

**MINUTES  
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018  
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER  
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Mayor Harris Sondak and Council members Cliff Curry and Elise Morgan were present at the meeting. Council Members Margaret Bourke and Sheridan Davis joined the meeting electronically.

Other present at this meeting: John Guldner, Kate Black, Piper Lever, Chris Cawley, Marcus Dippo, Mike Morey, Rich Mrazik, Rand Andrus, Mike Maughan, LaNiece Davenport.

2. Citizen Input – 00:00:44

There was no input from the citizens.

3. Presentation by Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) – LaNiece Davenport – Government Relations Manager – 00:1:44

Ms. Davenport reviewed the mission and purpose of the Wasatch Front Regional Council(WFRC) and went on to review SB 136 that addressed, in part, the following:

- Revised and reformed UTA which will now be called the Transit District of Utah (TDU).
- Replacement of the 13-member part time board with a three-member advisory committee.
- The TDU will use the attorney general office as legal counsel instead of an outside counsel.
- The new Transit Transportation Investment Fund (TTIF)which will be created in 2020.
- The Transportation and Tax Task Force.

Ms. Davenport reviewed the proposed .25% local option general sales tax outlined in SB 136 and reviewed the handout detailing this matter. To impose this .25% increase in sales tax that will be dedicated to transportation, Salt Lake County took the initiative to state that if cities representing 67% of Salt Lake County’s population pass a resolution in support of the county imposing this additional .25% sales tax, the county would pass an ordinance reflecting that decision. To clarify, 67% will include the population found in in cities, towns and townships. As of the date of this meeting, Millcreek City and the township of White City have passed a resolution in support of the imposition of this tax. The County Council has imposed a deadline of June 22, 2018 for cities in Salt Lake County to address this issue.

Ms. Davenport noted that the Town of Alta can expect around \$33,000 in revenue from the imposition of this tax to be dispersed in fiscal year 19/20 and went over the projects that can be funded using these tax dollars more specifically regionally significant projects such as:

- New roads or enhancements to existing road.
- Active transportation – bike and pedestrian trails and lanes (commuting pathways)
- Transit service such as bus service, light rail, and front runner

Ms. Davenport explained that the 1/10 percentage that comes to the town will be distributed based on 50% point of sale and 50% population. The revenues will be distributed to the Town of Alta monthly and the reporting requirements imposed on the cities and towns for the expenditures of these funds has not

been determined. Also, Salt Lake County will be offering, through a competitive grant process to cities and towns, additional funding captured by the county from this tax.

Ms. Davis asked if the funds from the tax could be used to study capacity in the canyon. Ms. Davenport interpreted the code to say that these funds had to be used for projects or services and not plans but will follow through with confirming whether funds can be spent for studies. – WFRC does fund studies such as asked by the Council member Davis.

Ms. Bourke inquired about the new Transit Transportation Fund as a vehicle for capital projects state wide that would require a 40% local match for projects – the ability to produce matching funds to that magnitude could be problematic for a small community like the Town of Alta. Ms. Davenport agreed with Ms. Bourke and stated that this matter would probably be addressed in the meetings of the interim committee. Also, it is being proposed that in-kind services can be used for matching funds.

Ms. Bourke expressed her concern about the governing board of the new transit district being comprised of all county officials as opposed to city/town participation on that board. Ms. Davenport commented that the legislature tried to address membership on the board which represents the population that uses the most transit around UTA local district area.

If the county receives the 67% approval from county cities and the Town of Alta chooses not to approve a resolution in support of the sales tax increase, would the tax go into effect and would the town receive its portion of the sales tax? Ms. Davenport confirmed that the answer to both questions would be yes.

Hearing no further questions from the council, the Mayor thanked Ms. Davenport for her time and report on the sales tax matter related to transportation.

#### 4. Update on Commercial Core Implementation Project – Chris Cawley - 00:36:10

The Mayor moved the presentation by Chris up on the agenda, as Chris had another obligation in the Town of Alta that he must attend.

Chris provided the Council with his staff report which he reviewed. Chris also prepared and showed exhibits on the screen which were referred to in his presentation to the council.

Chris explained that UDOT has requested an endorsement by the Town for this project so they can incorporate a modest change order into their repaving plans to account for widening in conjunction with the center median. Similarly, WFRC requests that recipients of their Transportation and Land Use Connection grants consider “adoption” of the projects they fund. To satisfy both objectives, Chris requested that the town council consider a motion in support of the town pursuing the priority elements listed above, with the understanding that we’ll focus on the center median concept before moving on to other elements.

The financial obligation to the Town of Alta for this project is \$6,000 which has been earmarked in the 18/19 budget. UDOT will match the town contribution with more than \$6,000.

Chris addressed the following issues:

- How would the town assess the effectiveness of the median?

- The situation with the Alta Lodge private property and the Alta Ski Lifts SUP related to this project.
- The use of concrete barricades as opposed to using log barricades.
- The location of the proposed crosswalk and concerns related to the same.
- The use of planters in the areas of the traffic calming devices.
- The time line of this project.

**Elise Morgan made a motion to recommend that the Town of Alta pursue the priority projects identified in the Town of Alta Commercial Core Implementation Active Transportation Project beginning with the center median feature and the mid-block crossing elements during this summer of 2018. Cliff Curry seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion on this matter, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and all members of the council voted in the affirmative.**

#### 5. Mayor's Report – 01:03:00

Mayor Sondak provided an update on the following matters:

- The first closing of the Alta Ski Lifts on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- An April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with Chris McCandless from the CWC.
- The April 17<sup>th</sup> UFA meeting.
- A meeting with Jon Nepstad and Salt Lake County Economic Development Planners on the possibility of creating a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) in Alta. The Mayor will be preparing a more concrete plan to present to the council in the near future.
- An April 18<sup>th</sup> ZAP meeting where applications from various arts organizations were reviewed.
- The Conference of Mayor's meeting.
- The work sessions on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to review the Animal Control Ordinance.
- The open house on April 19<sup>th</sup> held by the USFS to review the pilot program for Alta Ski Lifts management of the summer program.
- The effort by the Town of Alta and Alta Ski Lift company to establish an MOU to help achieve continuity and improvements to the summer program.
- The April 23<sup>rd</sup> CWC meeting – The Mayor brought up Alta's membership on the board as well as clarifying Alta's contribution to the CWC.
- The April 24<sup>th</sup> Alta Planning Commission and their discussion on the proposed Albion Basin Overlay Zone.
- The May 1<sup>st</sup> UFA budget meeting. The Town's yearly contribution has increased substantially - \$120,000 to \$146,000.
- The appointment of Jay Torgersen as the new UFA liaison to the Town of Alta.
- The report from Matt McKee on the UDOT avalanche experiences this past winter in the canyon.
- The May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Mayor McAdams on the proposed CRA and issues related to the CWC.
- The Town of Alta comments on the Highway 210 EIS scoping project – the deadline was May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Shelly Teuscher ongoing updates on legislative concerns and upcoming meetings.
- The last day of skiing -May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- LCC Clean Up Day -June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The next scheduled meeting of the Town Council - June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

6. Treasurer's Report

Marc Dippo provided a summary of the months revenues and expenditures. Kate Black had mistakenly provided a prior month's report – Mr. Dippo provided the correct numbers to the council.

**After Kate addressed questions from the council on a few matters, there was a motion by Margaret Bourke to accept the monthly treasurer's report. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.**

7. Departmental Reports – 01:27:39

John Guldner updated the council on the following matters:

- The matters addressed by Alta Planning Commission at the most recent meeting.
- The concerns raised by the elevations of the Snowpine Lodge.
- The building permits that have been issued to date by the town.
- The utility work proposed by the Shrontz Estate on and near their Patsy Marley land.
- Possible fiber to the single-family homes
- The paving project in the canyon this summer.
- Land use and open and public meeting training sponsored by the ULCT.

Rand Andrus from UFA reviewed the quarterly run data for the canyon and thanked the town for putting the monthly safety message on the town's website.

Marshal Mike Morey updated the council on the progress made on the review of Alta Central's electronic notification procedure. Staff is preparing a final report for the Council's review and approval in the July council meeting.

8. Approval of the Town Council minutes – 01:44:31

- April 12, 2018
- April 19, 2018 Work Session
- April 24, 2018 Work Session

**There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Town Council minutes with edits. There was a second by Harris Sondak. Hearing no further comments, the Mayor called for a vote and the motion was carried.**

9. Discussion and action on the Tentative Budgets for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year – General Fund, Sewer and Water Enterprise Funds – 01:45:25

The Mayor provided highlights of the proposed 2018-2019 fiscal budgets and the proposed increase in the Certified Tax Rate(CTR) - .001163 to .001291. This proposed CTR increase will require a Truth and Taxation Hearing which will be held in early August of 2018. The Mayor reviewed the tax implications to a residential and commercial building if the tax increase was approved.

Once approved, the Tentative Budgets will be available on the Town's website. The Town will accept written comments on the budget up until the budget hearing on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The public will also be given opportunity in the June 21<sup>st</sup> public hearing to make comments on the proposed budget.

**Elise Morgan made a motion to approve the tentative budget for the 2018/2019 fiscal year. Cliff Curry seconded the motion and the Mayor opened the floor for discussion on this matter.**

Ms. Bourke referred to the total amount of property taxes for next year found on page one of the budget and the number found on the document that provided a history of the tax rates for the Town of Alta – the numbers are different. Kate clarified the difference stating that the first represents the proposed revenues the town will receive and the second represents the taxable value of the town. Further clarification was provided on how the CTR is determined for the town as it relates to the increase or decrease of the taxable value.

The effect of the increase in taxable value of the Snowpine was also discussed and the timing of the receipt by the town of that increase in taxes from that building – this increase will be considered new growth.

Cliff Curry added additional comments on the tax rate increase and the effect of the tax rate procedure set by state code on the budgeting process of the town – he suggested that the town set a target for the CTR and compare the rate each year to that target to determine whether we need to increase the rate.

**Hearing no further discussion on the matter of the proposed budget, the Mayor called for a roll call vote.**

**Elise Morgan – aye**

**Harris Sondak – aye**

**Cliff Curry – aye**

**Sheridan Davis – aye**

**Margaret Bourke - aye**

**The vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.**

- 10. Resolution 2018-R03 – A resolution supporting the HB363 (2015) authorizing .25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation and supporting the imposition of the tax in 2018 per SB136(2018) – 02:09:30**

**There was a motion by Cliff Curry to adopt Resolution 2018-R-3 supporting the HB363 (2015) authorizing .25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation and supporting the imposition of the tax in 2018 per SB136(2018). There was a second by Elise Morgan. The Mayor opened the floor for discussion on this matter.**

Ms. Bourke addressed the issue of capacity related to increasing access to the canyon – questioning whether that should be the town's goal. Ms. Bourke felt the issue of capacity should be addressed and felt that this resolution does not address this issue.

Mr. Curry agreed that the resolution does not address the issue of capacity and this issue is important to keep in mind.

The Mayor addressed the Town of Alta's letter in response to UDOT's LCC EIS scoping process and felt that it touched on concerns related to capacity in the canyon. That letter will be provided to the council and put on the town's website.

Ms. Bourke asked if the question on whether the revenue generated by this tax could be spent on studies was answered by Ms. Davenport and if not, could the council hold off on voting on this resolution until we heard back on this matter. Council members Curry and Morgan weighed in on this question – review of the state law on this matter was recommended.

**Hearing no further discussion on the motion before the council, the Mayor called for a vote. Mayor Sondak and Council members Cliff Curry, Elise Morgan and Sheridan Davis voted in the affirmative. Council member Margaret Bourke abstained. The motion was carried.**

**11. Discussion on certain sections of the Town of Alta Animal Control Ordinance – 02:16:35**

The council agreed that there was not enough time to address the issue of the dog ordinance at this meeting and that another work session was warranted. The council agreed to hold that work session on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:30 PM.

The Mayor asked Mike Maughan to provide an update on the operation of the ASL summer program – 02:22:20

Elise Morgan was excused for the remainder of the meeting - 02:37:30.

**12. New Business – 02:37:30**

Council member Bourke addressed the question of capacity in the canyon and Albion Basin. Ms. Bourke had brought to the council the question of hiring a professional from Colorado to conduct such a study for the Albion Basin and was told that the budget committee would address this request. Ms. Bourke was not provided an update from the committee and asked if this matter could be addressed by the council at the June council meeting.

**Ms. Bourke made a motion to put the matter of hiring a professional to conduct a capacity study on Albion Basin on the June Town Council agenda. There was a second by Ms. Davis.**

There was some further discussion on the matter of capacity and proceeding with the proposed study.

**The Mayor called for a vote on the motion. Council members Curry, Bourke and Davis voted in the affirmative and Mayor Sondak voted in the negative. Council members Morgan had been excused from the meeting. The motion was carried.**

**13. Motion to Adjourn – 02:37:00**

**Hearing no further business before the council, Cliff Curry made a motion to adjourn. Harris Sondak seconded the motion and it was carried.**

Passed and approve this 21st day of June 2018

S/Katherine S.W. Black