

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Mamula called the meeting of March 15, 2020 to order at 5:05pm. The following members answered roll call: Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Gigliello, Ms. Owens, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Carleton, Ms. Wolfe (via computer) and Mayor Mamula.

II) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holman stated there were no changes to the agendas. Mayor Mamula declared the agenda approved as presented.

V) DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) COVID-19 UPDATE AND PLANNING

Mr. Holman gave an update about the Governor's press release regarding Summit County and other mountain communities. Council discussed testing and the testing capacity in Summit County. Ms. Haynes explained the mobile test model and the idea that there is now community spread happening here. Mr. Holman stated we are going to leave transit going for the moment because it is a critical mode of transportation. He further stated our facilities will be closed to the public but we will continue to staff phones and emails. Also, the Town may become a distribution point for supplies for the community, and we have moved into a local emergency operations center. Ms. Owens asked about our hospital being overwhelmed, and Ms. Haynes stated that by today they will have an isolation area in the hospital, and if we hit critical mass we would overwhelm the system. Mr. Bergeron asked about the messaging and if it is possible to put out something for local businesses who are concerned about the crisis. Mr. Holman stated we can commit to exploring options for local businesses and continue to look for small business opportunities for our community. Mayor Mamula asked about our plan to close businesses. Mr. Holman stated we need to talk about this as a group.

Mayor Mamula asked about letting businesses keep the sales tax they would normally remit if they close immediately. He noted there are a lot of people in town right now. Mr. Holman stated we know there is not enough food in the grocery store, and people have to eat. Ms. Gigliello stated she would recommend a 6pm or 7pm closure for all businesses. Mr. Carleton stated that kind of decision might come from the Governor soon anyway, and to make a move like that as a town is really difficult and some businesses won't survive. Mr. Gallagher stated he believes the message needs to be strong.

Ms. Wolfe stated she is concerned that people will be partying on Tuesday and through the week because they can't ski. She further stated she thinks it's time to take the lead with big decisions. Ms. Owens stated she is concerned about the amount of people staying here and being quarantined in our community and she would like to see countywide messaging. Ms. Gigliello stated a business curfew could help and we need to do something. Mr. Holman reiterated that we need to take extreme measures for extreme distancing. Mr. Gallagher stated our society isn't set up to do something like this. Mr. Bergeron stated Loveland Pass was busy today with people.

Mayor Mamula stated we can't do this in a bubble. Ms. Owens stated she thinks we can save lives if we shut down Breckenridge and we need to consider all options. Mr. Holman stated we will try to get Summit County on board and have a consistent message. Ms. Wolfe stated I am prepared to make this decision now.

Mr. Ken Nelson, a local restaurant owner, stated they are trying to offer takeout only at one of his restaurants, and the others are closing.

Mayor Mamula stated our message needs to be with the lodging community and asking people to head home. Mr. Holman stated we will reach out to the lodging group and the restaurant group, and we will be prepared to shut down the town.

Ms. Haynes then briefed the council on town staffing and facility closures.

Doc PJ, a local physician, stated every day we don't take action will cost lives. He further stated people need to go home and stay home.

VI) NEW BUSINESS

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X) OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters to discuss at this meeting.

XI) EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:49pm. Submitted by Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk.

ATTEST:

Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk

Eric S. Mamula, Mayor