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I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Mamula called the meeting of May 5, 2020 to order at 3:00pm. 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 agenda.

III) NEW BUSINESS

**A) COUNCIL BILL NO. 16, SERIES 2020 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

Mayor Mamula read the title into the minutes. Mr. Holman stated this emergency ordinance would require masks within the Town, and it would take effect immediately if adopted, and would remain in place until the Mayor declares it is over. It is a penalty offense. We know people run the gamut on their feelings about this, but it does give the police a tool if people don't abide by this, although the intent is not to enforce. Businesses can enforce this ordinance and refuse service based on this order as long as it is not discriminatory.

Mayor Mamula opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Carleton stated we are asking people who have issues with this ordinance to please not confront the workers who are in these businesses, and speak to Town Council instead. Mayor Mamula stated in the end this is going to come down to private businesses deciding what is best for their employees. He further stated there are people on both sides of this discussion and let's not pass an ordinance if we don't feel we can truly enforce it. Mr. Gallagher stated he doesn't think this ordinance hurts anything, but it reinforces the County's existing order. Mr. Bergeron stated he hopes this doesn't lead to citizen arguments, but it does let people know that we as Town officials think it's important. Ms. Gigliello stated she worries about enforcement and she is concerned about making staff enforce it. Ms. Owens stated she agrees with what has been said and having a local ordinance is a good idea for visibility, and we should open with the best safety measures in place. Ms. Owens also stated she would like officers on Main Street to be engaged with the public and ready to speak to people about the ordinance so they might want to do what is safe. Mr. Kuhn stated he likes this ordinance because it gives the businesses the ability to say what they want in their stores, and to enforce it as desired. Mr. Carleton stated this an important tool in talking to his own staff about reopening. Mayor Mamula stated we can give away masks if needed and, while there are some people who don't believe it is necessary, he can deny service to anyone if they don't wear them. Mr. Bergeron stated maybe we can hasten recovery with this effort. Mayor Mamula stated we will need to purchase 50,000 to 100,000 masks for the community and we will work with the BTO to distribute them. He also stated we need to come up with protocols that allow us to move through these steps without shutting down the community multiple times. Mayor Mamula answered questions from the Q&A of the webinar regarding restaurant mask mandates and wearing masks to protect others, not yourself.

Mr. Bergeron moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 16, SERIES 2020 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. Mr. Carleton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

B) PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Mamula read the title into the minutes.

Mr. Holman stated this proclamation is meant to bring awareness to mental health issues, and staff would ask that Council read the proclamation and do a verbal vote in support of the proclamation. Mayor Mamula read the proclamation into record. Mr. Carleton stated this quarantine has taken an enormous toll on us and on our youth, and we need to make

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extra efforts to be kind and we need to recognize the loss we have experienced in our community. Mayor Mamula reminded everyone that Building Hope is a good local resource for mental health concerns.

Council conducted a verbal vote and all voted in favor of the proclamation.

IV) DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) SMALL BUSINESS GRANT UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Holman stated Council received a recent update about where the program stands. Mr. Gallagher stated the Task Force is looking at next steps based on what is happening in the community and the current need.

B) FIRC RENTAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Mr. Carleton stated FIRC is almost out of their assistance dollars for rent. Council discussed trying to meet the needs of individual renters and Mr. Holman recommended moving some of the business support money to rent assistance for employees instead, and perhaps asking businesses what they would prefer we do. Council generally agreed there is still a need for local rent assistance, and Mr. Holman stated \$100,000 would fill the need right now and give us a cushion for the moment. Council agreed to support additional individual rent assistance through FIRC, as well as some additional small business grant money.

C) BRECKENRIDGE RECOVERY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Holman stated current retail has the ability to allow appointments or do curbside delivery. He also stated we have not heard any more about May 8th as a date to further open up our businesses. He stated Mayor Mamula will be the only Mayor on the County's advisory board for recovery, and Council needs to decide on this concept of closing Main Street, and identifying issues and mapping that we will need to do to make this happen. Mayor Mamula stated the idea seems to be supported by the community. Mr. Kuhn asked about an update on recovery plans and Mr. Holman stated we have so far been reactive to the dates set by the County and the State. Mayor Mamula stated we need to make a decision on closing Main Street sooner rather than later. He further stated this closure may allow businesses to have people hang out or dine outside and it will be easier for people to keep distance, but losing parking and traffic are drawbacks. Mayor Mamula stated we also need to consider liquor movement and sidewalk areas. Council agreed that the closure of Main Street might be useful to help with social distancing, and restaurants can control their own areas and sanitation practices within those spaces.

D) TOWN HALL RE-OPENING PLANS

Mr. Holman stated town staff are meeting the needs of the community currently, and starting next Monday we will be accepting in-person appointments at Town Hall. He further stated we have put up plexi-glass barriers at the main desk areas, and we will be opening Town Hall doors to the public on May 25th. Mr. Holman stated we are looking at safety measures, and we feel we will continue to meet the needs of the community.

E) UPDATE ON MARCH TAX RETURNS

Mr. Waldes stated staff ran the latest sales tax numbers for March and we were down 52% overall. He also stated there was some variety in how much the sectors were down, which equates to a \$4.5-5 million hit to the excise fund. He stated we are going to use this information to try to come up with a baseline of activity for the rest of the year.

F) FUTURE BUDGET REDUCTION PLANNING PROCESS/ DISCUSSION

Mr. Waldes stated the Town is revising budget numbers daily, and we have updated numbers for year-to-date and we are looking at RETT and assuming a 75% decrease for the rest of the year in that line. Mr. Waldes reviewed his memo in the packet, including the anticipated loss of revenues and the difficulty of budgeting for 2021. Council discussed keeping the workforce healthy and investing in the community, in addition to the difficulties of moving into higher tiers of cuts and how to predict what might happen more than three months away. Council will continue to assess the budget and will make changes in the future if necessary.

V) OTHER MATTERS

Ms. Owens stated childcare is going to be a burden for our workforce this year, since camp numbers and daycare numbers will be required to be fewer than normal. Mr.

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Holman stated a countywide committee met to discuss strategies for summer camps and the committee will submit a reopening plan to the County, and the smaller numbers will be a challenge for local families. Ms. Owens stated it will take some smart scheduling by employers to get staff with families back to work.

Ms. Owens also stated she feels we need to continue to support funding for Building Hope during this time, and especially for 2021.

Ms. Owens thanked Council for reopening the skate park and she is hearing more questions about the Rec Center and when it could open. Mr. Holman stated Avalanche Physical Therapy is open in that space now, and we will doing one-on-one personal training starting next week. He further stated the Recreation Center is considered a high risk area, and will be one of the last places to open.

Mr. Gallagher stated that since face masks will be around for a long time, we should consider designing a Breckenridge mask that we can provide to our visitors as a souvenir or similar. Mayor Mamula stated the masks we buy as the Town will be the paper ones and we will need to continue to message the mask protocol.

Mr. Bergeron asked the community to be good citizens and neighbors and to respect each other. Mr. Carleton stated we can be creative and support our own community and he's heard some really great ideas of what we can do to support each other during these difficult times.

VI) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:51pm. Submitted by Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk.

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk

_____/s/_____
Eric S. Mamula, Mayor