

1.1 APPROVAL OF DEMANDS – CHECK ISSUE DATE 01/04/17 THROUGH 01/13/17 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$373,071.97; CHECK ISSUE DATE 01/14/17 THROUGH 02/02/17 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$589,892.30; AND TREASURER’S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016

Approved.

1.2 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 9, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Approved.

1.3 MOJAVE DESERT MOUNTAIN INTEGRATED WASTE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Council consideration of adopting a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Councilmember Randall Putz as the City’s Delegate and Councilmember Bob Jackowski as Alternate to the Mojave Desert Mountain Integrated Waste Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Approved the following Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RE-APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER RANDALL PUTZ AS THE CITY’S DELEGATE TO THE MOJAVE DESERT MOUNTAIN INTEGRATED WASTE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COUNCILMEMBER BOB JACKOWSKI AS ALTERNATE

1.4 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK-FORCE REPRESENTATIVE

Council consideration of upholding the Mayor’s appointment of Councilmember Caretto as delegate and Mayor Jahn as the Alternate on the County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Advisory Task-Force.

Approved.

1.5 ADOPTION OF THE RATHBUN CORRIDOR PLAN

Council consideration of finding the Rathbun Corridor Sustainability Plan exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopting a Resolution approving the Rathubn Corridor Sustainability Plan as complete.

Approved the following Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE RATHBUN CORRIDOR SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.

1.6 PURCHASE OF SAND CANYON PROPERTY

Council consideration of reaffirming their December 8, 2016 and January 9, 2017 decisions to move forward with the purchase of the .64 acres at the southeast end of Sand Canyon Road identified as APN 310-301-21 and APN 310-301-18; and directing the City Manager, and/or his designee, to execute appropriate purchase and sale agreements and any other related documents necessary to complete the purchase.

Approved.

1.7 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR DESIGN SERVICES – ATP PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MOBILITY PROJECT

Council consideration of authorizing staff to advertise, receive and evaluate bids for design services for the ATP Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Project; and adopting a Resolution giving the City Manager, and/or his designee, authority to enter into agreements and sign project specific engineering documents relating to Federal and State Local Assistance Federal Grant Procedures.

Approved and adopted the following Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL MASTER AGREEMENTS, PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS, RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS, FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS, FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENTS AND/OR ANY AMENDMENT THERETO WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 2015 CYCLE 2 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MOBILITY PROJECT ON BIG BEAR BLVD

1.8 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR DESIGN SERVICES – STANFIELD CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

Council consideration of authorizing staff to advertise, receive and evaluate bids for design services of the TDA Article 3 Stanfield Connectivity Project.

Approved.

1.9 NOTICE OF COMPLETION KNICKERBOCKER AND PENNSYLVANIA PARKING LOTS

Council consideration of accepting the Knickerbocker and Pennsylvania Parking Lot Project as complete; directing the City Clerk's Office to file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's Office; releasing the remaining retention to All American Asphalt thirty-five (35) days after the recordation of the Notice of Completion, provided that no stop notices have been filed with the City; and authorizing the replacement of unused funds in the amount of \$149,612.28 into Measure Y.

Approved.

1.10 TRANSIENT PRIVATE HOME RENTAL STR HELPER SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Council consideration of authorizing the City Manager, and/or his designee, to execute the STR Helper Software License Agreement presented by Bear Cloud Software.

Approved.

Successor Agency

1.11 THE CROSSINGS AT BIG BEAR LAKE 2015 COMPLIANCE REPORT

Agency consideration of receiving and filing the 2015 Compliance Report for the Crossings at Big Bear Lake.

Approved.

The balance of the Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Caretto, Jackowski, Putz, Herrick, Jahn
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2.1 JANUARY 2017 SNOW STORM UPDATE AND AUTHORIZATION TO USE SNOW CONTINGENCY RESERVES AND PROCESS SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTOR CHANGE ORDERS

Council consideration, discussion and possible action regarding receiving a presentation from staff and authorizing the transfer in the amount of \$300,000 from Snow Contingency Reserves and the processing of snow removal contractor change orders to complete snow removal efforts through the end of the season.

Jeff Mathieu, City Manager, introduced the Item.

Mayor Jahn reviewed the meeting and presentation procedures.

David Lawrence, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, gave a presentation regarding the January 2017 Snow Storm Update and discussed issues related to the storm.

Councilmember Jackowski commended staff for their work during the storm, clarified roadway jurisdictions, inquired about the tractor trailers hauling containers up and down Big Bear Boulevard, and asked for clarification on the City's berm reduction policy.

Mayor Jahn asked Council to hold further questions until after guest speakers and public comment; he then invited Wade Reeser to speak.

Wade Reeser, Snow Summit, LLC, addressed Council regarding the number of tickets sold at the ski resorts in comparison to previous years, how he is working with other agencies to improve the parking and traffic situations, and discussed options for public transportation hubs.

Marc Stamer, US Forest Service, addressed Council regarding the function of US Forest Service staff and the efforts he has made to keep appropriate public lands accessible.

Chief Jeff Willis, Big Bear Fire Department, addressed Council regarding the emergency response methods used by the Fire Department, including response time, and how those components are affected during times of heavy traffic and snow conditions.

Captain Brad Toms, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, thanked Council for their time, and discussed efforts made by different agencies to add additional deputies to the Big Bear Station during peak times and to ensure all needs are met, including tow services for stuck vehicles; he also noted no major traffic incidents were reported during the recent snow storm events.

At the hour of 7:23 p.m., Mayor Jahn opened the floor to public comment.

Gloria Rose, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding the influx of visitors to her neighborhood, the berms from snow plowing, the accessibility for emergency vehicles and fire hydrants, and thanked Phil Mosley, Councilmember Caretto and Assemblyman Jay Obernolte for their efforts in addressing these issues.

Margaret Padelford, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding the issues she faced during the winter storm, including her concerns with vacation rental properties.

Jennifer Jones, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding safety concerns with overcrowding on mountain roads, and asked what the true functional capacity of the community is.

Peter Parry, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding berm busting, and inquired about how City funds are used during busy weekends when more resources are needed.

Jodi Lewis, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding parking options for future consideration, including putting a hub at the base of mountain to bus visitors in.

Steve Wilson, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding snow removal, ski resort crowding, and questioned the capabilities of City crew and equipment to adequately remove snow to accommodate the expected number of visitors.

Andy Acosta, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council accusing the City of being ill-prepared for the storm, and stated the streets are still not wide enough.

Vicky Roney, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council regarding the ongoing traffic issues and stated snow is not the issue, but rather congestion is the problem.

Randy Bugna, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council as a former Laguna Beach resident with experience in crowds, and stated that if traffic and parking issues are not resolved now, it will only get more difficult to do so in the future.

Norm Reinik, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council as a 47-year resident of Big Bear Lake to commend staff for doing a good job, considering the large amount of snowfall, and suggested having better up-to-date news alerts for keeping residents informed.

Christy Romero-Payne, Big Bear City: Addressed Council regarding her concern with residents not being seen or heard by City officials, and feels she is losing the community to tourists.

Ray Payne, Big Bear City: Addressed Council to inquire if the City receives revenue from Mammoth Resorts, and if so, how that revenue is spent.

Payton Cawley, Sugarloaf: Thanked Council for listening to everyone's concerns and commented on how Big Bear is a tourist town and everyone is just trying to make the community better for all.

At the hour of 8:02 p.m., seeing no further public comment, Mayor Jahn returned the discussion to Council.

Councilmember Putz thanked everyone for attending and for their constructive criticism and suggestions, discussed what the threshold for Big Bear is on how welcoming we want to be to visitors, and how to ensure resources are used properly.

Councilmember Caretto echoed Councilmember Putz's thanks to the public and pointed out that staff and Council have been receiving a multitude of correspondence regarding snow conditions; he discussed the berm reduction and snow plow policy, issues with TPHR and other visitor parking, signage for parking restrictions, berm busting around mail boxes, and addressed certain street and highways closures.

City Manager and staff responded.

Councilmember Caretto further discussed ticket sales at the ski resorts and inquired about patron parking.

At the hour of 8:32 p.m., Mayor Jahn left the meeting.

At the hour of 8:33 p.m., Mayor Jahn returned to the meeting.

Wade Reeser responded.

Councilmember Caretto inquired about snow play on Snow Forest and what responsibility the US Forest Service has to provide parking and entry.

Marc Stamer responded.

Councilmember Jackowski thanked the public for their input and assured them that the City will do its best to address each point discussed and develop solutions to address each issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick shared the same sentiment of the fellow Councilmembers, and despite all the issues and frustrations, he hopes the storms will keep coming so that the City may learn from it and grow the community for the better.

Mayor Jahn echoed Councils' thanks to the public and assured everyone that the City will strive to continue addressing all issues, and invited everyone to attend the follow-up City Council Meeting on April 24.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Herrick, seconded by Councilmember Jackowski, to approve staff's recommendation and authorize the transfer in the amount of \$300,000 from Snow Contingency Reserves and the processing of snow removal contractor change orders to complete snow removal efforts through the end of the season.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Herrick, Caretto, Putz, Jackowski, Jahn
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

At the hour of 8:48 p.m., Mayor Jahn called a short recess of the meeting.

At the hour of 8:51 p.m., Mayor Jahn reconvened the meeting.

CITY COUNCIL GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & CITY BUSINESS

Board/Committee Reports

- Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) Board Meetings January 18, January 25, January 26 and February 2, represented by Mayor Pro Tem Herrick and Councilmember Caretto

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this session, Mayor Jahn adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.



Kathleen Smith, COO/Acting City Clerk