

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING
Friday, March 12, 2021, 9:00 AM
Alta Community Center, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Harris Sondak
Council Member Cliff Curry
Council Member Elise Morgan

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS OBSERVING:

Council Member Margaret Bourke

STAFF PRESENT: John Guldner, Town Administrator

Chris Cawley, Assistant Town Administrator
Piper Lever, Town Clerk
Jen Clancy, Deputy Town Clerk
Mike Morey, Town Marshal
Sarah McCloskey, Head Dispatcher

COMMITTEE MEETING

Mayor Sondak called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and read the March 2, 2021 letter of Determination regarding conducting the Town of Alta public meetings without an anchor location, which applies to this committee meeting.

The Mayor of the Town of Alta hereby determines that conducting a meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location pursuant to Utah Code section 52-4-207(4) and Resolution 2020-R-12. The facts upon which this determination is based include: The percent and number of positive COVID-19 cases in Utah has been significantly higher since May 27, 2020. The seven-day average for cases on March 1st is 603, with about half the state's cases in Salt Lake County. As of March 1, 2021, there have been 1,949 deaths reported in Utah due to COVID-19.

This meeting will not have a physical anchor location. All attendees will connect remotely. Attendees may join the webinar by registering for the meeting through the Town website www.townofalta.com or the meeting can be watched on YouTube. Additionally, comments may be emailed to the Town Clerk plever@townofalta.com.

This determination will expire in 30 days on April 1, 2021.

Mayor Sondak asked Town Clerk Piper Lever to begin the draft budget review as presented.

Piper started off pointing out the 10-31-100 line item, representing property tax revenue. If the TOA budgets \$56K less than we have received so far, the budget for FY2022 would be \$300K, giving property taxpayers a 10-24% reduction. This would be in consideration for the increase to

be paid through 2021 taxes for the UFSA membership. Piper and the Mayor explained the sales and use tax projection will be 95% of the FY2020 actual revenue. This conservative number is based on the uncertainty of the pandemic recovery effect, while maintain optimism that the Town's businesses will return to pre-COVID levels by the next ski season.

Piper noted that John Guldner had not heard of new development which affected the building permit, impact fee, and charges for services revenue line items. But the decrease of those carried over to the related expenditures such as plan checks and building inspections.

Piper noted that the General Fund would be supplemented by \$105K from the Capital Projects Fund for approved projects; specifically, \$30K for telephone/recorder replacement and \$20K for upgrades to Phase II radios, the Flagstaff parking lot repaving, refurbishment of the Tom Moore historically significant building and \$5K for community center roof safety improvements. \$20K is allocated towards keeping the new community center project moving forward, although at this time, the TOA has not heard a final feasibility report from Ennead regarding the cost of the new building. It is reasonable to project consultation costs as to next steps for that development.

Another \$20K is budgeted to be transferred from the Water Fund as payment of long-standing debt to the General Fund.

On the Expenditure side of the budget, Piper highlighted lines related to the Marshal's Office; subscription costs, new equipment, new police vehicle, and two capital projects (mentioned earlier).

Piper and the Mayor pointed out the ACVB line budget of \$42K. The Town Council could conceivably lower that amount, depending on the ACVB Board plans and request, and possibly redirect some of the funds towards the property tax relief.

Transfers out of the General Fund projected \$47K into the Capital Projects Fund for future projects, including saving for the new Community Center building.

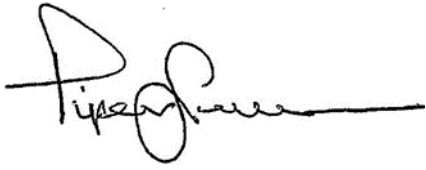
Piper explained that the Water Dept budget included using \$14K from our savings in order to spend \$27K on capital improvements remaining from the 2021 BoR grant. We expect to receive \$16K reimbursement from the grant for that work.

The Sewer Enterprise Fund will have fulfilled the repayment of it's debt, so that obligation will be retired and the Fund can instead be saving for aging infrastructure replacement.

The Mayor asked the committee members for comments. Hearing none, asked Councilwoman Bourke if she had any questions or comments. Ms. Bourke asked about if the water fund was saving for infrastructure maintenance and Piper answered yes and pointed to lines 51-40-495 and 51-40-830 in the budget. Deputy Town Clerk Clancy asked if projects identified in the 2014 Clarence Kemp analysis were being planned. Piper answered that Keith Hanson had identified projects that needed attention and that some of those were recognized in the Kemp document.

MEETING ADJOURNED

APPROVED by the Town Council on April 14, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Piper Lever". The signature is stylized with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Piper Lever, Town Clerk