

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017
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 Cliff Curry, Harris Sondak and Elise Morgan were present. Paul Moxley was excused.

2. Mayor's Report – 00:00:15

The Mayor reported on the following matters:

- The summer program and the challenge faced by staff in the Albion Basin. He commended the staff for their efforts in managing this program.
- ACE selected an artist to paint a mural that will be placed on the front side of the Community Center.
- Recording of the land conveyance at the Salt Lake County Recorder's Office.
- The mosquito abatement district came up and sprayed in a few locations.
- The annual ULCT conference
- The August 1st meeting with Logan Simpson Design on the update on the Salt Lake County Wasatch Master Plan Revisions; the town will be involved in the process.
- As of this date there is no resolution to the Powder Ridge Drive vacation matter.
- Update on the August 3rd worksession of the Town Council where the matter of proclamations and resolutions were discussed. The Mayor reviewed the process of presenting requests to the Town Council for consideration.
- The Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) and the maps that were presented at the first meeting of the commission related to whether the Town of Alta was in the study area. As the maps are technically written, the Town of Alta is not in the study area. The Mayor and Chris have reached out to the consultant as well as Laura Briefer. Further comments on this matter continued.

The Mayor asked the Council for their opinions on this matter relative to how hard the town should push to have representation on the Commission and to changing the map to include the Town of Alta.

Cliff Curry felt that we should have a seat at the table.

Elise heard that there is an application process to become a member of the stakeholders' group- the Town should definitely apply. As it relates to seat on the commission, Elise had heard that the Town of Alta would not be asked to be part of the CWC.

The shift in power on the commission has moved to Sandy and Salt Lake City and the Mayor has reached out to Mayor Dolan. The Council felt that the town's presence at the CWC meetings is beneficial and we should continue to commit to attend all the meetings. The town should continue to let the commission

know that the decisions of the CWC affect the Town of Alta greatly and the actions of the commission would be more effective and legitimate if the town were a commission member.

It was also noted that the invoices for payment of past due contributions to the CWC had not been sent out as of the last CWC meeting. It was also noted that other action items had been tabled at the last CWC meeting.

- There were no UFA or COM meetings in July
- The next meeting of the Town Council will be September 14th.

3. Treasurer's Report – 00:23:06

Marc Dippo read the monthly treasurer's report.

Hearing no comment or questions, there was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve the report as read. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

Kate Black reported that there will be sales tax increase on hotel and or guest rooms starting January 1, 2018. The current tax is 13.10% and on January 1, 2018 it will go up to 13.42%

The additional funds generated by this increase will fund the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Grant program. The town has already applied for funds from this grant to help with an interpretive sign program.

4. Departmental Reports: 00:28:27

John Guldner is on vacation and was excused from the meeting.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Chris Cawley reported on the following matters:

- The August 7, 2017 Alta Planning Commission meeting.
- The Planning Commission will not meet in September - next meeting of the planning commission will be October 2nd.
- The weed action plan
- The removal of trees on private property that have been killed by the spruce bark beetle.
- The Salt Lake County Wasatch Canyons Master Plan update and the link to the survey related to this project.

Mike Morey was excused from the Town Council meeting.

UFA Report. Rand Andrus reported on the following matters:

- Weed abatement and the fire hazard caused by weeds - UFA relies on the local code enforcement to address this situation.
- The UFA quarterly report was reviewed and is a part of the minutes.

5. Town Council Minutes – July 13, 2017 – 00:38:51

There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the minutes as edited. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was passed.

6. Request from ACVB for matching funds for use in a Utah Office of Tourism Cafeteria Program – 00:39:06

Maggie Sullivan and ACVB are requesting \$4,290.00 in matching funds from the Town of Alta to be used for an Office of Tourism “Roots Rated” program. Through this program ACVB will get three (3) articles around any theme that ACVB chooses - the company will be doing the promotion. Root Rated guarantees 10,000 engagements on social posts – Maggie explained the concept of an “engagement”.

Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Harris Sondak to authorize the expenditure of \$4,290 in matching funds to ACVB for the aforementioned promotion. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.

Maggie Sullivan reviewed the approved budget of ACVB for fiscal year 2017/2018 which is attached to the minutes. The Council requested that a copy of the budget be sent via email to the council members.

The Council was reminded that the Town of Alta has a permanent member on the ACVB board - Chris Cawley represents the town.

7. Resolution 2017-R-10 – A resolution confirming Paul Farr as Justice Court Judge for the Town of Alta Municipal Justice Court. – 00:45:20

The Mayor explained that the selection committee had narrowed the number to three individuals. The Mayor interviewed all three candidates and decided to recommend Judge Paul Farr. Judge Farr is the sitting judge for Sandy City and is a part time judge for the City of Herriman. Mr. Farr’s family skis at Alta and enjoys the summers in the canyon.

Kate explained that the resolution changed to reflect the correct time period of Judge Farr’s tenure. There was also one typo which will be corrected on the final copy.

Finally the Mayor explained that the Mayor appoints the judge and the Town Council confirms that appointment.

Hearing no further questions or comments on this matter, there was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve Resolution 2017-R-10 affirming the appointment of Paul Farr as the Alta Justice Court Judge. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.

8. Resolution 2017-R-11 – A resolution urging local, state and federal action in reducing carbon emissions – 00:50:00

The Mayor stated that as part of the council’s work session held on August 3rd, a resolution was drafted to address support in reducing carbon emissions – Resolution 2017-R-11.

The Mayor called for a motion to approve this resolution after which he opened the floor to discussion.

There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve resolution 2017-R-11 urging local, state and federal action in reducing carbon emissions. There was a second by Elise Morgan.

Elise did not attend the work session but felt the resolution addressed this issue very well.

Cliff Curry offered an amendment to the motion to change the wording of the title to the resolution as follows:

“A resolution urging ~~Local~~-state and federal action in reducing carbon emission, and committing to local action.”

Cliff felt that by changing the wording the Town of Alta was not just urging local action but was committing to local action.

Harris highlighted the idea the Town of Alta is committing to include reduction of greenhouse gas pollution as a factor in the town’s decisions going forward.

Cliff also added that the town would be strengthening it’s public outreach on campaigns against idling and single occupant vehicles in the canyon.

Harris went on to suggest that the town ought to consider ways to decrease the use of gas or diesel engines including ones used for auxiliary generators.

Karen Travis asked about the use of wood fireplaces in the town. The Mayor explained that this was discussed in the work session. Cliff mentioned that many of the businesses are converting their fire places to natural gas and reviewed some of the opinions on the effect that wood fire places have on air quality. It was noted that there are some cabins in the Albion Basin where their only source of heat is a wood burning fire place.

Harris urged the town to review the building code as relates to requiring all fire places in new construction be natural gas.

Hearing no further discussion, Harris accepted Cliff’s amendment to the motion and Elise seconded that motion to amend. The Mayor called for a vote on the motion and it was carried.

9. Update on commercial core implementation project – Chris Cawley – 00:58:06

Chris Cawley reviewed the slides presented at the first project team meeting for the ongoing Commercial Core Implementation Project. These slides depict the planning focus area within the Town of Alta, a description of project phasing strategies and examples of project types that may be considered. The stated goal of this project is to improve walking and biking active transportation infrastructure, conditions and opportunities in the commercial core. These slides are available on the Town of Alta website: <http://townofalta.com/town-government/general-plan/>

Chris felt that the big constraints to achieving the stated goals are parking and snow removal. The consultants are taking input from personnel who handle snow removal.

The question of who had jurisdiction on the road was discussed. Chris opined that the UDOT right of way through the Town of Alta is undefined and there is a project underway to define that right of way. Chris pointed out that there is private property in the project area and there are areas along the highway that are under special use permit to the Alta Ski Lift company. Also the land conveyance to the Town of Alta did include much of the Flagstaff overnight parking lot.

Karen Travis mentioned that parking lines could be drawn along the area designated as overnight parking in the Flagstaff lot along with the area in front of the Shallow Shaft. Karen would not want to see any parking eliminated in the study area.

Roger Bourke also felt that the striping the north side parking area would be beneficial.

Chris went over the time table for this project. The time table included an open house tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 11th and putting together a demonstration project by the end of September. The project should wrap up with a set of five 20% drawings by Thanksgiving.

Chris was thanked for his hard work on this project.

10. New Business – 01:29:05

UDOT has secured funding to do some patch work on the highway through town this September.

The Mayor reminded people of the Run Elevated event on Saturday, August 19th – the road will be closed from 6:00 am – 8:30 am.

Kate explained that the booth will remain open through Labor Day and then close during the week. It will re-open for the weekends of September 7, 8, and 9 and September 16 & 17. The last day of operation of the shuttle will be Monday, September 4th – Labor Day.

11. Citizen Input - 01:30:45

Karen Travis suggested that the Town of Alta place pictures of noxious weeds on its web site for reference – she has been actively removing them around her home. Karen thought it would be helpful for the town to secure a grant to assist homeowners with the removal of dead trees.

Jen Clancy went over some upcoming events in the Town of Alta – tree planting days, kid's day, a picnic at Bonanza Flats, and weed pulling (training manuals are available).

Jen Clancy also endorsed an audio recording that Margaret Bourke has prepared that could be played in the Albion Basin Shuttles.

Salt Lake County will be using comments from Mountain Accord and the Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow project when they review of the Wasatch Canyons Master Plan.

Mark Haik commented on the following matters:

- Recorded the deeds of the property conveyed to the Town of Alta
- Public parking on the land that is owned by the Town of Alta – Flagstaff parking lot
- The plats at the recorder’s office related to Powder Ridge Drive
- The UDOT right of way on Highway 210 – review available surveys and records
- The location of the water diversions for the Albion Basin homeowners.

Margaret Bourke commented on resolution passed by the Council that addresses the issue of climate change. Margaret would like to see the town work on more specific things related to this issue such as the transition from wood fire places to gas fire places for new construction, licensing ATV’s in town and making the fee higher for two stroke machines, color coding metering in the parking lots which specifies when you can start your car related to when you leave the lot and prioritizing carpooling.

Roger Bourke commented that road side parking along the summer road has improved this summer-enforcement by the marshal’s department and increased signage has helped tremendously. Roger went on to opine that there are still problems related to the speed of vehicles, the volume of vehicles and dust on the summer road.

Roger felt that any funds spent in support of ACVB also support the revenue base of the businesses in the town. If in fact the revenue increased for the businesses, Roger felt the town is subsidizing the businesses through its financial support of ACVB. Roger went on to opine that it seems like the proportion of resources that goes into the ACVB budget from the town versus the businesses is out of balance – the businesses are benefiting more than the town as it relates to generated revenue.

Cliff asked about the status of the proposal by the Forest Service to charge a fee for parking in the Albion Basin. The Mayor explained that the Forest Service did not have the funds to execute that program this summer – it could be put in place next summer.

12. Motion to adjourn. – 01:56:40

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

Passed and approved this 14th day of September, 2017.

Piper Lever, Assistant Town Clerk / S