

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, October 11, 2005

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 11th day of October, 2005. Meeting called to order by Mayor John Baudek.

Present: John Baudek, Mayor
 Susan L. Doylen, Mayor ProTem
 Trustees Richard Homeier
 Chuck Levine
 Wayne Newsom
 Bill Pinkham

Also Present: Randy Repola, Town Administrator
 Jackie Williamson, Town Clerk
 Gregory A. White, Town Attorney

Absent: Trustee Lori Jeffrey-Clark

Mayor Baudek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and all desiring to do so, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Baudek presented a Proclamation to Anne Slack, PT/Mountain Physical Therapy, PC, acknowledging the month of October as *Physical Therapy Month in Estes Park*.

Chief Richardson reported the Estes Park Police Department was the 2005 recipient of the Community Policing Excellence Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police for issues dealing with the Riverwalk Plaza in 2001 – 2002.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name and address)

Dave Habecker, 221 Big Horn Dr., stated he is pursuing his lawsuit against the Town for their action regarding his recall from the Board earlier this year. He reiterated his right to sit down during the pledge and takes offense that the Board continues to recite the pledge during the Town Board meetings.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Levine reminded the citizens that nominations are being accepted for the Estes Park Pride Awards (Volunteer, Teacher, Student and Business person of the year) until December 31st. Nomination forms are available in Administration.

Trustee Homeier invited all to attend the Budget Study Sessions Friday mornings in October from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Town Board Room. He expressed concern that personnel expenses are increasing faster than sales tax. He suggested a 6 month freeze on salaries due to the current economic climate. He recommended establishing guidelines for salaries.

Trustee Pinkham stated the second economic development meeting will be held October 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum.

Mayor Baudek reminded all the State wide election would take place November 1st. Absentee ballots are being accepted at the Larimer County office on Brodie Ave. and will be accepted in Room 202 starting Monday, October 17th. Early voting begins in Room 202 on October 17th with the last day to early vote October 28th. Last day to apply for an absentee ballot is October 21st.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA (Approval of):**

1. Town Board Minutes dated September 27, 2005.
2. Bills.
3. Committee Minutes:
 - A. **Community Development, October 6, 2005:**
 - Special Events:
 1. Stanley Park Renovation, Phase IA & IB - \$978,000 – Budgeted.
 2. Street Closure: Park Lane and MacGregor Avenue from Elkhorn Avenue to Park Lane, July 4, 2006 for Coolest Car Show.
 3. Street Closure: Elkhorn Avenue from Spruce Drive to East Riverside Drive, October 31, 2005 for Downtown Halloween Program.
 - Senior Center:
 1. Museum Security System, Digitron, \$17,143 funded by the Friends of the Museum.
4. Estes Park Housing Authority, September 9, 2005 (acknowledgement only).
5. LETA Board Reappointment - Chief Steve Charles for 2-yr term.

It was **moved and seconded** (Doylen/Levine) **the Consent Agenda be approved**, and it passed unanimously.

2. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **CVB MARKETING BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS.** CVB Dir. Pickering recommended the following civic leaders be re-appointed to serve a 15-month term beginning October 2005 through December 2006:

Cory Blackman	Dorla Eisenlauer
Paul Holgorsen	Jerry Indermuehle
Lee Lasson	Marny Richter
Sue Doylen, Chair	

The 2006 CVB Board will continue to provide guidance and oversight of the CVB through their knowledge and expertise.

John Tucker requested the appointments be delayed to allow him the opportunity to become a member. Director Pickering stated members could be added to the Board at a later date and there was no need to delay the current reappointments. It was **moved and seconded** (Newsom/Pinkham) **all seven members listed above be re-appointed to the CVB Policy Advisory Committee, for a fifteen month term, expiring December 31, 2006**, and it passed unanimously.

2. **ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK – UPDATE.**

Superintendent Baker presented updates on the following topics:

- Recent meeting on air quality and elk management within the park.
- In 2007, the Trailridge store will be run by the Xanterra Corp. which runs several other stores within the National Park system.
- A bill passed by the Senate authorizes the Park to relocate the Twin Owl trailhead to the east of McGregor Ranch. After the land swap takes place, construction would begin fall of 2006.

- Representative Udall introduced a bill for the Parks Wilderness designation to the House of Representatives. Senator Salazar is considering a bill.
- Trail Ridge roadwork scheduled for 2006 could be delayed due to a lack of funding. Bear Lake Phase II might be another 4 to 5 years out. If it becomes necessary to perform emergency repairs on Trail Ridge, FEMA funds could be used to repair the roadway.
- Fuel reduction program will continue next year on Deer Mountain and Glacier Basin near the YMCA with pile burning this winter. A prescribe burn was scheduled near the entrance station this fall; however, the weather conditions were not favorable.
- Budget for 2006 will be similar to the previous year with some adjustments due the recent natural disasters.
- An open house was held on September 8th to discuss the location of a new fire station on the west end of town. 2 locations on Mills Road have been chosen, one on the north side and one on the south side of the road, near Park maintenance building. Environmental assessments will be performed for both locations and be available for public review later this year. The fire station will house the Park's wildland equipment and one bay for a structural fire engine.
- A bark beetle management plan has been established for the Park. The beetles are a natural process and the Park intends to allow the process to take place in the backcountry. However, high value trees that become infected will be treated with an insecticide. Thinning of stands has shown to increase the health of the trees allowing them to defend against the beetle more effectively.

3. **ESTES PARK MEDICAL CENTER – BALLOT ISSUE 5E.**

Medical Center Dir. Faus stated the Park Hospital District is asking the voters to allow the Medical Center to assume up to \$23 million in debt with no change to the mill levy to redesign, expand and renovate the current facility. The upgrades would bring the facility in compliance with the Federal and State laws governing disability, privacy and confidentiality (Americans with Disability Act/HIPPA); correct areas of the building that no longer meet industry standards and building codes; expand service areas; and address current shortage of space and prepare for anticipated growth.

The multi-phased renovation would be funded with 25-year bonds to be repaid with increased revenue. The bond would have a maximum 5.4% interest rate and a maximum annual payment of 1.75 million. They will be repaid from an increase in Medicare payments of nearly \$1.2 million as a result of moving the rehab care from the nursing home to the hospital after phase I and reimbursement of construction cost of \$973,000. Additional revenue would be received by increasing business in areas such as orthopedic surgery and care.

Additional areas to be expanded and improved include emergency, home care, dietary, administration, and the nursing home facilities. The plan is flexible to accommodate future needs of the community.

Expanding the emergency, home care, dietary, administration dept, prospect nursing home additional phases. We need to reinvest back into the building.

Town Attorney White read the Resolution supporting the Issue 5E. It was **moved and seconded** (Pinkham/Levine) **Resolution 21-05 be approved**, and it passed unanimously.

4. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT.**

Budget Study Session – The Board will meet the next 3 Fridays in October to discuss the 2006 budget with a presentation and adoption on November 8th Town Board meeting. These meeting are open to the public and the media.

5. **REQUEST TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

24-6-402(4)(E), C.R.S. – For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators and 24-6-402(4)(B), C.R.S. – Conference with Town Attorney White for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the Chamber of Commerce Lawsuit.

Motion: It was moved and seconded (Doysten/Pinkham) the Town Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) and for a conference with Town Attorney White to receive legal advice on the item listed above under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(B) and it passed unanimously.

Whereupon Mayor Baudek adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

Mayor Baudek reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:40 p.m. and as there were no further agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

John Baudek, Mayor

Jackie Williamson, Town Clerk