

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2016
10:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The Mayor and all members of the Town Council were present.

2. Mayor's Report: 00:00:07

Mayor Pollard reported on the following matters:

- The Mayor and staff have attended Mountain Accord meetings where, among other matters, the land exchange has been addressed.
- The Central Wasatch Commission is on hold while different public entities address the language in the interlocal agreement.
- The Mayor announced that he will be attending the hearing on HB 5718 in Washington DC on Tuesday, November 15th.
- The Town has met with the Forest Service on issues related to the operation of the summer program.
- The first meeting of the Little Cottonwood Road Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9th. The Mayor reviewed the new procedures that will be tried related to early morning avalanche control.
- The Mayor reviewed the changes in the UTA bus services. The regular bus schedule will start on December 18th.
- There was a meeting with Gary Edwards who is the canyon representative from the Salt Lake County Health Department.
- The Mayor thanked UDOT for all their work and improvement in the canyon over the last year.
- The Mayor thanked all veterans for their service.

The Mayor reported that a few Alta residents have approached him regarding the issue of the special use application that has been submitted by the Shrontz Estate related to the utility corridor and parking at the beginning of the summer road. In Development Agreement with the Shrontz Estate it is stated that the Town will not interfere with any efforts by the estate to address this matter as long as it does not affect existing users. In the Mayor's opinion the proposal that is in front of the Forest Service will have an impact on the existing users. If we decide to send a comment to the Forest Service on this proposal it was agreed that the comment will be based on relevant concerns with regard to the proposal. It was noted that the deadline on the comment period is November 17th, 2016 and any member of the public may submit a comment.

Town staff and counsel have spoken with and met with representatives from the estate and talked about alternatives to what is being proposed in the scoping document before the Forest Service. The estate has asked to see a copy of whatever comment the Town submits on this matter to the Forest Service.

Cliff Curry supported the process of the Town submitting a comment to the Forest Service. With respect to the Development Agreement, Cliff felt that users are impacted especially given the policy of the Town's mission to protect and promote the interest of its citizens; the "impact" should be interpreted extremely liberally. With respect to the water system, Cliff trusts that the work on this utility would be done completely at the Estates expense with no impact and minimal time delay.

Cliff opined that the summer road has been used by the American people as well as the homeowners in this area of town and that the proposal by the Estate benefits the few at the burden of many; he will make his own comment to the Forest Service on this matter.

The Mayor opened the floor to public comments on this matter.

Roger Bourke reviewed the scoping notice put out by the Forest Service. Roger this document calls for a widening of the current road to a width of 34 ft. to a point where the Shrontz property begins. The road is currently 20 to 22 feet wide starting 40 feet above the gate. Roger went on to comment that they plan to pave a width of 24 ft. of the road which leaves 10 ft. for everyone else to use: skiers returning to the parking lot, skiers going up and down, hikers, walkers and people who use OSV's to access their cabins in the basin. This change would have a substantial impact on the current uses and users of that section of the summer road; it wipes out the current uses of that section of the road. Roger felt that there were other alternatives.

Rich Mrazik clarified that the first 490 feet of the 800 ft. is public land owned by the Forest Service which is why the Estate has made application to the Forest Service for a permit.

Onno Wieringa stated that the Alta Ski Lift Company will submit a comment to the Forest Service on this proposal. Onno clarified that the Estate came to the Ski Lift Company first to try and partner with them on a parking structure/storage facility behind the maintenance building. The Forest Service would not accept that proposal because there is an alternative location for this building on private land as opposed to public land. As a result, the Estate moved the proposed building to their private property. To access the proposed site for the building the Estate has to cross public land; thus the proposal is in front of the Forest Service.

Mark Haik asked if the Town Council and the Town Planning Commission aspired to successful conclusion to the Settlement Agreement and the subdivision that the Council approved. Mr. Haik recommended that the Council conduct a public review of the Forest Service proposals in the scoping document and express potential alternatives.

Margret Bourke commented that not only will these proposed changes affect winter use but they will also affect the use of the road in the summer; it will have effect on the ecology of that area and the

summer transportation management plan. Margaret went on to opine that the current proposal could, if accepted, set a precedent for them paving more of the road; consideration should be given to the complexities of this area of the road when making a determination about the proposal.

Cliff Curry will be asking the District Ranger to review the current way that the Forest Service publishes their comment notices; it does not currently give the deadline period.

The Mayor agreed to work with staff and counsel to submit a comment to the Forest Service before the deadline. The Mayor continued by saying that if this goes through the NEPA process the Town will be entertaining the idea of trying to get cooperating agency status.

- The next meeting of the Town Council will be December 8th.

3. Treasurer's Report: 00:34:31

Marc Dippo read the monthly report into the record.

The Mayor mentioned that the recent sales tax distribution included a distribution that should have gone to Salt Lake City. Accordingly, the State Tax Commission will deduct funds from the next few monthly distributions to the town to make up for this amount; the town will realize a negative distribution.

Hearing no further comments or questions, there was a motion by Harris Sondak to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.

4. Departmental Reports: 00:36:21

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Chris Cawley reported that staff presented to the Planning Commission a draft General Plan amendment pursuant to the motion in the October 2016 from Town Council. The Town put forth a text only General Plan amendment that will be a subsection of the Town Center Commercial section 4.3. That proposal is on the town's website.

The proposal would not adopt any of the maps that were part of the Commercial Core document.

There will be a public hearing in front of the Planning Commission in December of 2016 addressing this matter.

Chris also reported that the Town of Alta is now participating in the subscriber solar program with Rocky Mountain Power.

UFA Report: Rand Andrus reported that UFA has four finalists for the position of fire chief.

The executive committee is now addressing how to deal with the new members that will be joining UFA: City of Millcreek and the new townships. The board is talking about the effect of the City of Draper leaving UFA.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reminded everyone that as of November 1st, winter parking regulations go into effect. Also, snow tires and or chains are required on all vehicles traveling in the canyon.

Mike reminded everyone to change out their smoke detectors batteries; their department responds to a lot of false alarms because of people forgetting to change their batteries.

5. Town Council Minutes – October 13, 2016: 00:43:04

There was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 council meeting with the recommended changes. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.

6. New Business: 01:43:30

The Mayor commented on the Forest Service proposal to charge for parking at the certain parking areas along the Wasatch Front. There are two parking areas in the town that are included in this proposal: Secret Lake and Sunnyside parking lots. White Pine and the Temple Quarry parking areas will also be affected. The money generated from these fees will stay in the local forest district to address impacts along the Wasatch front.

7. Citizen Input: 00:45:30

Roger Bourke asked for an update on the backup power for the Grizzly Gulch water system. The Mayor stated that there is a good chance a backup system will be in place this winter. Keith is finalizing the details with an electrician on this project.

Maura Olivos announced that the Alta Ski Lift's sustainability report for 2016 will be released soon.

Maura also challenged the Town of Alta to continue to pursue solid actions that address sustainability and environmental progress in the Town of Alta.

Onno Wieringa commended Maura for her efforts in the Alta Environmental Center.

Onno commented on the following matters:

- The Ski Lift Company's support of the change in the time table for control work on the road.
- The support of our veterans and the work that Snowbird is doing with their Wasatch Adaptive Ski Program.

Scott Briggs commented on the P-Ridge gun that goes off at 5:30 am and asked that the town encourage UDOT to install Gaz-ex in the Hellgate area of the canyon.

Onno Wieringa stated that as an outgrowth of Mountain Accord, UDOT has addressed many aspects of public safety on the road; UDOT plans on installing more Gaz Ex's in the mid-canyon area. UDOT also has started installing Gaz-ex's in the Blackjack area. The next area that UDOT plans on addressing is the Hellgate area.

As it relates to the avalanche study that was conducted this past spring and summer, Bill Nalli has informed the Mayor that the study has not been finalized.

8. Motion to Adjourn: 00:59:14

Hearing no further business before the Town Council, Paul Moxley made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Cliff Curry. The motion was carried.

Passed this 8th day of December, 2016

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk