



**Town Council
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 15, 2024**

4:00 PM

130 Kearns Road

Town Council Chambers

Snowmass Village, CO, 81615

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1) [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Mayor Madsen called to order the Regular Meeting of the Snowmass Village Town Council on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 4 pm.

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

2) [ROLL CALL](#)

Council Members Present: Bill Madsen, Alyssa Shenk (Virtual), Tom Fridstein (Virtual), Britta Gustafson, and Susan Marolt

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Clint Kinney, Town Manager; Jeff Conklin, Town Attorney; Anne Martens, Public Works Director; Mike Horvath, Town Engineer; Sam Guarino, Transit Director; and Barbara Peckler, Office Manager.

Public Present: Ashley Klein, SGM; Dan Bartholomew, Aspen/ Pitkin County Airport Director; Bill Tomcich, Managing Partner Airplanners.

3) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.A) [Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Update - Dan Bartholomew](#)

[3A Airport Update - Dan Bartholomew Airport Director.pdf](#) 

Dan Bartholomew, Airport Director, and Bill Tomcich, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Council outlining the general points of the airport upgrades. This PowerPoint was unavailable when the packet was created, so it is included in the minutes for reference and added to the packet after the meeting.

Main points-

- The runway is in dire need of replacement, and the improvements will need to conform to the FAA's new requirements
- Updates ALP versus CGR
- ALP and Project next steps
- Misinformation vs facts
 - The importance of acquiring Federal Funding
- Update on Embraer E175s and having the airport ready to accommodate the new plane.

Concluding the presentation, Dan and Bill answered the Council's questions and concerns. The following was a thorough discussion between Councilmembers, Dan and Bill, addressing concerns from residents and the Council. The issue of the airport expansion will be on the November ballot for Pitkin County voters to vote on.

After the discussion, Mayor Madsen asked if the Council was ready to make a statement to support the Airport plan. At this time, the Council was not ready to make a final statement. There is a lot of information to consider, and the Council would like to ensure they hear both sides before making a final statement.

Clint Kinney, Town Manager, proposed that staff draft a resolution including the Council suggestions and bring it back to the Council at a Public Hearing or meeting to receive public comments.

4) [PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

None

5 [CONSENT AGENDA](#)

5.A) Town Council Draft Agendas

[5A 2024 Agenda Overview.pdf](#) 

Councilmember Shenk did have a future agenda item that she wanted to add regarding the boards and commissions. Talking to some people in the community, she feels like there's a sense, I don't know if it's on every board or some of the boards, that things aren't effective. They don't feel like there's a lot of direction. Maybe the Council could look at ways to improve the boards and commissions in addition to us being on them. She was also thinking of some kind of survey for the people that sit on the boards and commissions and ask some pointed questions and try to get a better sense of how people feel their time is spent, that their recommendations are heard and that it's effective. Also, the Council needs to decide what they want from each board.

Clint Kinney, Town Manager, stated at the August 5th meeting the first reading of the Ordinance approving Council member attendance will be brought before the Council. Then August 12th is a work session dedicated to applications and appointments. Council agrees this would be a good time to discuss this issue further and how to proceed.

5.B) [Minutes for Approval](#)

[5B 07-01-24 TC Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#) 

5.C) [Resolution 17, 2023 - Extending existing Black Hills Energy Franchise Agreement](#)

[5C 1 Agenda Item Summary - Temporarily Extend Natural Gas Franchise.pdf](#)

Clint Kinney, Town Manager, stated that Ordinance 17 is extending their lease. We're in the process of negotiating a new franchise agreement with Black Hills and hope to finalize it in another month.

[5C 2 Resolution 17, 2024 - Extend Gas Franchise.pdf](#)

Councilmember Marolt motioned to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Gustafson seconded. All in favor.

6) PUBLIC HEARINGS - QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

7) POLICY/LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS

8) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.A) [Update RE Connecting the Village Nodes](#)

[8A Agenda Item Summary - Connecting Village Nodes Update.pdf](#)

[8A Attachment A - Existing Conditions Report.pdf](#)

[8A Attachment B - Alternatives Memo.pdf](#)

[8A Attachment C - Stakeholder Feedback.pdf](#)

Mike Horvath, Town Engineer, stated this item is intended for informational purposes and discussion with the Town Council before implementing a community outreach campaign.

The town has identified a need to enhance transportation and pedestrian options between Base Village, the Mall, and the Center. To achieve this, they've initiated the Connecting Village Nodes project.

The project aims to create a more walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly environment. A consultant, DJ&A, has been hired to develop potential improvements. They've analyzed the current situation and proposed various solutions, ranging from basic to ambitious.

We're not ready to choose a specific plan tonight. Instead, we want to update the Council on the project's progress and get your input on the next steps.

We plan to gather public feedback through various channels like a website, open houses, and surveys. Once we've collected this information, we'll bring it back to the Council for discussion. *Then* we'll decide on a preferred option and work on incorporating it into the budget.

At this time, a PowerPoint presentation was provided by Mike and Jason Rosenblum from DJ&A.

Council comments:

- The council's consensus was to move forward with the bridge but also consider other options for potentially reducing costs, such as changing the starting and ending points.
- No to the outdoor escalator. It is high maintenance, and the Council does not like the look for the Town entrance. Possibly revisit the elevator option.
- Do not like using paint as a wayfinding option on roads.
- Incorporating art is a great idea.
- Everyone agrees better wayfinding is needed for tourists to better get around town.

8.B) [Update RE Owl & Brush Creek Roundabout](#)

[8B Agenda Item Summary - Owl and Brush Creek Road Roundabout Update.pdf](#) 

[8B 2 Exhibit A - Smass Roundabout Rendered Views.pdf](#) 

[8B 3 Exhibit B - Roundabout 60% EOPC Memo.pdf](#) 

Previously, Council requested a better visual representation of the roundabout project. The design team has finished 60% of the detailed drawings and collaborated with a landscape architect to create visual renderings. The packet you received contains both the typical technical site plan and the new, more visually appealing renderings. The presentation will focus on explaining the renderings to the public, as technical drawings can be challenging to understand. This is an update, so no action is required except Council comments and suggestions. Ashley Klien from SGM and Anne Marten, Public Works Director, and Mike Horvath, Town Engineer, presented the PowerPoint presentation explaining every diagram in detail.

Council Comments:

- Mayor Madsen would like to strongly encouraged the use of the underpass
- Look at the option of stairs from the Blue Roofs with a bridge directing pedestrians to the underpass
- Look at more protection for the kids at the School bus stop
- Councilmember Fridstein does not like the pink tone of the crosswalks
- There will need to be wayfinding signage for bike riders

The roundabout construction must align with the Snowmass Water and Sanitation District's project timeline and the utility placement. It could take up to a year to complete everything. Anne, will keep Council informed about the project's progress, including any recommendations from Council.

8.C) [Review 2024 Mall Transit Station Concept Boards](#)

[8C Agenda Item Summary - Mall Transit Center Public Outreach.pdf](#) 

[8C 1. 2024-07-10 Phased Approach.pdf](#) 

[8C 2. 2024-06-12 2024 Two Level Design.pdf](#) 

[8C 3. 2024 Incremental Improvements.pdf](#) 

[8C 4. 2022 Project.pdf](#) 

Sam Guarino, the transportation director, and Alex Jauch, the SEH project manager, are at the meeting to present and answer Council's questions. Council previously requested a phased approach for the mall transit center, with phase one being an incremental design and phase two being the larger design. Sam began by providing details of the phase one design. The primary goal of this presentation is to gather input from the Town Council before the transit design is presented to the public for feedback. Council's opinions will help shape the final presentation to the community.

Clint Kinney, Town Manager, said the fundamental question for the Council is to provide staff with feedback on whether they want to do it all at once or incrementally.

At this time, the discussion continued on the phase one design and the issues and concerns with that design.

Mayor Madsen suggested using lot 6 for the local shuttles, similar to what was done many years ago.

Councilmember Fridstein would like a construction schedule for every scheme we look at so we can know what we're talking about.

Sam can have the architects SEH develop Bill's new idea, but the Town will need to postpone the public outreach meetings until Council has time to review the new plan and make comments.

Councilmember Shenk doesn't mind looking at the new idea but would like to ensure Council is forward-thinking and that this will work 20 years from now.

Sam outlines the public outreach process:

- Schedule meetings and invite stakeholders for a one and one with those directly involved
- Schedule an open house for the general public
- Create a website to tell the story of how we got here
- Share a drink with Council
- Present to the Boards and Commissions
- Directly coordinate with RFTA , ASC and the Federal Government for funding

Clint Kinney, Town manager, when Sam comes back to Council with recommendations, Council can decide who they want at the initial roundtables and what design options to present.

9) [TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS](#)

Councilmember Fridstein- no update currently

Councilmember Shenk-

- Attended a COG meeting
 - Dues are going out soon 6.5% increase.
 - COG is spearheading the EV infrastructure grant, and participants would assist with the cost of the grant writer.
 - EV stations are limited to 5 miles from 82.
 - There was a presentation on the vacancy tax to incentivize owners and investors to contribute an additional amount to their property tax for a workforce housing fund. Still in the discussion phase.

Councilmember Gustafson-

- Attended the EDD portion of the COG meeting.
 - The board started talking about the board's goals. Right now, we are just putting together a strategic plan to make the most effective use of having a board. While having that conversation, we continued to circle back to the Community matrix project, the Insight Collective. This document contains a lot of data over five years of research to know where we're at with people feeling the impact of how much tourism has changed over the years. So we've mentioned it a couple of times at meetings, but I think now is the appropriate time for us to, as a Town, make use of that document and share it with our tourism department.

Councilmember Marolt- no update currently

Mayor Madsen-

- Attended a RFTA
 - Talked about succession planning.
 - Presentation on the Glenwood Springs south bridge, this would create an addition access to 82.
 - Update on new facility, getting close to completion.
 - Saw a presentation on RFTA's zero emissions fleet vehicle plan and their plan for transitioning to either battery electric buses or hydrogen buses and what that might look like.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Madsen motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Shenk seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The Snowmass Village Town Council approved this set of meeting minutes at their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 5th, 2024.

Submitted By,

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Barbara Peckler, Office Manager