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NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE SWORN IN AT 3:00PM OUTSIDE OF TOWN HALL

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Mamula called the meeting of April 21, 2020 to order at 4:00pm. The following members answered roll call: Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Gigliello, Ms. Owens, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Kuhn 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. Mayor Mamula added that the CEO of St. Anthony Summit Medical Center will be first on the agenda.

III) ST. ANTHONY SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER UPDATE (LEE BOYLES, CEO)

Mayor Mamula introduced Mr. Lee Boyles, CEO of St. Anthony Summit Medical Center. He described the situation statewide and also at St. Anthony's and stated we feel prepared for a surge, and have ample PPE and staff available. Mr. Boyles stated we have not yet seen a surge like that in Summit and we transfer out patients that have required ventilation. He stated we have always followed the state guidelines for testing, and once the guidelines were lifted, we were able to do additional testing. He also stated we have conserved the tests in case we have gotten overwhelmed, and now we have flipped to the idea of mass testing throughout the community. Mr. Boyles also noted that he can't tell how Vail Health has that many tests, and what the quality of those tests are. We have seen testing that hasn't had the sensitivity to test to the levels we want. He also stated we are fortunate as a county not to be overrun and we are in the situation now to try to flip the switch to tier 3 testing across the county and we are working on the process to implement this. He stated we are working with the County and will have a press release out soon to do testing out of CCOM in Frisco with one phone number to call.

Council asked how Vail Health tested so many people, and how those tests were administered and handled. Mr. Boyles explained that the care won't change based on the tests, and Centura has tested based on need. Mr. Gallagher stated we want to look forward, and stated we need to test more broadly and be able to use that data to open up the economy. Mr. Boyles stated we are now prepared to test anyone who is symptomatic going forward on a daily basis and will do that going forward as long as needed. Mr. Gallagher also asked about moving from Phase 1 to Phase 2 based on current testing. Mr. Boyles stated he believes what he has seen at the hospital, and he feels we are safe as a county and community at this point with our current actions. Mr. Boyles also stated they have tested 81 patients in the hospital, and 16 have transferred to Denver, while only 9 have been positive of those 16. He stated it is necessary to move those people to lower elevations to help with the breathing issues.

Mr. Carleton stated he has heard from many people that they haven't been able to be tested with moderate symptoms. Mr. Boyles clarified that starting a couple of weeks ago Stadium Medical started testing tier 3 level patients and we are now in a position to test much more broadly.

Mr. Gallagher stated he believes Centura isn't doing enough to help this community understand the problem. Mr. Boyles stated the next step would be to test the whole community, which he believes is a waste of resources, and the antibody test is coming in the future. Mr. Boyles stated Centura is willing to be a good partner and contact tracing would mean more testing than we have capacity for at this time.

Ms. Owens asked what will make a difference starting tomorrow with the expanded testing. My. Boyles stated it is a better, more efficient process and we are prepared for the expected volume.

IV) DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) COVID-19 UPDATES

Mayor Mamula stated it looks like Summit County plans to follow the state guidance at this point and they think the Governor is on the right path at this time. He also stated that as soon as the Governor says people can travel we are going to get a lot of day visitors, who are not the people in this community. He stated that if this was going to be a slow

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month in Breckenridge, he wouldn't be so concerned, but he thinks people are cooped up and they are going to come to our trails and to our closed ski area.

Mr. Bergeron stated he thinks we are going to get good information from other states as they open up. Mayor Mamula stated we can be more strict than the County guidance if needed and if we go back to more cases in July, we need to be prepared to take action. Mayor Mamula asked Council if they would agree to send a letter to Centura about their concerns and Council agreed to do that. He also stated that Vail Valley Health has offered to help Summit, which is unusual. Ms. Owens stated it's important to get Centura to the place where they feel part of the community and they can help be involved with future decisions.

B) 2020 TARN DAM REPAIR UPDATE

Mr. James Phelps stated they are in conversations with FEMA about the life of the FEMA grant for dam repair and the project timeline. He stated the goal would be to go to bid in June and have a contractor in place in August. He further stated we have done some mitigation work to hold it for now and our efforts have made us better prepared if we need to wait. Mr. Phelps stated the grant funds would still be available next year and, as we are approaching the deadline for this summer, we decided it would be best to delay the project under the current circumstances. Mr. Bergeron asked if every year waiting to repair further damages the dam? Mr. Phelps stated we will need to look at it after this year's runoff and see what the status of the dam is. Mr. Gallagher asked about getting contractors for this project, and Mr. Phelps stated this project has to follow FEMA guidelines and requires many years of experience per FEMA so there are limited contractors who can repair it. Council stated they were okay with pushing the project to 2021 and the proposed new timeline.

C) PARKING STRUCTURE GMP UPDATE

Ms. Shannon Smith stated the GMP came in and it was good, but it could change based on when we start the project. Mr. Holman stated changes could happen, but they should mean a significant additional cost. He further stated that the longer we delay our ability to sign our notice to proceed, the longer we run the risk of a contractor dropping out, but we can't sign a notice at this time because we just can't commit entirely like that right now. Council discussed the timeline and contract of the project, including what might happen if there are reasons to delay the project. Ms. Smith stated we did get CDOT approval for the project.

D) XPRESS BILL PAY

Mr. Waldes stated the Xpress Bill Pay program has not been working well for sales tax and water billing, and Finance is working with the company to improve the site. In the meantime, the Town has extended the deadline for payment of returns and will not charge the paper bill fee.

V) OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Holman stated the Town is going to start a Breckenridge recovery team this Friday, and we have identified community people who would be involved. He stated the first meeting will be on Friday and we are looking for feedback from the community. Ms. Gigliello asked about having a medical representative as part of this group, and Mr. Holman stated that isn't the role of this group, which is meant to focus on local business, restaurant and lodging plans.

Ms. Gigliello asked about an update from FIRC about the timeline for the grants. Mayor Mamula stated the process was slower than they thought, and staff will reach out and report back to Council with that information.

Mayor Mamula stated he would like to see more regular updates from Centura about cases with better metrics about who is hospitalized.

VI) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. Submitted by Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk.

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ATTEST:

Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk

Eric S. Mamula, Mayor