

ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
9:00 AM
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
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9:00 AM – WORK SESSION – MOUNTAIN ACCORD DISCUSSION

The Mayor called the work session of the Town Council to order at 9:00 AM. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Cliff Curry, Harris Sondak and Elise Morgan were present. Paul Moxley was excused

The Mayor explained that members of the Town Council were informed via email that a petition was being circulated throughout the Town; he announced that he will provide time the petitioners speak to that petition at the start of this meeting.

The Mayor allowed 10 minutes for the public to provide input on the Mountain Accord discussion.

Mark Haik asked the Council to address what the issues are for the upcoming Cottonwood Task Force meeting that the Mayor and Council feel need to get resolved. Mark also asked what direction the Mayor was going to personally advocate for when he attends the upcoming Task Force meeting.

Onno Wieringa spoke to the following issues:

- That there are various interests in the Town of Alta that the Council will address from the lodging community, to the citizens of Alta and to the Alta Ski Lift Company with its heavy dependence on Highway 210. The Ski Lift Company is really looking for a transportation fix because of the traffic issues on the road.
- He was here today to ask for neutrality or support from the Town relative to what the Ski Lifts has on the table today with the Cottonwood Task Force which is a legislative land trade.
- There are two willing participants in this land trade right now: the Forest Service and the Alta Ski Lift Company. If there is consensus to get the trade done, there are willing leaders across the state and in our U.S. Congress to help get this done.
- He went on to explain that this land trade does not involve any development water; it is purely a land trade.
- If the Ski Lifts are lucky they might get some snowmaking water out of the land trade in a side deal with Salt Lake City public utilities.
- He felt there were big pluses to the Town of Alta and asked that the Town be supportive of one of its big businesses in Town.
- He feels that the way the trade is proposed today, it helps fulfill a lot of the Town's Vision Statement; it gets rid of in- holdings, satisfies the need to establish terrain for dispersed users, and it a step that the Ski Lift feels it needs to make in order to stay economically strong and viable in the Town of Alta.

- Relative to the lodges, the lodges would have the same neighbor they have now.
- He believes that parking can only get better with this trade.
- The trade does not include anything on the north side of the road and gives them an opportunity as a resort to make parking better.
- He thinks it gives the Town of Alta a chance to shape our base area and to address parking, trail heads, recycling, the school, and the Town center.
- This trade offers up an alternative to military avalanche control above the Town.
- With this land trade, the dispersed users get a big opportunity.
- The Ski Lift Company cannot operate in a vacuum, so access by the private businesses will not be compromised.
- He opined that all the participants want consensus out of this process and want to move forward with this legislative land trade; they don't necessarily want the proposed land trade to go into the NEPA process.
- He went over the pluses to the Ski Lift Company; the Forest Service wants to get out of the base area business so the Town and the Ski Area can decide what is best for base areas. The Ski Lifts Company is already on 60 of those 160 acres.
- The Ski Lift Company will get some flexibility in the ski lift operations.
- The Ski Lift Company looks at this trade as a chance to help the resort be healthier, have more variety and do some things that they cannot do now.
- He explained that the biggest reason they are doing this is to be a willing partner in Mountain Accord process. They went into this process not to get a land trade but to be a part of a transportation fix in Little Cottonwood Canyon; a safer better mode of transportation.
- During this process the land trade came up because the Forest Service wanted to make dispersed user access happen. The Forest Service also wanted to get out of the base area business.
- The Ski Lift Company is trying to be a part of the consensus to help Mountain Accord move forward.
- The Ski Lift is proposing that this land trade be a "legislative" land trade. If the decision of everyone is to take the land trade and put it into NEPA process along with the transportation option, the Ski Lifts will re-consider whether they want to proceed and whether it is to the advantage of the Ski Lift Company.
- The reason the Ski Lift Company liked the legislative option is that they know what is in, they know what the outcome will probably be and the Ski Lifts will have a hand in it. The NEPA process puts the decision in someone else's hands.
- He went on to say that this trade is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see something change in the transportation whole; we are doing the same old things on the highway with a few tweaks. This is a chance to do something different on the highway.

Margaret Bourke, a homeowner in the Town of Alta, opined that there have been concerns expressed by people she has talked that the public has not had sufficient time to ask questions about it and get

sufficient details about the Mountain Accord Blueprint that came out in February before moving forward with Phase II.

Accordingly, Margaret drafted a petition which she handed to the Council. Margaret explained that she has 110 signatures on the petitions. Margaret also circulated Mr. Craig Heimark's letter and she has 51 signatures in support of that letter.

The Mayor asked Ms. Bourke to read the text of her petition which is attached to these minutes.

Elise asked if the people that signed Ms. Bourke's petition are the same people that signed Mr. Heimark's letter. Ms. Bourke replied that some people signed only one petition and she has not compared the two to see if some people signed both.

Harris Sondak asked about the petition's text where it says "full citizen input"; are the people that signed these residents of the Town of Alta or did she solicit signatures from anyone who identified themselves as interested parties? By full citizen input, whom did she mean should be included going forward? Margaret explained that there are residents who signed but there are many who signed that are interested parties. At the last Town Council she did not get a clear answer defining the Alta Community, so she needed to reach out to everyone.

Margaret went on to explain that she drafted the petition as broadly as possible without defining terms and let people decide whether or not they felt they were part of the Alta community.

Jen Clancy with Friends of Alta opined that Onno made some excellent point for our community. Ms. Clancy went on to opine that if we are thinking about changing ownership of land that has been owned by the Federal government, she hopes that we can consider the unintended consequences. The current owner in the Alta Ski Lifts company has been great partners in our community but we do not know who is going to own Alta Ski Lift company in the future. On behalf of Friends of Alta Jen urged the Town of Alta to consider the right protective measures to conserve the open space(s) aspects of a lot of the base facility zone that are cherished so much by the community.

The Mayor closed the open comment period of the work session.

The Mayor opined that part of the purpose of the work session was, as a member of the executive board of Mountain Accord on the Cottonwood Canyons Task Force, he has been asked to come up with a position from the Town of Alta that can be discussed moving forward. The Mayor is hopeful that the Town Council can come up with a unanimous recommendation(s) for the Mayor to present to the Cottonwood Canyons Task Force meeting which will be held on Monday, April 27th.

The Mayor opined that he will go to this meeting with a position that is either his opinion, a position that represents the consensus of the Town Council or if no consensus from the Council can be reached, he will pass on the various positions of the Town Council.

The Mayor felt that the big issue was the proposed land exchange. The Mayor feels that at the last Council meeting there was a consensus that in general the continuation of the Mountain Accord process was supported by the Council and the Town of Alta.

The Mayor came up with some starting points for discussion on the land exchange and he read those into the record – see attached.

The Mayor added a few more items to the list:

- Need to make sure that the Town can create balance between all the businesses desires
- Schedule and put planning into this process.

Elise asked about the Mayor's second item he listed which was "exchange to take place after the transportation decisions are made: would this be after Phase II. The Mayor could not define what phase this would be in. The Mayor understands the issues that were mentioned by Onno earlier in this meeting but he would like the processes to stay together as opposed to them becoming fragmented. The Mayor does understand where Onno is coming from in as much as that he wants to segregate the two – transportation and the land transfer.

Harris asked the Mayor if he meant that the land exchange take place within the "container" we call Mountain Accord. The Mayor agreed with this statement by Harris.

Harris went on to say that he would think that having a session on how the NEPA process works might be illuminating. Maybe there is a legal way to separate the two but still have them proceed at the same time, that is, the land exchange and the NEPA process.

Elise thought that the land exchange should stay within the container of Mountain Accord but it is up to Mountain Accord to decide whether the land exchange goes through the NEPA.

The Mayor feels that the intent is to keep the proposed land exchanges under the umbrella of Mountain Accord.

The Mayor believes that half of those on the executive committee are fully engaged in understanding the NEPA process and he feels he has experience with the process but does not fully understand NEPA.

Elise also asked the Mayor what he meant by creating a balance between all the businesses. The Mayor has heard the advantages of this exchange from the Lift Company and has heard the concerns that this process brings up for the other businesses in town, especially the current owners of the existing lodges. He has also heard of the impact this exchange could have on those that live here.

The Mayor commented that it is hard to define the Alta community; there are the people who operate businesses in Alta, there are the employees that work here, there are the people who own businesses, there are people who own property, there are people who visit from all over the country and the world, and there is another passionate group of people that live and work in the Salt Lake city area that consider Alta very important to them.

The Mayor went on to say that many agencies in the valley are putting their fingerprint on this process and as the Town of Alta; we need to make sure that people know what the Town of Alta wants. Our charge is to make sure we are represented in this process.

Harris opined that no matter what the Town decides in this process, we will make a lot of people unhappy; there are contradictory desires being expressed by members of the Alta community. Harris would like the Council to reflect more on what are underlying interests that these positions are intended to further.

Harris brought up a map that was presented at an open house at OLS a few weeks back and that is shown on the Mt Accord website; he referred to a picture of a circle around the central Wasatch with a set of big red arrows pointed at the Town. As it relates to this circle and arrow, Harris went on to say that he has not heard anything about reducing the pressure on the central Wasatch area in this map but rather there is talk about merely managing the increasing pressure.

Harris went on to add that he thinks we should expect the Salt Lake Valley to reduce its water consumption and no longer be one of the highest per capita water consumers in the country. One of the pressures on the Town is water and Harris would like the valley residents and its leaders make a good faith effort to reduce the pressure on the Town in this manner.

Cliff Curry started with an overview of the project that the Council is taking on today. Cliff went on to say the Council needs to arrive at a position whether it is expressed through a resolution or simply by mandate/consensus to the Mayor from the Council. Cliff thinks as a framework for this project the Council has agreed to define the conditions under which we as the Council would support a land exchange.

The Mayor has mentioned some of those conditions and Cliff has some that he wanted to add for discussion. Cliff said that he wholeheartedly supports the mission of the Alta Ski Area to promote and sustain alpine skiing in Alta; it is the very core of our values and our economy. Cliff also supports the legitimate wishes of the Alta Ski Area to own a reasonable amount of land surrounding the buildings of its current operation; Cliff would not necessarily include parking lots in that scenario.

Cliff wholeheartedly joins in Onno's comments that the goal of the Mountain Accord process is to improve our transportation. We might have sharp disagreements about what the solutions are but we can start with our values. Those values have to include alpine skiing, improved transportation and protection of our open spaces and our environment.

Cliff went on to state that he comes forward with some additional conditions under which he would support a land exchange. First, that the exchange includes a limited amount of land and that public ownership of base area open spaces be maintained. That the exchange avoids massive private ownership of base area lands which would inevitably attract massive amounts of money that over the years would utterly transform Alta into a massive real estate development. Cliff went on to say that he supports a fair value of exchange because that is part of what makes for an appropriate amount of land. Also, Cliff said that as an American taxpayer, he supports that there be fair value of exchange. Cliff does

not fault the current management of the Alta Ski Area in pursuing this proposed exchange but he considers it an extremely shrewd and advantageous deal for the ski area. He feels it is understandable on behalf of the shareholders that Alta Ski Area management pursues this exchange. Cliff went on to opine that there are also public interests involved because the land is owned by the American people.

Finally, Cliff went on to opine that there should be a condition that this proposed land trade go into the NEPA process. The NEPA process has been designed and enacted by the representatives of the American people as appropriate control over uses and exchanges of public lands. Cliff is extremely concerned that anyone tries to circumvent that NEPA process. A few years ago the Ski Area, in dealing with the Flagstaff Mountain land issues, stood up against an attempt to circumvent the NEPA process, and Cliff supported that stand.

The Mayor hears that people are concerned with the concept of building more hotel rooms and are not as concerned about bringing a train up the canyon. If we bring more people up the canyon with a better transportation mode we should not constrain the Ski Area to its existing boundaries of today. The Mayor has also heard that the Town is responding to the views of Salt Lake City Water and Save Our Canyons and maybe that is not what the Town needs; maybe we need to keep Grizzly Gulch and Tuscarora as possible areas for ski area expansion.

The Mayor went on to say that he has heard that from the Alta community that we need to preserve the qualities of Alta; Alta is a unique, non-crowded, non-commercialized experience. If we bring more people into the same space it will get really crowded.

Cliff believes that there is some willingness on the part of the Forest Service and even some of the environmental groups that we are familiar with, to support ski area permit expansion into the Tuscarora and South Wolverine areas and he personally supports the expansion into these areas.

Cliff went on to opine that he loves and appreciates back country skiing but believes that the current proposal on the table is disproportionate; there is an opportunity to reimagine this deal that includes a modest expansion of the Alta Ski Area.

Elise felt that some members of the recreation system group were always concerned about the fact that people were being pushed into these high use areas but at the same time not allowing the ski areas to expand.

Elise also commented that the Town should send back to this Task Force that funding for alternatives for avalanche control above the Town be addressed.

Harris asked about an item on the Mayor's list that said "land dedicated to Town purposes". Does the Mayor mean that the land would be owned by the Town; he believes that it should be.

Harris also commented that he was not sure if the proposed land exchange omits a small number of privately held parcels that the Ski Area in the Albion Basin. Harris felt that some members of the

community would like to see private land ownership in Albion Basin be minimized to the absolute greatest extent possible.

The Mayor asked if the Council wanted to come up with a list in today's meeting or would the Council like more time.

The Mayor asked if the Town Council desires to come up with a General Plan revision to the base area of the Town of Alta or would they like to look at some sort of development agreement for the base of Alta.

The other concern the Mayor has is for the Council to figure out a balance of how to continue to make the Mountain Accord process move forward while also addressing the concerns of the community of Alta; the petitioners are asking for one more year to study the proposal.

Cliff opined that at this point it is too soon for the Town to either support a one year delay or to say that a one year delay is inappropriate. Cliff went on to say that he thinks that the Town should participate in good faith in the current process as scheduled; the Town Council should sacrifice its time now to state our views about the land exchange proposals.

Harris agreed that there should be a parallel process and that the Town should develop its views on the proposed land exchange and the Mountain Accord at the same time. Harris feels that the Town has a fair amount of leverage in the Mountain Accord process as long as the Town stays in the game. Harris is worried about the Town "taking a time out" while the Mountain Accord process continues.

The Council agreed to hold another work session on these matters on Saturday, April 25th at 3:00 pm.

Cliff asked legal counsel about the approved ways of circulating some of the possible inputs from the Council on this matter prior to the meeting on the 25th.

Liz Schulte opined that the point of this process is to be transparent and she recommended that each member of the Town Council present their conditions or concerns to the Mayor and Kate. Kate will then compile a comprehensive list by the end Thursday, April 23rd which will then be circulated to all members of the Council for their review and consideration.

Liz opined that if the public does not think the Council has properly addressed issues of concern to them or the public wants to remind the Council of some particular issue, that this is the time to send an email to them about those concerns. The public has a responsibility to share their opinions with the Town Council; this is one more opportunity to be part of the conversation.

The Council confirmed that they continue to receive emails from the public and confirmed that they do read them.

Kate explained that if the Council wants to consider recommendations in the form of a resolution, the resolution should be numbered and noted on the agenda for the Council to consider.

Elise had concerns about the resolution; if she agreed with most of the conditions but not all of them how would that be addressed in this resolution.

It was agreed that the Council could do more than one resolution. It is also possible that through this process the Council will find out from where they agree and disagree; that in and of itself will be telling.

The Mayor closed the work session at 10:12 am.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: 10:15 AM

1. Mayor's Report: The Mayor reported on the following:
 - The recent passing of one of Alta longtime residents and business owners Tom Plofchan.
 - The recent passing of Eddie Morris, a longtime lover of Alta.
 - The two informational meetings on Mountain Accord and Alta's vision statement. People were asked to provide comments on the Mountain Accord web site.
 - ISO, the fire rating organization, just issued UFA its new fire rating – the new rate is "3". This rating should be a benefit to all businesses and homeowners in the Town of Alta.
 - The budget committee of the Town Council will be meeting in May to finalize the proposed 15/16 budgets. The Town Council will be approving tentative budgets in its May meeting – May 14, 2015.
 - The recent road meeting where there was discussion on the resurfacing of the road, the smart road technologies in the canyon and gutter work in certain area of the canyons.
 - Canyon Clean Up Day will be Tuesday, June 2, 2015.
 - There will be a summer operation meeting in the next few weeks. The Town anticipates that the road will open on July 1, 2015.
 - Transportation and transportation funding was the big topic of discussion at the Conference of Mayor's meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report: 00:10:30

Marc Dippo read the treasurer's report that included revenue and expenditures for the last month.

After a few questions by Harris Sondak, there was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve the treasurer's report as read. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion as carried.

3. Departmental Reports: 00:13:34

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner reported on the following:

- His attendance at and the topics discussed at the semi-annual League of Cities and Town Convention in St George.
- The monthly COG meeting.
- Envision Utah; the public is being asked to comment through their website.
- Update on the Town of Alta land conveyance.

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

- Thanks were expressed to the Town Council and the public for all their time during the last few workshops on Mountain Accord. Some of the comments from these workshops were reviewed.
- WFRC has awarded the Town of Alta \$60,000 to conduct some local planning- more specifically master planning the base area/commercial core in the Town. Outside consultants will be hired to assist Alta with this process.
- Recent discussion with UFA and the Division of Natural Resources on doing some community fire planning.

Cliff Curry asked if there could be an overall collection, analysis and organization of all the comments that has been received by various entities on the Mountain Accord Blueprint. Chris will look into this possibility.

Marshal Report: Mike Morey reported on the following:

- There have been very few criminal investigations this year.
- There was an acknowledgment on the great job that Jake Brown from UDOT and his crew have done this year in the canyon.
- Thanks were expressed to the Ski Lift Company for supporting the early morning patrol and metering efforts in the Town and canyon.
- Thanks were given to the Fire Department for all their assistance during the preparation of the Town's emergency management plan and their overall services to our community.
- People were reminded to be careful of the many moose in around the upper part of the canyon

Harris asked about the UDOT cameras in the canyon and the fact that they were "down" recently following the widespread power outage experience in Alta. Mike attributed the failures of the cameras to the recent power outage.

UFA Report - Mac Lund introduced Warren James, the new representative from UFA to the Town of Alta. Mac also reported on the recent ISO rating that was issued to UFA.

4. Town Council Minutes: March 12, 2015 – 00:41:15

There was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 Town Council meeting with the changes noted. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion as carried.

5. Mountain Accord Phase II – Program and Funding Agreement

The Mayor reported that this agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel. The Mayor explained that the Town is committing itself to \$15,000 a year for three years.

There was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve the Mayor signing the Mountain Accord Phase II Program Funding Agreement. There was a second by Harris Sondak. The Mayor opened the floor to discussion and comments.

Harris Sondak opined that it strikes him as premature to commit this money. It is Harris's understanding that the Town has legal authority to spend money and to zone. Harris believes that the Town does need to be part of the discussion and process of Mountain Accord but the language in the document states that Phase I is completed and that it is now time to go forward with Phase II. Harris does not believe that Phase I is completed until there is a final Blueprint; he does not think we are ready to say we have a final Blueprint as the initial Blueprint is currently being refined and the public comment period relating to the initial Blueprint is still open .

Elise felt that the Town would not be giving this money to Phase II until it officially starts.

The Mayor would feel comfortable in tabling this issue until the Town Council meeting on April 25th. Staff was asked to find an answer on what triggered the start of Phase II.

The motion died for lack of a vote.

6. Resolution 2015-R-3: Review of the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Report for 2014:
00:47:32

Kate Black explained that three years ago the Division of Environmental Quality initiated a program that required all agencies to put in place a program to review wastewater facilities; the Town manages the operation and maintenance of its sewer line. The Town TV's the line every year and does routine maintenance on the sewer manholes.

The Town manages and maintains the sewer line from Grizzly Gulch to the sewer meter between Snowbird and Alta and participates with the Service Area #3 in the maintenance of the sewer outfall line from the western border of Snowbird to the mouth of the canyon.

This report provides the State of Utah an overview of our maintenance practices and also reviews the Town's financial position of the sewer enterprise fund.

There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve Resolution 2015-R-3 and there was a second by Elise Morgan.

Harris asked about the comment on the report where it states that the System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan is currently being review. Kate explained that Steve McIntosh, the Town's sewer operator, is currently working on the final draft. Once that draft is complete, it will be presented to the Council for final approval. The final draft of the operations and maintenance manual is also be prepared for final approval by the Council. The Town received points for not having funding sources sufficient to cover all projected capital improvement costs for the next twenty years. The Town does have adequate funding for up to the next 10 years.

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

7. Review of Bypass Shuttle Service for 2015 and request for funding for 2016 – Dan Ketner.
00:52:07

Dan Ketner thanked the Town Council for their continued support of the Bypass Shuttle. Moving forward, Dan requested that the Council consider increasing the financial support of this service. Dan went on to say that ridership has been increasing and the shuttle is not only being used by the home/condos owners that support this shuttle financially but by the public as well.

Harris disclosed that he is one of the condo owners that contribute funds to the operation of the shuttle service - \$20 per month.

Dan explained that many ski towns are funded by the city/town and not by private owners.

Cliff Curry pointed out in Dan's letter to the Town where it said that the homeowners are paying an unfair portion of the costs of this service even though their taxes have increased with no noticeable increase in public services. Cliff went on to opine that with respect to property taxes, Alta's property taxes are a very small percentage of the total that is paid by a home or business owner. Cliff went on to also say that the total property taxes collected by the Town are a very small percentage of the revenue of the Town. Finally Cliff opined that property taxes have not increased in real economic terms; it has been incumbent on the Town to increase the rate in order to keep up with inflation. Also the vast majority of the Town's budget goes toward police and fire services.

In Dan's letter it said that the homeowners who paid for the winter shuttle do not benefit from the summer shuttle that the Town provides. Harris pointed out that the summer shuttle is available to all people who want to use it including the homeowners; the homeowners are choosing not to use the shuttle.

Karen Travis opined that this service started out as a service that would provide transportation options to the guests staying at the condos and homes so they would not have to rent cars. What it has morphed into is a service for everybody especially those that want service back from the Snowbird area back up to Alta; this has overwhelmed the ability for the guests to use this service. The balance has changed so Karen feels that the Town should step up to the plate and pay a larger portion of the cost of operating this service.

Harris agreed the ridership has changed and that is difficult sometimes for guests to get on the shuttle. Harris also asked about the route that the shuttle takes throughout the Town as it relates to the schedule it follows. Dan explained that the shuttle goes between the condos and homes on the bypass to both the Collins and Albion side of the Town. It also stops and picks up people in-between these points.

Jeff Anderson commented that most of the hotels operate their own shuttles and Mr. Ketner is asking hotels that provide 60% of the sales tax base to contribute more money for this service.

Mark Haik believes that this conversation highlights the need for greater transportation cooperation between the municipality and our neighbors at Snowbird. A transit service like the one at Snowbird would be useful in the Town.

Kate explained that the financial commitment from the Ski Lift Company is substantial for this service so to some extent the Ski Area is paying for those skiers that use this shuttle. Cliff did say that the Alta Lodge has contributed as well to the operation of this shuttle.

John Guldner reminded people that in the past UTA provided a shuttle between the two ski areas and that service was shut down some years ago.

Harris asked where the other 50% funding would come from if the Town, in fact, decided to increase their contribution to this level. Dan explained that it would come from the same businesses, condos and homeowners that currently contribute. The funding is broken down into shares; currently the Ski Area pays for 50% of the cost of the shuttle service.

Harris felt the possibility that the town would pay this share of the costs of the shuttle opens the discussion on whether the Town of Alta should provide a municipal transportation service.

Kate reminded the Council that the Town is part of the UTA transportation district and the tax dollars collected from the businesses go to UTA and not to the Town to operate a transportation system; UTA should be providing a system to address our needs.

Elise commented that if the “new” transportation sales tax is approved, the Town could receive up to \$29,000 in additional funds to address transportation needs in our community.

The Mayor opined that the Town could perhaps eventually provide 50% of the funding for the shuttle service: \$20,000. The Town would consider possibly increasing our contribution by 5% this year, but does not feel the Town could make a commitment in today’s meeting.

Dan asked if UTA could provide funding for this service. The Mayor did not believe that was possible.

Mr. Haik wanted the Council to consider creating a special service area to tax for transportation services.

The Mayor and Council will address different funding options in the budget committee meeting and report back to the Council.

8. Closed door meeting pursuant to Utah code 54-2-205 – 01:13:00

There will be no closed door meeting of the Town Council.

9. New Business – 01:13:10

Harris Sondak brought up the question that former Council member Steve Gilman raised regarding the redundancy of electric service and closing a loop. At that time the Town Council was considering the renewal of the Town’s contract with Rocky Mountain Power and the representative from the power

company alluded to the fact that they were the only game in town. We are a community that is pretty dependent on power and don't have the greatest redundancy in electric service.

The Mayor said that the canyon has power coming from two directions but the issue is that the infrastructure that supports those two sources is undersized and outdated; maybe this issue becomes a condition of Mountain Accord. If transportation improvements are put in place in the canyon the Town should request that Rocky Mountain Power bring a new cable up the canyon at the same time.

10: Citizen Input: 01:15:15

Roger Bourke commented on the following:

- There are a lot of seasonal employees in Alta and suggested that this may be the worst time of year to hold these types of workshops as people are now starting to move on to summer jobs.
- The idea of listing a set of conditions regarding the land swap is a good idea. He suggested that the Town Council get all of these on paper and circulate them to the public.
- Mountain Accord represents the biggest change in this canyon is 45 years and it is not something that should be done in a rush.
- The petition presented by Ms. Bourke asks for a slowdown period and one year is not an unreasonable period of time.
- Lots of people come to this canyon in both summer and winter and they do so not because they want it to be different but because they like it the way it is.
- Unintended consequences are important to consider.
- When the power goes down in the Town of Alta the Grizzly homeowners also lose water and asked for the Town to consider a remedy to this situation.

The Mayor and Keith have looked into a remedy for this situation and will reconsider the issue.

Scott Briggs commented on the following:

- The key factor in the Mountain Accord process is a decision on the transportation option. From Mr. Briggs perspective that is the most important issue before the Town of Alta; where it goes and the issue of imminent domain. In order for Mr. Briggs to support a transportation option, this issue should be addressed.

Mr. Haik commented on the following:

- The Council should define "who is the Alta community".
- There should not be a time out in the Mountain Accord process as Ms. Bourke recommends.
- Encourages those members of the Town Council and Planning Commission to announce publically what they advocated for the Town of Alta during the Mountain Accord process, more specifically the discussion on the proposed land exchange.
- He is disheartened that Mayor Pollard did not have a "grip" on the NEPA process. The Council should be brought up to speed and be experts on this process.

- He does not believe that anything in Grizzly Gulch or the associated parcel should be given up as a part of this proposed land swap. The Town should advocate on behalf of the Alta Ski Area on any proposed expansion of the ski area.
- He brought up a comment by Ms. Woodman at one of the work sessions: the Alta community needs to develop a new way of thinking and new paradigm.
- He suggested that all the private properties be listed in the Albion Basin as part of the Mountain Accord and land swap process.
- He brought up a comment that was made in one of the Mountain Accord meetings by Jeff Anderson who said that Mr. Wieringa had threatened Mayor Pollard during one of their meetings over the proposed land exchange. He asked for Mayor Pollard to comment on this matter.

Jeff Anderson from the Rustler Lodge commented on the following:

- He assisted in putting the petition together with the Bourkes.
- The Town needs to Master Plan the area involved in the proposed land swap.
- He believes that we need a period of time to review all the facts.
- He does not want to stop a train if that is what the public decides it wants.
- He wants to make sure the Town gets its voice heard as it relates to this land swap.

Onno Wieringa commented on the following:

- He thanked everyone in the resort for being part of a great year.
- He thanked Dan Ketner for his continued efforts in putting together and operating the bypass shuttle service each year; the shuttle serves the greater Alta community.
- He thanked the Town for their support of Crown Castle and getting the fiber optics line up the canyon.
- The hub building that will house the inner workings of the fiber optics system will be located on private land owned by the Ski Lift Company. The land is located west of the current telephone microwave building.
- He encouraged financial support of the ACVB budget.
- He provided some stories about the late Eddie Morris.
- Tomorrow is Alta Earth Day
- Alta Ski Lifts will open the Albion Grill again this summer.
- There was some confusion in the discussion that took place between Jeff Anderson and Onno which later got resolved to his satisfaction.
- He does not understand the Town's interest in planning public land in the base area considering that the Town does not support the currently proposed land exchange.
- He commented on the notion of separating the proposed land trade from the Mountain Accord process. Mountain Accord is trying to separate things out that they have consensus on and trying to make steps that people agreed upon.

Jen Clancy commented on the following:

- She reminded people about Alta Earth Day and the timing of the events.
- She mentioned all the partners who participate in this event.

10. Motion to adjourn; 01:47:33

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

Passed and approved this 14th day of May, 2015.

s/Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 12, 2015 - April 15, 2015

MAJOR BILLS PAID

Payroll	\$30,946.37
Payroll Taxes	\$14,069.86
URS Contributions	\$10,096.28
Health, Dental and Life Insurance	\$13,826.55
Forsgren - Plan Checks/Inspections	\$811.13
Traffic Metering	\$2,115.00
Workers Compensation Ins	\$543.93
Wasatch Front Recycling	\$2,500.00
ACVB - Monthly Contribution	\$5,000.00
Zions Bank - Side by Side	\$480.57
Zions Bank 2013 Toyota	\$1,238.32
Zions Bank - 2014 Toyota	\$831.03
Energy Costs	\$2,788.00

Telephone Costs	\$1,409.17
Vectra Solutions - 1/2 down on new Alta Central Voice Recorder	\$3,811.00
UFA - Qrt Contract Payment	\$27,797.50
Other Town Bills	\$8,306.82
Total	\$126,571.53

MAJOR REVENUES RECEIVED

Sales Tax/Uniform - January collections	\$41,242.17
Sales Tax/Resort -January collections	\$116,182.76
Salt Lake County - Property Taxes	\$3,975.08
Telephone Taxes	\$423.34
Court Fines	\$1,510.00
Dog Licenses	\$125.00
Post Office Contract Payment	\$1,166.67
Energy Taxes	\$9,284.97
Business Licenses	\$154.00
Total	\$174,063.99

General Fund Checking	\$19,351.08
General Fund Savings	\$336,584.67

