

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH
10:00 AM

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Steve Gilman and Cliff Curry were present. Harris Sondak was excused.

PUBLIC HEARING: To receive comments and questions on the proposed amendments to the Town of Alta's General Plan. The subject of the hearing will be the Vision Statement and the Amendments to the Town Center Commercial Element portions of the 2005 General Plan.

The Mayor announced that the Town Council will only be receiving comments and questions on the Vision Statement. The Town mistakenly posted the incorrect information on the amendments to the Town Center Commercial Element portions of the 2005 General Plan on the Town website. Accordingly, the Mayor asked that during this public hearing, comments be directed to the Vision Statement only.

The Mayor explained that the Vision Statement was created by the Planning Commission and forwarded to the Town Council for review and a public hearing. The Mayor opened the floor to comments and questions.

Mark Haik opined that prior to the Town's incorporation and after that as well, Alta was regarded as a great place to ski. Mr. Haik wanted to know why the Vision Statement did not promote making this Town one of the best places to come and ski. The Vision Statement should include an expanded role for the ski and snow sports industry in the Town.

Onno Wieringa commented that Mr. Haik was on the right track in as much as the only winter sport that has paid the bills in the Town is downhill skiing. Onno feels there is not enough emphasis on that fact in the Vision Statement.

Mark Haik went on to comment that other winter sports should be mentioned such as ski jumping, sledding, ice skating and other activities that are not generally engaged in in Alta. Mark Haik continued by commenting that what is missing from the Vision Statement is a substantial statement of where the Town is going to go in the future with regards to telecommunications infrastructure(fiber optics).

Jen Clancy opined that the Town Council had done a great a job with writing the Vision Statement. Ms. Clancy went on to comment that she feels it is a bit awkward to mention both "historically" and in the "1800's" in the first sentence of the Vision Statement and it should be one of the other. Also, Ms. Clancy referred to the first sentence in the second to the last paragraph where "winter" is mentioned twice. She feels it should be only mentioned once.

Hearing no further comments on the Vision Statement, the Mayor closed the discussion on the Vision Statement.

As it relates to the Town Center Commercial Element, the Mayor believes that if there are any questions as to whether the Town properly met the posting requirements, the Town should table the discussion on this matter until the next meeting.

The Mayor went on to opine that the Town Council should review the comments presented today about the Vision Statement and decide whether or not they should be incorporated into the final draft of the Vision Statement.

The Mayor recommended that another public hearing be held before the Town Council's February 14th Council meeting on not only the Town Center Commercial Element but any additional comments on the Vision Statement. The public hearing will start at 10:00 am.

Town Council Meeting

1. The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order.
2. Mayor's Report

The Mayor felt that Alta had a successful holiday season. The Mayor thought everyone did a great job during the holiday season especially everyone involved in public safety. Traffic metering did take place and the Mayor felt it went quite well.

The 2nd road meeting was Tuesday, January 8th and metering was discussed. Also discussed was changing some of the traffic patterns below entry one at Snowbird. At this meeting the new UDOT communications tool that was created to help disseminate information on road conditions was reviewed.

The Mayor reported on a meeting with Crown Castle to discuss the continued process of bringing fiber optics into the canyon. Crown Castle is working with the Forest Service on trying to get the permitting process going to complete the conduit installation in lower part of the canyon. Discussion is taking place on who will be the company to actually install the fiber in the conduit and provide service.

The Mayor reported on his UFA committee meeting on benefits and compensation.

On Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 the Mayor will take over as chairperson of the UFA Board.

On January 4th the Mayor and Claire attended a convening of the conveyors in Park City with regard to the Mountain Transportation Project. The committee is trying to write a mission or charter statement. The Mayor did step forward at this meeting and recommended that Alta have a "voice" on that committee. There was some discussion on this matter and in the end Alta was put on that committee. The Town is committed to try and make every one of these meetings to voice our comments, concerns and recommendations.

The Mayor reported that Kevin Tolton did receive an approval from the State Engineer with regard to a transfer of a water right from the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon up to his parcel near Cecret Lake. There are a lot of conditions as part of this approval. Kevin Tolton has also requested a well drilling permit. Town will be moving forward with this request and will outline a list of conditions as part of that permit.

The legislative session starts on January 23rd and the Mayor felt that transportation will be a topic of discussion as it relates to funding for the Mountain Transportation Study.

The Mayor announced that the budget committee made up of the Mayor, Cliff Curry, Marc Dippo and staff will start meeting this month to begin the process of putting together the 2013/2014 fiscal budgets.

3. Treasurer's Report

Marcus Dippo read the monthly treasurer's report which is attached to the minutes.

Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the monthly treasurer's report as read. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion was passed.

4. Departmental Reports

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner reported on the Town's lawsuits. The hearing in front of Judge Kennedy was held on December 13, 2012 on the Shrontz Estate lawsuit.

The View lawsuit is still active and the homeowners association is trying to set up a Master Association for the Sugarplum properties and PUD. John also updated the Council on the landslide below the Sosin's property which is in common area of the Sugarplum PUD.

John gave a brief update on the Jordan vs. Sherrie Swenson matter. There was a preliminary hearing on December 17th, 2012 and the trial is set for Monday, January 14th at 9:00 am.

There are settlement discussions on the Melville case and this matter will be discussed later if there is a closed door session after today's meeting.

John updated the Council on the Haik/Haik vs. Salt Lake City and Town of Alta case. This is a retry of the 1996 case and there are accusations of fraud on the court and civil conspiracy. Responses have been filed by both Salt Lake City and the Town of Alta and everyone is waiting for the Court to review and respond.

John gave an update on the recent situations and discussions with VECC, UPD and other cities and the town on consolidation. Everything was going fine until Sandy City pulled out of the discussions on consolidation and went with the Salt Lake City communications network. As a result other cities in Salt Lake County are considering doing the same.

John reminded everyone that local official's day is January 30th at the State Legislation.

John gave an update on the progress the Town has made with the land exchange with the Forest Service.

John reported that in 2012, 18 building permits were issued and the Town collected approximately \$61,000 in fees.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Claire Woodman reported on her meeting the members of the Wasatch Water Legacy Partnership committee. This committee has agreed to support some of the projects that the National Forest Foundation wants to complete along the Wasatch Front. They are now formalize those projects and want to try and focus their attention on five projects: native fish restoration in Mill Creek, mine remediation in Little Cottonwood Creek, native habitat restoration, disabled recreation programs through trail improvements and sign improvements to improve stewardships throughout the Wasatch Front.

This committee is also committed to helping with the NEPA process on a project to reconstruct the turnaround at the end of the summer road near the campground.

Claire mentioned that she continues to participate in emergency management classes and certificate programs.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reported that there were no major situations that took place over the holidays. Their department was called to two separate lodges to remove employees that had been terminated.

Mike reported that they are working well with UPD employees in implementing the traffic metering program on highway 210. They are trying to create different protocols for situations that occur during busy times on the highway.

During north side plowing the week of January 1st, the Marshal's Department unfortunately had to impound three vehicles. Mike reminded everyone to sign up for the Alta Central text alert system and to place cardboard in their front windshield with information on how to locate the owner.

5. Town Council and Work Session Minutes – December 13, 2012

There was a motion by Steve Gilman to approved the minutes of the December 13, 2012 Town Council Meeting and Work Session. There was a second by Cliff Curry. Hearing no comments, questions or corrections, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion. The motion was carried.

6. Discussion on the Vision Statement and the Amendments to the Town Center Commercial Element portions of the 2005 General Plan.

The Mayor explained that this item was put on the agenda in the event that the Town Council wanted to discuss and take action on these matters. Because the Town Council tabled discussion in the public hearing on the Amendments to the Town Center Commercial Cord until its February meeting, this item will be moved to next month's agenda.

7. Closed Door Meeting to Discuss Litigation Matters.

Tom Pollard made a motion to hold a closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters immediately following the end of the Town Council meeting. There was a second by Steve Gilman. A roll call vote was taken.

**Cliff Curry – aye
Paul Moxley – aye**

Tom Pollard – aye
Steve Gilman – aye
Harris Sondak – absent

The vote was unanimous with four members present and voting in favor. The motion was carried. Harris Sondak was absent.

8. Citizen Input

Mark Haik handed out a printout that contained items from the 208 Water Management Plan and 208 Technical Land Use Plan of 1978. As it relates to the Vision Statement and the Amendments to the Commercial Element, Mark Haik opined that the Council and Planning Commission should review what was originally done using information from this handout. Mark Haik went on to explain that plan identified 17 potential acres in the Alta village area that could be developed and of those 17, eight had no constraints and should be developed commercially. These 17 acres were public land not private land according to Mr. Haik. In Mr. Haik's opinion, the other nine acres could be developed but with some constraints attached to those acres.

In this handout, Mr. Haik pointed out that 19 acres are identified in the upper basin, exclusive of the subdivisions, that could be developed. This study also mentions that the existing sewer would be extended as necessary and that all new development, unless totally unfeasible, would be served by this extended system. In Mr. Haik's opinion this statement is important because the Town staff has proffered the notion that the sewer was not intended to serve all the properties in the Town. Mr. Haik believed that the Town Council and Planning Commission should become familiar with these studies and have a long way to go before they get in the game in terms of what has gone on in the past.

Onno Wieringa thanked the Mayor and Town staff for getting a seat at the table for the Mountain Transportation Study committee meetings.

Onno thanked the Town for providing recycling services. As a result of this service, the Ski Lift garbage has been cut in half.

Onno will be sending pictures to the Council of the "gaggle" of disbursed users parked on the road with the question under the picture: Where do all these people go to the bathroom. He would like us to continue to pursue having trail head/parking/bathrooms near the old Tom Moore toilets.

Onno encouraged everyone in Alta to get more involved in funding and donating money to the National Forest Foundation.

Onno reported that the winter travel plan into Albion Basin is working well.

Onno announced that this is the Alta Ski Lift's 75th anniversary. In celebration of this anniversary, the Ski Lifts will be holding a torch light exhibition and fireworks on January 15th.

Jen Clancy from the Friends of Alta commented that with Ski Area's support, the Friends of Alta, ACE and the Alta Historical Society have set up an electronic time capsule as part of the 75th anniversary commemoration. It will launch on January 15th and will go through the end of the ski season. It is a place to store photos, stories and videos. Jen encouraged everyone to participate.

Roger Bourke commented that at the end of the holidays the recycling bins were very full and people were putting their recycled items outside the bins. He asked if the Town could place another bin during this period of time. Claire commented that the normal pick up days for the recycling fell on both Christmas and New Year's day, so the picks ups were pushed back a day. We will watch this carefully in the future.

Roger felt that the newsletter was a "thing of beauty" and thanked Claire her hard work on this publication. He was very impressed with the photos as well.

Hearing no further business before the Town Council, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to adjourn the meeting. There was a second by Steve Gilman and the motion as carried.

A closed door meeting of the Alta Town Council was called to order at 11:10 a.m. The following people were present: Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry and Steve Gilman; Marc Dippo, Treasurer, John Guldner, Kate Black, Claire Woodman and Mike Morey, Town Staff; Katie Lewis, Town Counsel and Sara Spencer, legal counsel. Litigation matters were discussed and no action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk