Ordinance No. 11, 2025 - First Reading

Brian McNellis, Senior Planner, presented the code amendment for the workforce housing land use process. He explained that the amendment would codify the term "workforce housing" throughout the land use code and allow workforce housing to be a special review use in most zones, eliminating the need for the lengthy PUD process.

McNellis noted that further modifications had been made since the Planning Commission's review to comply with Colorado State Proposition 123, particularly:

- Modifying the definition of workforce housing to incorporate the state statute's definition of affordable housing
- Changing the threshold from 100% workforce housing to 50% to qualify for special review

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin explained that Proposition 123 requires an expedited review process for projects with at least 50% affordable housing units to be eligible for state funding.

Council members asked numerous questions to understand the process, with Town Manager Kinney clarifying that the special review process would enable approval within 90 days but would not require it. He emphasized that Council would still maintain control over the approval process and could hold multiple meetings if needed.

Council Member Marolt moved to approve Ordinance 11 on first reading with the two amendments outlined. Council Member Fridstein seconded the motion. All in favor. Council Member Gustafson absent.

Aug 18th for second reading.

8. Administrative Reports

8.A. Discuss details of Council Goal to Help year-round residents thrive, not just survive

The Council discussed potential approaches to help year-round residents thrive, including childcare subsidies, fire mitigation assistance, exploring tax or fee structures, creating a housing task force to address affordability issues across all housing types, and investigating microloans or partnerships with local nonprofits. Town Manager Kinney will develop a more focused proposal based on the Council's input.

9. Town Council Reports and Actions

Reports and Updates

Council Member DeAngelo and Council Member Marolt reported that the Health Board meeting highlighted potential challenges with vaccine availability in the fall.

Mayor Shenk reported that the mural event went very well, with positive community participation and media coverage. She also informed the Council that they had received a letter from DOLA indicating they did not receive the grant for Little Red Schoolhouse, noting that there were \$25.5 million in requests for only \$12 million in available funding.

10. Adjournment

Council Member Fridstein moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Marolt seconded. All in favor.

7:19pm

The Snowmass Village Town Council approved this set of meeting minutes at their Regular Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025.

Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Harris Boucher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Megan" being the most prominent.

Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk