



**Town Council
Monday, April 20, 2026
4:00 PM**

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

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Snowmass Village Town Council was called to order at 4 PM on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 130 Kearns Road, Town Council Chambers, Snowmass Village, CO 81615.

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: Britta Gustafson, Susan Marolt, Cecily De Angelo, Tom Fridstein and Alyssa Shenk.

Council Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Clint Kinney, Town Manager; Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney; Josh Zeeb, Project & GIS Manager; Greg LeBlanc, Assistant Town Manager; Michelle Bonfils, Community Development Director; Kevin Rayes, Housing Director; Rick Carroll, Communications Specialist ; Anne Martens, Public Works Director; Mike Metheny, Chief Building Inspector; Lauren Litchet, Plans Examiner & Inspector; Sam Guarino, Transportation Director; Andy Worline, Parks, Recreation & Trails Director; and Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk.

Public Present: Susan Cross, Chad Federwitz, Hassam Mahmoud, Angie Davlyn, Scott Thompson and Brooke Stott.

3. Proclamations and Presentations

3.A. Update on Wildfire Modeling and next steps

Town Manager Clint Kinney introduced a three-part presentation from Dr. Hussam Mahmoud (Vanderbilt University), Angie Davlyn (Wildfire Collaborative), and Josh Zeeb (GIS and Projects Manager). The team presented results from an advanced wildfire modeling effort covering Snowmass Village.

Dr. Mahmoud's model, validated against historical fires including the Marshall Fire and Lahaina with 72–86% accuracy, ran 1,000 fire simulations across 12 wind directions using a decade of wind data to produce a "most probable path" map for fire movement through the community. Under current no-mitigation conditions, the model scored Snowmass Village at 0.62 on a 0–1 vulnerability scale, which, while within the "high" range, compares favorably to communities such as Paradise (Camp Fire) and Lahaina. An estimated 1,531 of 2,434 structures were identified as high-risk under current conditions.

Three mitigation scenarios were presented. Scenario 2 targets approximately 2,400 acres of vegetation reduction to 50% fuel density at an estimated cost of \$5 million over five years, projected to reduce high-risk structures from 1,531 to 922. Scenario 3 adds homeowner defensible space (first 30 feet) on top of that vegetation work, which the model showed would reduce structure vulnerability so substantially that no structures would score above 0.6. The model also identified "super-spreader" structures—buildings with low individual vulnerability but high fire-transmission capacity to neighboring structures—as priority targets for homeowner outreach.

Council discussion centered on the importance of vegetation mitigation as the highest-impact first investment, the need to engage HOAs and private property owners through coordinated outreach, the sensitivity around public release of individual structure risk data to avoid neighbor-versus-neighbor conflict, and the role of insurance requirements already pushing homeowners toward defensible space. Council noted that Aspen and Pitkin County are following Snowmass Village's lead on this modeling work. Dr. Mahmoud also confirmed that an evacuation modeling phase will be completed within the next two to three months.

The immediate next step is to prioritize approximately 800 acres of vegetation mitigation for the current summer using this data, in coordination with Roaring Fork Fire Rescue, the Forest Service, and the ski company.

3.B. 2026-2030 Pitkin County Age-Friendly Initiative Presentation

Chad Federwitz, Managing Director of Senior Services and Adult and Aging Services for Pitkin County, presented an overview of the County's Age-Friendly Initiative, affiliated with AARP and the World Health Organization since 2017. The initiative, ongoing in some form since 2014, serves as a strategic roadmap for enabling residents of all ages to live, remain connected, and contribute to their communities, with particular focus on the approximately 20–25% of Pitkin County's population aged 60 and older. Snowmass

Village accounts for approximately 17% of older adults in the county. The initiative is structured around eight domains of livability aligned with AARP and WHO frameworks, including housing, transportation, food access, healthcare, and social engagement. Federwitz noted that Pitkin County, along with Eagle and Summit Counties, ranks among the fastest aging counties in Colorado and the nation, presenting both challenges and opportunities.

Council questions focused on the feasibility of a co-developed senior center in Basalt with Eagle County, coordination with RFTA's dedicated senior van service and Vintage (the regional area agency on aging), volunteer program capacity, and housing affordability barriers to downsizing. Federwitz confirmed an interest in expanding programming presence in Snowmass Village, including leveraging partnerships with the local library. Council Member Marolt offered the use of town public spaces for programming and encouraged continued outreach to Snowmass Village residents. Council Member Gustafson highlighted the value of the initiative's communication strategies for reaching older residents who may not consume digital media, particularly in the context of emergency notifications.

Federwitz indicated he will present annual progress reports and is willing to return to Council as needed.

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)

No public comment was received in person or online.

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.

5.A. 2026 Draft Agendas

Council briefly discussed plans for the May 11th work session and decided to cancel it.

5.B. Resolution No. 12, 2026 - FTA Certificates and Assurances

5.C. Ordinance No. 04, 2026 - Wildfire Resiliency Code - 2nd Reading

5.D. Ordinance No. 07, 2026 - Building Code Updates - 2nd Reading

Council inquired about construction waste recycling requirements. Chief Building Officer Mike Metheny and Council Member Fridstein clarified that building codes establish minimum life-safety standards, and that construction waste management policy would be more appropriately addressed through a separate sustainability initiative led by the incoming sustainability coordinator. Council also asked about the code's treatment of electrification; Metheny confirmed that the International Code Council has intentionally avoided mandating specific energy sources, focusing instead on solar-ready and electric-ready provisions.

5.E. Ordinance No. 08, 2026 - e-Bike Ordinance - 1st Reading

Council inquired about signage plans for both designated e-bike trails and trails where e-bikes are not permitted. Parks, Recreation & Trails Director Andy Worline confirmed that signage is included in the ski company's sign plan for designated areas and that portable "No E-Bike" signs can be deployed at additional trailheads. Council stressed the importance of clear public communication that this is a designated, trial-based program on the ski mountain, not an open expansion of e-bike access across all town trails.

A public hearing was opened for all consent agenda items. No public comment was received. The public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the 2026 Draft Agendas, Resolution No. 12 (FTA Certificates and Assurances), Ordinance No. 04 (Wildfire Resiliency Code, 2nd Reading), Ordinance No. 07 (Building Code Updates, 2nd Reading), and Ordinance No. 08 (e-Bike Ordinance, 1st Reading), was made by Council Member Fridstein and seconded by Council Member Marolt. Roll call vote. All in favor.

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. Ordinance No. 06, 2026 - Revised 2026 Budget - 2nd Reading

Finance Director Marianne Rakowski presented the revised 2026 budget at second reading. Key highlights included an overall fund balance increase of \$36 million, of which approximately \$15 million represents a net improvement over prior projections, primarily in the CIP and General Funds. Three new reserve designations were established: \$3 million in the General Fund and \$2 million in the Tourism Fund designated for "known economic disturbances," intended to cushion anticipated revenue

impacts from the upcoming airport closure and Viewline renovation. The RETT Fund emergency contingency reserve was also increased from \$4 million to \$5 million to align with projected 2026–2030 resale revenues of approximately \$5.4 million.

The majority of budget revisions reflect carryforward appropriations for projects and purchases budgeted in 2025 but not completed. Council Member Fridstein asked about the variance between Pitkin County-wide sales tax growth and Snowmass Village's own 1% growth; Town Manager Kinney clarified that the County's strong performance reflects Aspen-generated revenues that flow back to all municipalities through the county distribution formula.

A public hearing was opened. No public comment was received aside from commendation of Finance Director Rakowski's work. The public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 06, 2026 – Revised 2026 Budget (2nd Reading) was made by Council Member Fridstein and seconded by Council Member DeAngelo. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Mayor Shenk called for a 5-10 min break.

8. Administrative Reports

8.A. EOTC Prep for April 23rd EOTC Meeting

Transportation Director Sam Guarino provided a preview of the agenda for the April 23rd EOTC mini-retreat. The meeting will begin with a historical overview of EOTC accomplishments since the body's formation in 1993—including the creation of RFTA, bus lane improvements, the Brush Creek park-and-ride expansion, and various infrastructure investments—before moving to a substantive discussion of the future direction of EOTC funding.

The central policy question is whether EOTC should expand allowable uses of its Pitkin County sales and use tax revenues beyond the current interpretation of "mass transportation," which would likely require a voter-approved ballot question, or whether it should restrict its role to a pass-through funding mechanism. Expanded uses under discussion include valley-wide carpooling apps, micro-transit systems, and transportation demand management strategies such as HOV lane enforcement—activities that have generally been considered outside current EOTC authority. A third agenda topic will address governance structure.

Council Member Marolt noted that many of the Transportation Coalition's recommended solutions exceed current EOTC authority and that the Coalition has been presenting its findings to RFTA and other valley communities as a first step. Town Manager Kinney emphasized that Thursday's meeting is a discussion, not a decision, and that the key policy question is simply whether the body wants to go broader or narrower in scope.

Council discussion also focused on governance, with Council Member Marolt suggesting that a designated, consistent chairperson—rather than the current rotating structure—would improve accountability and effectiveness. Guarino noted that the current agenda includes a subcommittee structure proposal, while Council members expressed a preference for maintaining full participation while adding structural consistency.

9. Town Council Reports and Actions

Reports and Updates

Council Member Gustafson reported attending an art event at Anderson Ranch and noted that Anderson Ranch has begun offering scholarships to all Snowmass Village residents for its programs. She also noted an upcoming steering committee meeting with the library related to Snowmass engagement programming and confirmed that a "state of the ranch" presentation by Anderson Ranch's director will be added to the Town Council agenda soon.

Council Member Fridstein reported on a productive meeting with Jim Kehoe, attended by Council Members DeAngelo and Gustafson, Town Manager Kinney, and others, with positive outcomes and follow-up work anticipated.

Council Member Marolt reported from the Board of Health that the Healthy Communities Fund is up for renewal this fall, with Pitkin County Commissioner Greg Poschman and Commissioner Ted Mahon leading the renewal campaign.

Mayor Shenk reported that she and Council Member Gustafson co-authored a letter to the editor clarifying the Thrive Snowmass initiative and committee. She noted the upcoming NWCCOG Economic Summit is on May 7 in Silverthorne, CO. Shenk also mentioned that a digital wellness coalition session will be hosted at the Snowmass Chapel on Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30 PM, and confirmed cancellation of the May 11 Council work session, subject to no urgent business arising.

10. Executive Session

10.A. Town Attorney Update & Negotiations

At 6:44pm, Mayor Shenk read the legal language for the Executive Session.

Council Member Fridstein motioned to go into executive session. Council Member Marolt seconded. All in favor.

11. Adjournment

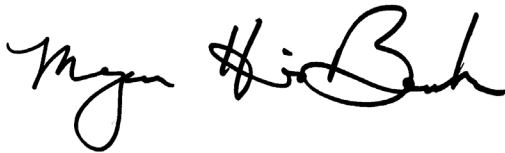
Council Member Fridstein moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Mayor Shenk seconded. All in favor. Reconvened at 7:24 PM.

Council Member Fridstein motioned to adjourn. Mayor Shenk seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned at 7:24 PM.

The Snowmass Village Town Council approved this set of meeting minutes at their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026.

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" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Boucher".

Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk