

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Owens called the meeting of February 27, 2024, to order at 7:00pm. The following members answered roll call: Carol Saade, Jeffrey Bergeron, Dick Carleton, Jay Beckerman, and Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Owens. Todd Rankin was absent.

II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES – February 13, 2024

With no changes or corrections to the meeting minutes of February 13, Mayor Pro Tem Owens declared they would stand approved as presented.

III) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager Shannon Haynes stated there were no changes to the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Owens declared the agenda approved as presented.

IV) COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

A) PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY; 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PLEASE)

Mayor Pro Tem Owens opened Public Comment.

With no public comment Mayor Pro Tem Owens closed public comment.

B) Breckenridge Ski Resort Update

Jon Copeland, COO of Breckenridge Ski Resort, stated they had to be creative leading up to Christmas due to low snow early in the season, including opening Peak 6 and some other creative solutions. He stated early season feedback about grooming wasn't good due to low snow and they are happy to be back to normal with snow now. Copeland stated the resort recorded the largest controlled avalanche ever on Peak 7 this winter, and the terrain park has a new location, which was fully opened on February 10th. He also stated we are closer to the 10-year average for natural snowfall now. He stated the resort is working on a new workforce management plan, and using a digital system to streamline the staffing process. He stated the resort is spending a lot of time investing in staff with the goal to increase return rates every year, and also working on flow and traffic management in Peak 8, pushing carpooling and Snowstang as alternative transportation, and shifting more guests to Chair 5. Copeland stated the resort will start working with the USFS on the evolution of Peak 9, including new gondola, a new ski school and upgraded lifts. Copeland also stated the First Tracks program was successful in January, and the resort will continue to partner with the Town on bus routes. He stated that they have reached 100% renewable energy for second year in a row, ahead of waste goals, and the plastic ban at Pioneer Crossing is going well. He stated all summer F&B will be plastic free, the Junior Freeride Championships will take place in April, and the resort plans to operate through May 28th as conditions allow. Also, summer daily operations will take place June 14th to Labor Day, with all slides and the coaster operating.

Council commended him for the sustainability efforts and staff community engagement.

C) Breckenridge Tourism Office Update

Lucy Kay, Director of the BTO, thanked the ski resort for their help during the Snow Sculpture Championships. She stated President's Weekend was flat and March is down 6% now but we expect it to fill in with a late Easter. Kay stated we are looking at a season flat to last year, and summer is looking up. She stated BTO staff are looking deeper into the resident sentiment survey, and second homeowner sentiment went down significantly, but they are happy overall. She stated the survey is overall favorable to tourism, and comments express different views about controls about STRs, for and against, across all groups. She stated more second-homeowners responded this year, which means they may be more engaged, and they felt less welcome with a 68% Net Promoter Score. Kay stated the BTO will take on this focus moving forward and will work on engaging this group. Kay stated summer 2024 marketing is out now, the Summer Preview will be in April, and we have already begun our 2025 strategic planning. She stated there is a strong forecast for tourism looking forward, and sustainable tourism is growing.

Council asked if I-70 construction was making a difference for visitation and Kay stated it's hard to notice or quantify. Mayor Pro Tem Owens stated she has seen the ads on the buses and she enjoyed that.

VI) CONTINUED BUSINESS

A) SECOND READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2024

1) COUNCIL BILL NO. 2, SERIES 2024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE SETTING FORTH THE ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Owens read the title into the minutes. Tracey Lambert, Senior Accountant, stated this ordinance sets the final appropriations required for the 2023 budget year. She stated there were no changes from first reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Owens opened the public hearing.
There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Bergeron moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 2, SERIES 2024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE SETTING FORTH THE ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023. Council Member Beckerman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

2) COUNCIL BILL NO. 3, SERIES 2024 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR CERTIFYING LIENS TO THE COUNTY FOR UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE FINES IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE HOUSING CODE

Mayor Pro Tem Owens read the title into the minutes. Town Attorney Kirsten Crawford stated this ordinance creates a process for certifying liens to the County for the purpose of violations of the Housing Code. She stated there were no changes from first reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Owens opened the public hearing.
There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Bergeron moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 3, SERIES 2024 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR CERTIFYING LIENS TO THE COUNTY FOR UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE FINES IMPOSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE HOUSING CODE. Council Member Carleton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

3) COUNCIL BILL NO. 4, SERIES 2024 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROVISION OF THE HOUSING REGULATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Owens read the title into the minutes. Town Attorney Kirsten Crawford stated this ordinance amends the Housing Regulations to allow for the previously proposed appeals process. She stated there were no changes from first reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Owens opened the public hearing.
There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Bergeron moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 4, SERIES 2024 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROVISION OF THE HOUSING REGULATIONS. Council Member Beckerman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

VII) NEW BUSINESS

A) FIRST READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2024

1) COUNCIL BILL NO. 5, SERIES 2024 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH FIRST BANK PERTAINING TO

STABLES VILLAGE HOMES LLC FINANCING FOR THE STABLES VILLAGE PROJECT

Mayor Pro Tem Owens read the title into the minutes. Laurie Best, Housing and Childcare Manager, stated this ordinance will approve a subordination agreement with First Bank and the developer for the purpose of financing the Stables Village Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Owens opened the public hearing.
There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Bergeron moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 5, SERIES 2024 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH FIRST BANK PERTAINING TO STABLES VILLAGE HOMES LLC FINANCING FOR THE STABLES VILLAGE PROJECT. Council Member Carleton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

2) **COUNCIL BILL NO. 6, SERIES 2024 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE PERTAINING TO WATER SERVICE CHARGES**

Mayor Pro Tem Owens read the title into the minutes. Public Works Director James Phelps stated this ordinance codifies water service charges as discussed by Council in previous meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Owens opened the public hearing.
There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Bergeron moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 6, SERIES 2024 - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE PERTAINING TO WATER SERVICE CHARGES. Council Member Beckerman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

B) **RESOLUTIONS, SERIES 2024**

1) **RESOLUTION NO. 8, SERIES 2024 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DONATION TO THE FAMILY AND INTERCULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER COMMUNITY FOOD MARKETS**

Mayor Pro Tem Owens read the title into the minutes. Town Manager Shannon Haynes stated this resolution is a formal acknowledgement of a verbal agreement by Council at the last meeting to donate \$50,000 to FIRC. She further stated all towns and the County have been asked to contribute this amount.

Council Member Bergeron moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 8, SERIES 2024 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DONATION TO THE FAMILY AND INTERCULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER COMMUNITY FOOD MARKETS. Council Member Carleton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

C) **OTHER**

1) **ACTION TO APPROVE WATER ATTORNEY RATES**

Town Attorney Kirsten Crawford stated this action should be done through a simple motion.

Council Member Bergeron moved to approve the increase in rates for the Town's Water Attorney. Council Member Beckerman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0.

VIII) PLANNING MATTERS

A) **PLANNING COMMISSION DECISIONS**

Mayor Pro Tem Owens declared the Planning Commission Decisions would stand approved as presented.

IX) REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF

Town Manager Shannon Haynes stated the Gold Rush Games are planned to take place on June 14, and the event organizer is proposing a one-day closure of Ridge Street from Washington to Lincoln. She further stated this event will go through the SEPA planning process. She also stated the organizational meeting for Council will be held right before the April 23rd meeting, in the afternoon, and Tamara Park from Breck Create sent an update that we have sent to Council including information about plastic sleds and the effort to reuse them.

X) REPORT OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. CAST/MMC
No update.

B. BRECKENRIDGE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Member Beckerman stated he attended this meeting and the Dry Gulch connection was halted due to elk on camera, and we had a State trails grant denied. He also stated there will be a joint meeting with Town Council on April 9th, and winter and summer visitation to trails is leveling out. He stated the commission reviewed the 2024 projects list and accessible trail improvements, including ADA accessibility for the Troll Trail and Cucumber Gulch ADA improvements. Council Member Beckerman stated a signage package RFP is coming out soon, and meetings will now be the 3rd Monday of each month beginning in May.

C. BRECKENRIDGE TOURISM OFFICE
No update.

D. BRECKENRIDGE HISTORY
No update.

E. BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS
No update.

F. CML ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE
No update.

G. CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
No update.

H. SOCIAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
No update.

I. ARTS AND CULTURAL MASTER PLANNING
No update.

XI) OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Owens stated there will be a Candidate Forum at Town Hall on March 6th.

XII) SCHEDULED MEETINGS

A) SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL

XIII) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm. Submitted by Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk.

ATTEST:

Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk

Kelly Owens, Mayor Pro Tem