

TOWN COUNCIL OF MAMMOTH LAKES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Mayor Pro Tem Salcido led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kristy Williams, Project Manager, gave an update regarding the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative. There was discussion among members of Council and Ms. Williams.

Roger Curry, Fire Commissioner, asked the Council to support Measure F on the March 3, 2020 ballot for Fire District funding. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Curry.

Betsy Truax, Mammoth Lakes Foundation on behalf of Artistic Director Shira Dubrovner, spoke about the upcoming productions at the theater.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler noted that Agenda Item 7 would be continued to March 4, 2020.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND/OR DEPARTMENTS (as needed)

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

Engineering Manager Haislip Hayes gave an update regarding public works activities. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Betsy Truax, Chair of the Recreation Commission, gave an update regarding the recent Commission meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Cleland Hoff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to with Councilmember Cleland Hoff voting no on Agenda Item 2, approve the consent agenda.

- 1) Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2020.
- 2) Waive the reading and adopt by title only the ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 9.24 regarding tobacco regulations.
- 3) Adopt the resolution accepting the Development Impact Fee Report for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and making the appropriate findings.
- 4) Receive and file the Town's letter opposing Senate Bill 50 sent to Senator Wiener.
- 5) Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-23 in the amount of \$1,590,869.78.
Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-24 in the amount of \$804,070.88.
Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-25 in the amount of \$438,974.10.
Accept Payment Approval Report No. 20-26 in the amount of \$409,654.02.

POLICY MATTERS

- 6) Appeal of Transient Occupancy Tax, Penalties and Interest associated with audit of Five Star Lodging Inc.

Town Attorney Andrew Morris noted the laws regarding Mayor Sauser's potential conflict of interest due to having worked for Five Star Lodging.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

Jason and Megan Herbst, Five Star Lodging, said that the Town Finance Office was professional and easy to work with. They said that the rules were confusing and that their automation needed to be compliant with the law. They said that their software now supported the rules.

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 5 - 0 roll call vote to approve the findings of this audit and consider the nature of the discrepancies noted and reduce penalties and interest associated with over payment of Transient Occupancy Tax. This would result in a reduction of \$5,993 from the Notice of Determination amount due of \$17,619, resulting in net due of \$11,626.

- 7) Ratification of the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District 2019 Fire Code Ordinance.

This item was continued to March 4, 2020.

- 8) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for technical assistance, education, and training between the Town and the Institute for Local Government (ILG).

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lynda Salcido, seconded by Councilmember John Wentworth, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute for Local Government.

- 9) Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Review.

Administrative Services/Finance Director Rob Patterson outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

- 10) Adopt the Resolution accepting the SRIC OHV Planning Grant awarded to the Town of Mammoth Lakes from the California State Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

Councilmember Wentworth recused himself and left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff.

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 with Councilmember John Wentworth recused, adopt the resolution accepting the SRIC OHV Planning Grant awarded to the Town of Mammoth Lakes from the California State Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division in the amount of \$155,155,485, with required matching funds in the amount of \$60,597.

Councilmember Wentworth returned to the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Wentworth attended the Mammoth Voices Candidates Forum, the NEPA meeting for air service in Bishop, and the recreational access leaders of public lands, managers, and agencies meeting held in Bishop.

Mayor Pro Tem Salcido attended the scoping meeting for Bishop Airport, the Mono County training for poll workers, and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting.

Councilmember Stapp attended the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board meeting and Mammoth Voices candidates meeting.

Councilmember Hoff attended the Mono County Collaborative Planning Team meeting,

Mayor Sauser reported on receiving an email that said Bodie Road would be re-opened on Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Gray
Town Clerk