



CITY OF LEADVILLE
Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
800 HARRISON AVE, LEADVILLE, CO.

Call to order of regular meeting: 6:08 p.m. hybrid meeting over Zoom and in-person in Council Chambers.

Roll call: Council members Lauritzen, Hill, Gowing, Mayor Labbe, MPT Green were present. CM Forgensi arrived at 6:12 p.m. during the break for technical assistance.

Approval of agenda: CM Hill moved to approve the agenda. CM Gowing seconded. Passed unanimously by all present. CM Forgensi was not present.

New Audio Installation for Council Chambers. There were some technical challenges that required a brief break. At 6:26 p.m. the meeting reconvened. CM Forgensi was present.

Housekeeping matters: Sarah Dallas informed Council that Nancy Bailey, at the EDC, on behalf of the Mainstreet program is applying for a \$150,000 CDOT grant to put two restrooms at the Visitor's Center. The City would need to commit to an in-kind match of at least 10%. Parkville has agreed to waive the water tap fee. The Street Department would be asked to help with some trenching. We should know in July if this is approved and the turn-around process should be eight months. Mayor Labbe added that the Visitor's Center was the best choice for the additional bathrooms because of the location of the taps and location for visitors.

There continues to be problems with Zaitz park bathroom. The Leadville Police Department and the Street Department are working together to lock/unlock the bathrooms. The electrical and plumbing issues have been resolved.

The Xcel installation for the power for the electronic vehicle charging station will be July 19th and take approximately a week to complete. On July 27th is the tentative installation of the actual equipment.

Mayor Labbe is working with legal to create MOU between the Police Department and the Sheriff's Department to help support each other going forward.

The flowers are on Harrison Avenue.

Public comments: Ron Bertolas shared his concerns about the dangerous intersection at 9th and Poplar. (6:34 p.m.)

Department Reports for April and May: City Council reviewed the reports from the Police, Fire, Animal Shelter, Street, Admin, Liquor Licensing, Financials, Bills and the Court. Interviews



for the police chief position should start in July. The Fire department is starting the process to acquire a Type 3 engine. The audit report for Financials should be received in September.

Sarah Dallas shared that most of the licenses have been completed for the Short-term Rental program. Currently, the City is not accepting licenses for Class 2, which count against the cap, until the non-compliance rentals are addressed. The next step will require code enforcement to be involved which is being coordinated with the Police department. There is a Class 2 license waiting list. For every seven new homes built, one new short-term rental license will be added. Lodging Revs send weekly reports on non-compliance rentals.

Sarah Dallas will be starting her new position on August 1st and is working with the City Hall team on that transition. Mayor Labbe added that the City will be entering into a contract with Sarah Dallas to help with the transition until someone new is hired. City Council will discuss this transition and the City's needs for staffing at the July 13th meeting.

CM Lauritzen had a couple questions about the Fire department's expenditures on June 8th at Big Horn Hardware for an at-risk community member. Mayor Labbe will follow-up on her questions. The City does own land in Pan Ark and we did pay the dues.

Judge Chris Floyd gave an overview of the Leadville Municipal Court over the last year.

Approval to Pay the Bills. CM Gowing moved to pay the bills. CM Forgens seconded. Passed unanimously. (7:03 p.m.)

Council recess: To address power issues for CM Forgens and problems hearing individuals on Zoom between 7:22 p.m. and 7:32 p.m. Jamie Seiffer, our audio tech, left at 7:36 p.m.

Leadville Enabling Housing Variety: Presented by Kristi Galarza and Mary Coddington from the Policy Advisory Task Force update from Presentation to Planning Commission on 5/26/2022. Discussion regarding housing policy work, strategies and the scheduled joint work session scheduled on June 30th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. (7:32 p.m. – 8:11 p.m.)

Ballot measure discussions for the November election including potential for a short-term excise tax ballot question: Christiana McCormick explained to Council some of the different taxes, i.e. excise taxes vs. income taxes, and the City's options to add an item to November ballot. Council discussed the idea of an excise tax and if this is the right time to proceed. This discussion will continue with the June 30th meeting. (8:12 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.)

The Board of Adjustments Public Hearing convened at 8:45 p.m. In regards to any ex parte communication before this meeting: Mayor Labbe was at the FREIGHT to look at a sign on the north side of the property and CM Gowing was also present. There wasn't any discussion about the sign illumination.

Ken Olsen had questions in regards to the type of lighting being used. Nan Anderson answered his questions. He was in favor of this application. There was no one in opposition to this application. CM Hill motioned to close the public input part of the public meeting. CM Gowing seconded. Passed unanimously.



Variance request for FRIEGHT, LLC for Signage at 910 Hemlock: CM Hill moved to approve the variance request for FREIGHT LLC by Nan Anderson for property 320 East 9th Street known as FREIGHT to be relieved of Leadville Municipal Code Signage Section 17.80.090 to allow internally lit signage and expand the maximum signage size from 25 sq feet to 42 at the corner of East 9th and the entrance to the FREIGHT Events Center. All representations made by the applicant and relied upon by the Board of Adjustments Council in evaluating the Variance Application shall be deemed a part of the application and binding upon the applicant. MPT Greene seconded. Passed unanimously. (8:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Temporary Use Permit for 71st Boom Days Pack Burro Race: Presented by Mark Heyde. MPT Greene moved to approved the Temporary Use Permit for Leadville Boom Day's Pack Burro Race on Sunday, August 8th, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. with barring any objection from Lake County Public Health Department, permission to increase the number of participants and add spectators if desired. Furthermore, the Leadville Police Department will be notified of the event so that they are aware of any potential parking issues. CM Gowing seconded. Passed unanimously. (9:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.)

Public meetings planner: The LURA should be scheduled on the calendar by the next meeting. The extra Council meetings that were added, were not on the packet printouts but are on the schedule. MPT Greene will supply carpet stickers to be placed 6 feet apart in Council Chambers to fit 9 clusters.

Mayor's report: Tabor Opera House has concerns with the engineering of the rigging so they have closed down the stage. They need \$25,000 for the study for the stage rigging. If the rigging needs to be fixed and the Tabor Opera House is shutdown, we may not need a executive director at this time. Lifetime Fitness loves the idea to work with the City to make their space available for City parking when not used by them. Mayor Labbe also spoke to Community Banks about purchasing their lots for parking.

Council reports: CM Hill reported concerns from citizens about the intoxicated individuals at Ice Palace Park at all times during the day and night. Mayor Labbe shared that he has been discussing the problems at all the City's parks with vandalism and people sleeping in the bathrooms with the Police Department.

There were no additional public comments about items not on the agenda.

Adjournment: 9:24 p.m.

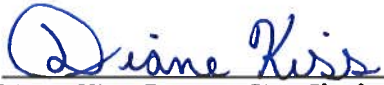


APPROVED this 17th day of July, 2021 by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By



Diane Kiss, Deputy City Clerk