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MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD

**Town Board Room
807 Mountain Avenue
Town of Berthoud, Colorado
Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

3/12/2024 - Minutes

1. Meeting Called To Order - Mayor William Karspeck

Mayor Karspeck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Mayor William Karspeck

Mayor Karspeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call - Mayor William Karspeck

The following Board members were present:

Karl Ayers, Trustee
Chris Kurtz, Trustee
Tim Hardy, Trustee
Sean Murphy, Trustee
Mike Grace, Mayor Pro-Tern
Will Karspeck, Mayor

The following Board members were absent:

May Albrecht, Trustee

The following staff members were present:

Chris Kirk, Town Administrator
Christian Samora, Town Clerk
Anne Johnson, Community Development Director
Paul Furnace, Town Forester

4. Citizen Participation

Leslie Tassi spoke regarding code violations on 4th street and downtown,
Len and Amber Guldenpfennig spoke regarding the scheduled executive session.

5. Scheduled Items And Estimated Time For Discussion

5.I. Consent Agenda

Items:

- a) March 12, 2024 Meeting Agenda
- b) February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- c) December 2023 Financial Information
- d) Arboretum Design Contract

Trustee Kurtz moved to combine and approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Trustee Hardy seconded the motion. In a 6-0 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED.

5.II. Arbor Day Proclamation

Town Forester, Paul Furnace, gave an introduction and provided an informational presentation.

Mayor Karspeck expressed appreciation to the Tree Committee and staff. Karspeck read the Arbor Day proclamation aloud, proclaiming April 27, 2024 as Arbor Day in the Town of Berthoud.

5.III. General Code Amendments Regarding Sign Code - Ord 1334 - Public Hearing

Community Development Director, Anne Johnson, gave an introduction on the general code amendments regarding the sign code. Johnson provided an overview of revisions made since the last meeting.

Mayor Karspeck opened the Public Hearing.

There was not any public comment.

Mayor Karspeck closed the Public Hearing.

Trustee Hardy moved to approve Ordinance 1334, an ordinance of the Town of Berthoud, Colorado amending certain sections of the Sign Code. Specifically, Sections 1, 3 and 7 are proposed for amendment with revisions to Table 7.9, revising the allowable temporary signage to be no more than 15 days each quarter, remove the prohibition of plastic signs, and to include the technical revisions as provided. Mayor Pro-Tem Grace seconded the motion. In a 6-0 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED.

5.IV. General Code Amendments Regarding Innovation District/1st Street Corridor- Ord 1335- Public Hearing

Community Development Director, Anne Johnson, gave an introduction on the general code amendments regarding the Innovation District and 1st Street Corridor.

Mayor Karspeck opened the Public Hearing.

There was not any public comment.

Mayor Karspeck closed the Public Hearing.

Trustee Murphy moved to approve Ordinance 1335, an ordinance of the Town of Berthoud, Colorado adding Section 3 to the Berthoud Municipal Code Chapter 30, to support the 2023 adoption of the Innovation District/1st Street Corridor Guidelines. Trustee Hardy seconded the motion. In a 6-0 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED.

5.V. Oil And Gas Regulations - Introduction

Oil and Gas outside counsel, Mike Foote, gave a presentation regarding proposed oil and gas regulations.

Mayor Karspeck opened public comment on the agenda item.

Chris Nelson, Alejandra Major, Grant Gilleg, and David Austin spoke regarding the proposed oil and gas regulations.

The Board of Trustees provided additional feedback. Foote will revise the proposed regulations and bring them back for consideration at a future Board of Trustees meeting.

6. Elected Official Reports

Karl Ayers:

Ayers stated that the PORT Committee inquired as to whether pools could replace two of the ball fields in phase one of the Richardson Park Project. Kirk explained that it would require a significant redesign of the site and would very likely be additional expense to change the design.

Ayers stated that he has been in contact with a coalition against larger trucks. Ayers asked if the Board would be willing to have an agenda item regarding proposed state legislation that would allow trucks to be heavier, which may cause an increase in fatalities on highways and cause additional infrastructure damage.

The Board was supportive of allowing a presentation.

Ayers thanked Administrator Kirk regarding the round about update.

Trustee Hardy:

Hardy thanked Anne Johnson and Chris Kirk for allowing him to participate in providing feedback regarding the sign code. Hardy asked for an update regarding stop signs on Nebraska Ave. Kirk indicated that there is a data collection device on the street to collect speed data before changes are made. Hardy stated that he watched the candidates forum. He indicated that a citizen asked each of the candidates to sign a pledge of mutual respect. Hardy referenced the Code of Conduct.

Trustee Murphy:

Murphy thanked staff for the email update. Murphy asked for an update regarding the cemetery status sometime soon. As well as updating the water graphics on the website. Murphy indicated that he sent an email regarding the energy cohort.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grace:

Grace reported that the Youth Advisory Commission will be interviewing new applicants. Work has continued toward the scholarship program and having a liaison on PORT. Grace asked for any updates regarding the railroad and CDOT. Kirk stated that the railroad crossing at Mountain Avenue should be addressed this spring or summer. Kirk indicated that the Spartan crossing still needs to go through the PUC process. Grace asked for an update regarding the crossing on Berthoud Parkway near the Vantage neighborhood. Kirk indicated that the project will be starting this year as well.

Mayor Karspeck:

Karspeck reported that he played pickleball and the other players were very appreciative of the new courts. Karspeck attended the MPO meeting, which discussed transit-oriented communities. Karspeck referenced a post about Pioneer Park. Kirk indicated that the park is not yet complete and there are discussions with the HOA regarding what entity will provide maintenance.

Administrator Kirk:

Kirk reported that the Senator Hickenlooper's office contacted the Town and indicated that the Town will likely receive a grant for micro transit.

7. Executive Session

Mayor Pro-Tem Grace moved to enter into Executive Session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing a strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e)(I). The following is provided for informational purposes: 1st Street Sewer Easements

And to conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). The following is provided for informational purposes: Potential Litigation

Trustee Ayers seconded the motion. In a 6-0 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED.

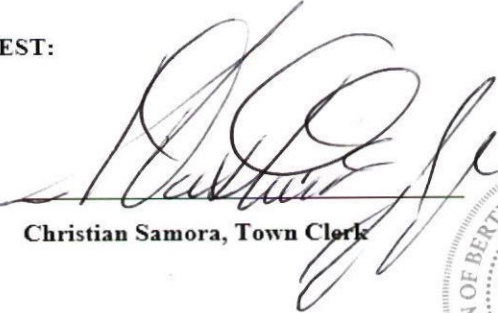
No action was taken following Executive Session.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM

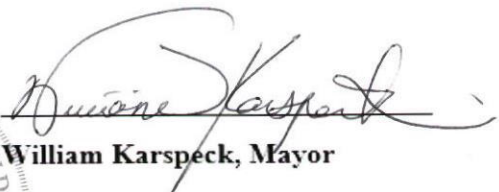
ATTEST:

By:


Christian Samora, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BERTHOUD

By:


William Karspeck, Mayor

