

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Harris Sondak and Elise Morgan were present. Paul Moxley and Cliff Curry were excused.

2. Update from Rocky Mountain Power: 00:00:32

The Mayor introduced Chad Ambrose, Brian Oakeson and Patricio Heinandez from Rocky Mountain Power.

Chad Ambrose addressed the following subjects and issues related to power in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Chad acknowledged that power outages in the canyon can be difficult but feels that RMP has a good strategy in place to mitigate issues that seem to occur in the canyon.

Chad addressed and discussed the following matters:

- The canyon is fed by two main feeds: one comes out of Brighton (Brighton substation) through Twin Lakes Pass and is the primary line that feeds the Alta community. The other feed comes up the canyon and is called the Quarry feed and feeds Snowbird Resort.
- Chad explained that the even though the Quarry feed ends at Snowbird, if the need arises, MP can close a switch and allow power to travel to the Alta community. If that situation occurs, the resorts will be asked to “power down” to allow both communities to use the Quarry feed.
- The Brighton feed saw significant work in 2015 and the details of the work were explained.
- The public is encouraged to call in when an outage occurs; 888-221-7070. Once that call is received it will go to the dispatch center that will dispatch a “trouble man”. That person will come up the canyon to assess the details of the outage and order up needed personnel to address this situation.
- If the canyon is closed for avalanche conditions, RMP will not come up the canyon.
- RMP does have the capability of remotely controlling the switching at the Snowbird feed. But if the line is down, an onsite visit by RMP personnel needs to take place to verify the exact location.
- Also, if the Brighton feed goes down, RMP has to determine why it went down before it can switch Alta over the Quarry feed. There was concern expressed that a person from RMP cannot come up the canyon to assess the location of the problem if the canyon is closed. Harris asked if it would be possible to add some kind of breaker on the Brighton line just above Alta so that when that line was down, Alta could be switched over to the Quarry feed right away pending repair of the Brighton line. RMP agreed to look into that possible strategy.
- They addressed the current capacity and current loads on each feed in the canyon. They explained that the Brighton feed uses approximately 50% of its load capacity and the Quarry feed is about 90% loaded. There has been talk with Snowbird about switching Snowbird over the Brighton feed; Snowbird is fed 100% from the Quarry feed.
- RMP pulled data for the last two years and there have been eight sustained outages on the Brighton feed and the longest was a 6.5 hour outage. A sustained outage is defined as an

outage that is over 15 seconds. The average duration of those outages was around two (2) hours.

- The representatives stated that RMP cannot guarantee services and where there are critical systems such as water system, they recommend back up power source such as a generator.
- In the event that both resorts are moved to the Brighton feed, has RMP addressed contingences in the event the Brighton feed went down. RMP stated this is a critical factor that they will look at as they get closer to moving Snowbird over to the Brighton feed.
- The Town felt that discussion should take place with the two communities prior to RMP moving both communities to the Brighton feed; we need more stop gaps if both resorts are on that one feed.
- It was asked why RMP did not improve the rest of the Quarry feed so three resorts would not be on one feed in the future.
- RMP has a program called the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation where you can apply for funds to purchase generators for example; non-profits and municipalities are generally the entities that apply for these funds. Harris pointed out that there are different alternatives coming on line other than generators that can produce energy in emergency situations. He asked if there were funds for renewable solutions.

Harris inquired as to whether RMP was a for profit regulated company; they confirmed that statement. Harris went on to ask why RMP has not repaired and or replace the remaining Quarry feed. Chad responded by saying that any improvement such as this needs to be approved and has to be useful and used. Chad went on to state that the current system is doing exactly what is it supposed to and to make an investment such as this that would exceed what the current need , would probably not be prudent for our rate payers.

Harris also asked about a RMP handles those users that create power through solar and the excess power that is generator by this means; do you buy the power back from the customer? Chad used the Ski Lift Company as an example. The solar units on the maintenance building generate power all year long when there is sun. The electricity that is generated goes back to the customer's panel and is used on site (net metering). If the Ski Lifts Company generates more power then they use in one month, the credit will carry forward to the next month.

Chad went on to explain the Blue Sky Program. The Mayor confirmed that the Town of Alta applied for these funds for a solar project but unfortunately the project did not pan out.

Chad also explained that solar is not an alternative to a backup generator; you have to be connected to the grid to use the solar panels unless have a battery backup.

Staff was encouraged to look into funds through the "Foundation" and the Blue Sky Program.

The mayor thanked the representative's from RMP for their time.

3. Mayor's Report; 00:42:05

The Mayor asked Mike Morey to give an update on the accident that happen near the gun tower yesterday. Mike reported that there was a serious work place accident near the Peruvian Ridge gun mount. The Marshal's office responded to an overturned excavator with a male unresponsive. The site was being worked by a contractor for UDOT and was related to the installation of the GazEx exploders.

Assistance was given by UFA, UPD and the Alta Ski Lift Company. Case Christenson, from Price, Utah, was found deceased at the scene. The investigation will involve Alta Marshal's Office, UPD, OSHA, USFS and UDOT. There is an ongoing safety problem with the excavator and a closure order has been issued around this area.

Because Mike Morey needed to attend to this incident, the Mayor moved item number eight (8) up on the agenda.

4. Discussion with possible action to amend the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget to reflect the ordering of a 2017 Toyota Tacoma for the Alta Marshal's Department to be delivered in January of 2017:
00:45:00

The Mayor explained that when the Town of Alta went through the budgeting process it did not put the purchase of the vehicle in the budget; we were unsure whether we were actually going to purchase that vehicle. Based on information from the Toyota dealership that has the state bid, Tony Divino, the Town would like to move forward with this purchase. This vehicle will replace Kevin Payne's vehicle.

Mike explained Toyota has failed to make 2017 Toyota Tacoma's available in sufficient numbers for public agencies throughout the country. As a result, Tony Divino himself has contacted the Town of Alta through his fleet sales department and extended a courtesy to provide a truck to the Town for slightly above state contract price.

Harris asked if there was a residual value on the old truck. Kate responded that there will be but that value will not be known until we try to sell it. In the past the Town has sold the old trucks for between \$15,000 and \$18,000.

Elise Morgan made a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2017 Toyota Tacoma for a price of \$33,219.63 and to amend the 2016/2017 fiscal General Fund budget reflecting an increase expenditure in police department budget for that amount. There was a second Harris Sondak. The Mayor opened the floor to discussion.

Harris asked where the money was coming from to purchase this vehicle. The Town will enter into a lease agreement with Zions Bank who will fund the entire purchase price. Monthly payments will be paid by the Town of Alta for a period of time to be determined by the Council: two or three year lease agreement with the bank. The monthly lease payments will most likely start in March of 2017 which will require the Council to amend the 2016/2017 budget again to reflect an increase in the police department budget.

The Mayor called for a vote on the motion and it was carried.

Continuation of Mayor's report; The Mayor gave an update on the following matters:

- The summer road has been shut down intermittently due to unsafe driving conditions.
- There have been discussions with the USFS as it relates to amending the travel plan for the Albion Basin road. The USFS is also looking at changing the travel plans of three additional roads along the Wasatch Front. The Mayor and staff have been meeting with Bekee Hotze, District Forest Ranger, on this matter and have discussed many scenarios. Changes to travel plans will go through a public scoping process (NEPA process) and the Town will keep the public updated on this matter. The goal is to having something in place by the summer of 2018.

- On another matter related to the summer program, the proposed parking fee being put forth by the USFS could go into effect in the summer of 2017; the USFS proposed parking fee program is attached to the minutes.
- UFA is still going through the process of looking for a new chief and has hired a new CLO, Brian Roberts.
- A joint meeting with the Alta Planning Commission was held on October 3, 2016. At this meeting the public was given another chance to comment on the preferred commercial core alternative.
- The Mayor updated the Council on Mountain Accord. In the last week the Mayor has attended two meetings and is re-energized about this process. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss issues with all the partners in the same room; transportation, buses and roads for example. The newly created agency, Central Wasatch Commission, will be a public entity that is subject to the open and public meetings laws which should curb some of the concerns that some people have about the process.
- UTA is considering improvements for increase bus service for this ski season. Ski bus service will start on December 18th and end on April 5th.

Harris asked if Park City was going to be a member of the Central Wasatch Commission. To the best of the Mayor's knowledge, Park City is not an official commission member. The Mayor also reported that after the commission is officially formed, it is his understanding that there will be an application process for those entities that wish to become a member of the commission. New members will require unanimous approval by current members.

Harris also ask about the process whereby by the commission will appoint members of the stakeholder council. The Mayor thought that the council will start with the former members of the Mountain Accord executive committee and then add a few more members to that council through a process that still is to be determined.

The Mayor announced that the Town of Alta has not submitted the ILA funding agreement and will not until others entities have approved the same.

Elise asked if the Town of Alta will apply to be a member of the commission; the Mayor confirmed that the Town will apply.

- It has been reported that there will be a hearing in Washington DC on November 15th on the HB 5718.
- The Town has been attending land exchange meetings.

Chris Cawley updated the Council on the transportation steering subcommittee meetings he has been attending related to Mountain Accord.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be Thursday, November 10th.

5. Treasurer's Report: 01:11:30

Marc Dippo read the monthly treasurer's report into the record.

Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.

The town auditors are currently working on the annual fiscal audit for the Town of Alta and will present the same at the December 2016 council meeting.

6. Departmental Reports: 01:14:39

UFA Report: Rand Andrus reported on the recent accident that Mike Morey mentioned. With daylight savings time soon approaching, Rand asked everyone to change the batteries in smoke detectors.

7. Town Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 2016. 01:15:45

There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the minutes with requested modifications. There was a second by Tom Pollard and the motion was carried.

8. Consideration of a waiver of the Interlocal Agreement with Unified Fire Authority more specifically paragraph 5(b) authorizing the appointment of two (2) deputy fire chiefs: 01:16:14

Rand Andrus from UFA explained that with the transitions and changes that have been taking place of late with UFA, the board felt that having two deputy chiefs would provide a better span of control and better checks and balance at the top.

Harris asked why this provision was in the original agreement in the first place; one deputy fire chief. Rand explained that when UFA rolled over from Salt Lake County they brought forward the same organizational makeup to UFA which included the provision for only one deputy fire chief.

After careful consideration the staff and board felt that two deputy fire chiefs would help with the overall management of UFA. This will be a permanent change thus the request for a waiver to the original agreement with UFA.

Elise Morgan made a motion to amend the Town of Alta's Interlocal Agreement with the Unified Fire Authority more specifically paragraph 5(b) authorizing the appointment of two (2) deputy fire chiefs. Harris Sondak seconded the motion. Hearing no further comments or questions the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and the motion was carried.

9. Update from ACVB – Maggie Sullivan: 01:18:33

Maggie Sullivan updated the Council on the following matters:

- ACVB budget for fiscal year 16/17.
- The user hits on the ACVB which overall are up from the prior year.
- Maggie thanked the council for their approval of the grants funds and went over details of the Ski Utah Coop campaign where those funds will be used.
- A member ski around will be held on November 29th.

10. Update on Commercial Core project and possible recommendation for the Planning Commission to consider General Plan update(s) based on the findings of the Commercial Core project. 01:23:16

Chris Cawley report on the joint Planning Commission and Town Council meeting, the purpose of which was to take input from the public with the intent of going forward on this project.

Chris went over the process pending the Town Council's direction or recommendation. The plan is to come up with a couple of different conceptual General Plan amendments and work with the Mayor and John prior to the next Planning Commission meeting. There will be further opportunities for the public to comment as the Planning Commission and the Town Council move forward on this matter.

Harris asked if General Plan amendments originate with the Planning Commission. Yes that is the case.

The Mayor opined that when the original plan was released, he felt that the architectural renderings scared people. The Mayor felt that the public should look beyond those renderings and focus on what the plan defines; areas in the Town of Alta that people and the community wanted to see improvements and the general location of those improvements. The mayor felt that the Planning Commission should take the recommendations from the study and use those as their bases for amendment to the General Plan. The Mayor went on to opine that the only item that is "light" on the recommendations is the continuity of pedestrian walkways.

The General Plan does not mandate particular architectural styles.

The Mayor felt that one option would be to make the final report an appendix to the current General Plan.

The Mayor felt that after hearing from members of the Council at the joint meeting of the Commission, he felt that there was a general consensus to move forward using these recommendations.

Mayor Tom Pollard made a motion to forward to the Alta Planning Commission the recommendations from the Commercial Core Plan with the addition pedestrian walkways along Highway 210 and the bypass road in the Town of Alta. Elise Morgan seconded this motion. The Mayor opened the floor to further discussion on this matter.

Hearing no further comments, the Mayor called for a vote on this motion and it was carried.

11. New Business: 01:31:32

The Mayor introduced Catherine Kanter, a candidate for an at- large position on the Salt lake County Council.

Ms. Kanter reviewed her position on various topics and the importance of addressing some issues in particular in the upcoming years; air quality, water quality and watershed issues, public safety concerns particularly with the overcrowding of the jail, and education and management of the canyons to name a few.

Ms. Kanter currently sits on the Mountainous Planning Commission and has been working hard to balance business interests in the canyon with watershed protection; she feels she is a consensus builder.

Ms. Kanter realizes that what happens at Snowbird does affect the Alta community. If she is elected she will work hard to continue the communication between our community and Salt Lake County. Ms.

Kanter also sits on the Granite Community Council and took a few questions regarding public notification on issues that the community council had addressed in past.

Harris pointed out that the traffic and parking situation on the highway near Snowbird during October Fest was a mess and he thinks the Town of Alta needs to speak with members of the Mountainous Planning Commission and the Salt Lake County Mayor's office to let them know that this is not an acceptable way to run the canyon during these events. These situations impact the Town of Alta residents, visitors and create an unsafe situation.

Elise recommended that we contact UDOT on this matter, as they maintain and have control on the road. If the summer economy picks up in Alta, this situation will impact our business community.

12. Citizen Input: 01:46:42

Onno Wieringa updated the Council on the following matters:

- The efforts made by UTA through Mountain Accord to take a fresh look at the ski bus service in the canyons.
- HB5718 and their efforts to continue working on the language of the bill.
- The review of the Company's summer mountain projects.
- Update on the HUB building project and its completed date.
- UDOT's focus on completing much needed projects in the canyon.

Elise asked about the avalanche study that addresses the areas over the town. Chris Cawley said that Bill Nalli gave an updated on this study at the September Alta Planning Commission meeting. Chris believes that the substance of the Alta study is done and will look into obtaining a copy of that study.

Mark Haik commented on the following matters;

- He urged the Council to read the current MOU between the Town of Alta, Salt Lake County, the Forest Service, Alta Ski Lifts and the Forest Service. Mr. Haik feels there are three issues related to this MOU that need to be reviewed; the proposed land swap, the proposed amended to the General Plan, and the approved subdivision (Patsy Marley).

13. Motion to Adjourn: 01:57:01

Hearing no further business before the Alta Town Council, there was a motion by Elise Morgan to adjourn the meeting. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.

Passed and approved this 10th day of November, 2016.

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk