
**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
APRIL 24, 2017**

A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Jahn at 6:52 p.m., Monday, April 24, 2017, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Bill Jahn
Mayor Pro Tem Rick Herrick
Councilmember David Caretto
Councilmember Bob Jackowski
Councilmember Randall Putz

Councilmembers Absent: None

Planning Commissioners Present: Chairman Craig Smith
Commissioner Tim Breunig
Commissioner Ronald Tholen
Commissioner Paul Senft

Planning Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairperson Anne Bush

Others Present: Jeff Mathieu, City Manager
Steve Deitsch, City Attorney
Kathleen Smith, COO/Acting City Clerk
Jim Miller, Community Development Director
Sarah Siep, Senior Administrative Analyst

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. WINTER OPERATIONS RECAP

Council and Planning Commission consideration, discussion and possible action regarding receiving a presentation regarding a review of 2016-2017 Winter Operations and directing staff regarding possible solutions to resolve the issues enumerated.

Jeff Mathieu, City Manager, introduced a presentation regarding a review of 2016-2017 Winter Operations.

David Lawrence, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, gave a presentation regarding a recap of the 2016-2017 Winter Operations.

Jim Miller, Community Development Director, continued the presentation regarding a review of the 2016-2017 Resort Winter Operations including land use, public transportation and parking options for the future.

Mayor Jahn invited Rusty Gregory, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, LLC, to address Council, Commission and audience members.

Councilmember Jackowski inquired about ski resort hours, how the resort plans to address future parking concerns, what law enforcement expenses were incurred during the recent season; and commented on the need for better signage as well as the need to enhance visitor and resident experiences.

Rusty Gregory and Wade Reeser, Snow Summit, LLC, responded.

Councilmember Putz inquired about resort capacity, specifically what the outlook is for future capacity.

Rusty Gregory responded.

Mayor Jahn asked if the resort representatives agree with City staff's conclusions about resort parking and accommodations.

Rusty Gregory responded.

Chairman Smith echoed previous comments regarding traffic concerns and expressed how important mass transit is; he also asked what is being done to alleviate the commute down the mountain, and commended law enforcement's assistant with traffic control.

Rusty Gregory responded.

Councilmember Caretto asked about options for purchasing prepaid parking passes online, or to view the parking status online; he also asked about the overlay/repair to Sandalwood Drive and emphasized that the repairs should not be used for parking; he then circled back to the previous City Council Meeting earlier this year in which snowplay concerns were addressed.

Rusty Gregory and City Manager responded.

Commissioner Senft inquired about the resort's efforts in disseminating information that reinforces the consequences of illegal parking in the community, and if there are options to offer incentives for people to ski half days.

Rusty Gregory responded.

Commissioner Tholen echoed Chairman Smith's and Commissioner Senft's comments, and asked for statistics from a third-party on how many visitors come to the mountain specifically for the resorts, and inquired about how chain control affects traffic delays.

At the hour of 8:13 p.m., Mayor Jahn opened the floor to public comment.

Peter Parry, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council and Commission regarding his concerns with berm reduction and snow removal, traffic issues caused by lack of preparation, and asked what the plans are for next winter.

Rochelle Bradford, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council and Commission regarding the road conditions and berm issues on Ironwood Drive.

Shannon Kuder, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council and Commission regarding the disrepair of the cul-de-sac at the end of Ironwood Drive, and thanked Public Works staff for their snow removal efforts.

Wade Reeser, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council and Commission to further discuss staff recommendations.

Dave Likins, Mammoth Resorts Ski Area, LLC: Addressed specific concerns and issues to be taken care of including mass transit, community wide concerns, and the loss of City Engineer David Lawrence, and commended Planning staff for their staff report, but would like some of the recommendations to be updated.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick suggested a cost-carry forward option in the budget to address berm reduction issues.

Shelly Nuzzo, Big Bear Lake: Addressed Council and Commission regarding traffic and subpar road work, specifically in regards to Southwest Gas, and asked about the ski resort's evacuation route.

At the hour of 8:40 p.m., seeing no further public comment, Mayor Jahn returned the discussion to Council and Commission.

Jim Miller discussed the intent of the proposed traffic mitigation management plan.

Councilmember Caretto asked if staff's outlined recommendations are open for negotiations.

Jim Miller responded.

David Lawrence commented on potential issues with parking on Snow Summit and the need for the resort to contribute to all traffic plans.

City Manager expressed his support of staff's recommendations and emphasized the importance of coordinating with other agencies to develop these ideas.

Commissioner Breunig commented that issues with parking are not exclusive to the resort.

Councilmember Caretto commented on the need to address future issues with snow removal and berm reduction services.

City Manager responded.

At the hour of 8:51 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Herrick recused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Councilmember Putz commented on the importance to monitor data to evaluate the capacity of the mountain community as it continues to grow.

Motion by Councilmember Putz, seconded by Councilmember Caretto, to approve staff's recommendation regarding solutions to resolve the issues enumerated during the 2016-2017 Winter Operations and acknowledged that details of these are subject to negotiations and updates from staff.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

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

AYES: Senft, Breunig, Tholen, Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bush

At the hour of 8:55 p.m., Mayor Jahn called a short recess of the meeting.

At the hour of 9:02 p.m., Mayor Jahn reconvened the meeting, and Mayor Pro Tem Herrick returned to the meeting.

2. RATHBUN CORRIDOR SUSTAINABILITY PLAN – ELM STREET ROUND-ABOUT

Council and Planning Commission consideration, discussion and possible action regarding receiving a presentation and confirming that the round-about at Elm Street and realignment of Rathbun Drive at the Moonridge Road and Clubview Drive "Y" be the preferred alternative for the Moonridge Business District street improvements.

Jim Miller, Community Development Director, gave a presentation regarding the Rathbun Corridor Sustainability Plan, focusing on the Elm Street roundabout and the Rathbun/Moonridge and Clubview "Y" intersection.

Mayor Jahn asked how shuttles would exit the resort parking lot.

Staff responded.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick asked why the Moonridge/Clubview “Y” intersection is so far south, commented that he prefers the look of having two roundabouts, and inquired about the cost difference and possibility of adding a second roundabout at that location.

Staff responded.

Councilmember Caretto asked how a single lane traffic signal would affect the intersection, if a left hand turn could be made onto Rathbun from Moonridge, and how angled parking in the area would be affected.

Staff responded.

Councilmember Putz asked for clarification on how the proposed plan would affect traffic flow.

Staff responded.

Chairman Smith commented on the importance of traffic calming throughout the area when creating a Moonridge district, and that he prefers having two roundabouts.

Commissioner Breunig echoed previous comments that having two roundabouts seems like the best option.

Commissioner Senft commented on the importance of having the roundabouts to assist in the flow of traffic.

Commissioner Tholen commented that creation of a “T” as opposed to a “Y” would make the Club/Moonridge intersection more difficult.

Kathleen Smith, Chief Operations Officer, noted that installing a roundabout at Clubview/Moonridge would require obtaining right-of-way purchase, regardless of size.

Council, Commission, and Staff further discussed intersection options for Clubview/Moonridge.

Andrew Simmons, Associate Engineer, responded to Council and Commission comments regarding the second roundabout.

Motion by Councilmember Putz, seconded by Councilmember Jackowski, to make a second roundabout the preferred option, providing that positioning can be updated.

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

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

AYES: Breunig, Tholen, Senft, Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bush

3. URBAN GREENING GRANT – PHASE I RATHBUN CREEK TRAIL

Council and Planning Commission consideration, discussion and possible action regarding finding Phase 1B of the Rathbun Creek Trail and realignment of the Moonridge Road/Clubview Drive intersection to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1) of the State CEQA guidelines; adopting a Resolution authorizing staff to file an Urban Greening Grant Program Application of Phase 1B of the Rathbun Creek Trail and realignment of the Moonridge Road/Clubview Drive intersection; allocating \$100,000 from Circulation Development Impact Fees for the Moonridge Road Realignment Project; authorizing staff to seek proposals for Design Services for the Moonridge Road Realignment Project; and authorizing the City Manager, and/or his designee, to award a contract for Design Services to the most qualified responsive bidder for the Moonridge Road Realignment Project and execute contract documents.

At the hour of 9:22 p.m., Councilmember Caretto recused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Jim Miller, Community Development Director, gave a presentation regarding the Urban Greening Grant and expressed that the Council and Commission will need to specify two roundabouts for the Grant.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Herrick, seconded by Councilmember Putz, to find Phase 1B of the Rathbun Creek Trail to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), authorize staff to seek proposals for Design Services for the Moonridge Road Realignment Project, authorize the City Manager, and/or his designee, to award a contract for Design Services and execute contract documents, and approve the following Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT
FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS URBAN
GREENING PROGRAM

Said motion was approved by the following vote:

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

AYES: Tholen, Breunig, Senft, Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bush

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council and Commission at this session, Mayor Jahn adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.



Kathleen Smith, Acting City Clerk