



**Town Council
Monday, February 2, 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

Mayor Shenk called to order the Regular Meeting of the Snowmass Village Town Council on Monday, February 2, 2026 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: Britta Gustafson, Susan Marolt, Cecily De Angelo and Alyssa Shenk.

Council Members Absent: Tom Fridstein

Staff Present: Clint Kinney, Town Manager; Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney; Greg LeBlanc, Assistant Town Manager; Rick Carroll, Communications Specialist; and Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk.

Public Present: Toni Hornberg, Mac Keeling and Chris Kiley

3. Proclamations and Presentations

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)

Toni Kronberg addressed the Council regarding the Skittles gondola presentation on the agenda and shared information about transportation connections. She discussed the airport modernization plan approved by Pitkin County Commissioners and the

challenges of developing a comprehensive transportation plan from Buttermilk to Brush Creek Park and Ride. Ms. Kronberg advocated for an aerial connection and noted the importance of space reservations for a gondola landing at the airport.

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 discussed potentially eliminating the February 17, 2026 meeting (Fat Tuesday) and holding a regular meeting on February 9 instead. Town Manager Clint Kinney will follow up to confirm.

5.B. Minutes for Approval

Council Member Marolt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Gustafson seconded. Four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Council Member Fridstein was absent.

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

8. Administrative Reports

8.A. Sky Cab (Skittles) Gondola Resolution & Agreement

Town Manager Clint Kinney presented the Sky Cab (Skittles) Gondola Resolution. He explained that the Sky Cab was constructed in 2005 and is owned by the Snowmass Village General Improvement District No. 1 (GID), with the Town Council acting as the board of directors of the GID. The proposed agreement would replace the current Skittles gondola system, which is nearing the end of its useful life.

The key points of the agreement include:

- Aspen Skiing Company (SkiCo) will lead the design effort
- Design would be completed in 2026 with construction targeted for summer 2027
- The Town will be responsible for acquiring the necessary easements

- Construction costs (estimated at approximately \$10 million) will be split 50/50 between SkiCo and the Town
- The Town's \$5 million contribution will come from the tourism fund
- A new cost-sharing formula will have SkiCo pay for operations when any lift is operating, not just during winter
- The transportation mitigation fee paid by SkiCo will grow at CPI instead of 2% plus CPI

Chris Kiley from Aspen Skiing Company and Mak Keeling (participating remotely) were present. Mr. Keeling addressed Council's concern about construction timing during the airport closure in 2027, stating they would try to schedule construction during the off-seasons as much as possible, but the 3–4 month construction period would likely overlap with some of the summer season.

Council members expressed enthusiasm about the project and noted the importance of preserving the "Skittles" identity that is beloved by the community.

Council Member Marolt motioned to approve Resolution No. 05, 2026. Council member De Angelo seconded. Four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Council Member Fridstein absent.

8.B. Fire Mitigation Ordinance Discussion

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin provided an update on the wildfire resiliency code required by the Colorado legislature. The Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Board created a model code that communities must adopt or meet with their own local code.

Conklin explained that the code has two main components:

- Structure requirements for new construction and substantial remodels
 - Site and area requirements based on different zones around a structure
- Based on Council feedback from their last meeting, Mr. Conklin presented two options:
- Adopt the code as is with minor local amendments and consider incentives for compliance
 - Move forward with the more comprehensive approach presented at the last meeting

Council members expressed concern about creating disincentives for homeowners to upgrade their properties if site requirements were too stringent. They agreed that a gradual approach made sense, focusing on new construction first while developing incentives for voluntary compliance with site requirements. Council also discussed the need for flexibility to preserve community character while enhancing safety.

Council directed staff to proceed with Option 1, adopting the basic code with local amendments, and to take the proposal to Planning Commission on February 18 before returning to Council.

8.C. Thrive, Not Just Survive discussion

Mayor Shenk presented a "roadmap" document for the Thrive Snowmass initiative based on the previous article she co-authored with Councilmember Gustafson and input from their last meeting. The document outlined steps for moving forward, parameters for a steering committee, and considerations and priorities.

Key points discussed included:

- Creating a resolution to define Thrive Snowmass and establish a steering committee
- Soliciting diverse community members to serve on the committee
- Ensuring representation from various segments of the community (full-time residents, part-time residents, business owners, workforce housing residents, retirees)
- Using the committee to brainstorm and prioritize initiatives
- Allocating the \$300,000 budget effectively
- Considering both direct assistance programs and quality of life initiatives
- Celebrating steps already taken and communicating progress

Town Manager Kinney suggested developing the resolution first, followed by an application process for committee members. Council members suggested potential questions for the community survey related to the initiative and discussed ways to communicate with residents.

Council also discussed revamping the community picnic to better serve as a community-building event, possibly at Town Park with more interactive elements.

9. Town Council Reports and Actions

Reports and Updates

Councilmember Gustafson raised concerns about competing music from businesses in the Mall area creating a challenging sound environment. Town Manager Kinney noted the town has a noise ordinance that can be enforced.

Council Member Marolt reported on the Transportation Committee's final meeting of their current phase. The committee approved a report with findings and recommendations, including the importance of a robust transit system. A new committee will be formed to focus on implementation steps.

Mayor Shenk reported on attending the CAST meeting in Salida, which included sessions on middle-income housing and a tour of a 3D-printed house community. She also mentioned the new holiday lighting ordinance that took effect on February 1, noting enforcement would begin with education.

10. Adjournment

Council Member Gustafson motioned to adjourn. Council Member Marolt seconded.
All in favor.

Adjourned at 5:34pm.

The Snowmass Village Town Council approved this set of meeting minutes at their
Regular Meeting on Monday, March 2, 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" being more prominent.

Megan Harris Boucher, Town Clerk