

MINUTES

ALTA TOWN COUNCIL VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021 5:00 pm

Alta Community Center, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

PRESENT: Mayor Harris Sondak
Council Member Margaret Bourke
Council Member Cliff Curry
Council Member Sheridan Davis
Council Member Elise Morgan

STAFF PRESENT: John Guldner, Town Administrator
Chris Cawley, Assistant Town Administrator
Piper Lever, Town Clerk
Jen Clancy, Deputy Town Clerk
Mike Morey, Town Marshal
Polly McLean, Town Attorney
Cameron Platt, Town Attorney

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARATION

Mayor Sondak called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and NOTED THAT ALL Council members were present.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT 2021-O-8, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUSINESS LICENSE FEE STUDY, AUTHORIZING ADDING DISPROPORTIONATE AND ENHANCED FEES TO THE FEE SCHEDULE AND AMENDING TITLE 3 CHAPTER 1 OF THE ALTA CODE

MOTION: Council member Davis motioned to adopt 2021-O-8. Council member Bourke seconded the motion.

Council member Curry stated that he has a conflict of interest as an employee of the Alta Lodge, which pays business license fees. Council member Curry stated that he objected to the study performed by Zions Public Finance and the license fees proposed for the reasons he had previously stated and further that he had attempted to give Zions ample opportunity to address his objections, and had not seen anything from Zions to change his objections. Jen Clancy introduced Aaron Montgomery from Zions and stated that he was present on the call to answer any questions. Mayor Sondak asked legal counsel for any additional comments.

VOTE: Hearing none, the mayor asked the Council to vote to adopt 2021-O-8. Davis, Bourke, Sondak and Morgan voted in favor. Curry voted against. The motion passed 4-1.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT 2021-R-16, A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING THE TOWN OF ALTA FEE SCHEDULE TO UPDATE BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

MOTION: Council member Davis motioned to adopt 2021-R-16. Council member Bourke seconded the motion.

Polly McLean summarized why there was a repeal and replace resolution as a cleaner way to amend the schedule and not have to always refer back to the original resolution every time a fee is updated. Council member Bourke pointed out that the dates on the title page and in the document footer should reflect the date of passage. Jen Clancy explained that the proposed fees were described as Option A in a previous staff report. Business categories 1 and 8 are set at 35% of the maximum that the Town could charge for the license, temporary licenses were set at \$50, (up from \$35), non-profits were exempted from a fee as done in the past. All other business categories were set at the maximum fee allowable, (approx. \$65, which is significantly lower than the current fee.) These fees would allow the Town to meet their revenue goal as budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

VOTE: Mayor Sondak asked the Council to vote. Council members Sondak, Morgan, Davis and Bourke voted in favor. Council member Curry voted against. The motion passed 4-1.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT 2021-R-17, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SALT LAKE CITY-UTAH COMMITTEE FOR THE GAMES WINTER OLYMPIC BID FOR 2030 OR 2034 WHILE OPPOSING ANY OLYMPIC EVENTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF ALTA AND LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON

Mayor Sondak explained this was a symbolic action that would put on the record the Town's position which could influence UDOT's EIS decision and would align with Salt Lake County's position regarding an any intention to hold Olympic events in LCC. Mayor Sondak also pointed out that the Town Council could change their position at a later date if they saw fit to do so.

MOTION: Council member Davis motioned to adopt 2021-R-17. Council member Bourke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Council members Sondak, Davis, Bourke and Curry voted in favor. Council member Morgan voted against. The motion passed 4-1.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Sondak announced he will be bringing a proposed parking plan and permit fee schedule to the Council next month.

He also stated, Roger Bourke is running unopposed for mayor and also occupies a seat on the Planning Commission. The Mayor intends to send to the Council a couple of resumes of people who have expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

The Pathways study is on track to report their findings to the Council next month.

Jen Clancy thanked everyone for their input on the business license study and acknowledged that going through the study process helps one understand the costs behind the licensing activity. Margaret Bourke agreed that a personal experience gave her a new appreciation for the work behind the licensing procedure.

Marshal Morey announced that Damian Jackson has accepted a position in the state of Washington and would be leaving in October his Avalanche Safety Supervisor position with UDOT and as a resident of the Town.

Mayor Sondak also wanted to give the Town Council a heads up that a police salary comparison had come to light recently and in order to be part of a solution, he would be looking at the Town's budget and bringing suggestions to the Council to boost police salaries in the interest of retention and fairness.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: Council member Bourke motioned to adjourn. Council member Davis seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Passed this 10th_ day of November, 2021



Piper Lever, Town Clerk