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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007 12:00 P.M.

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Aragon, Council Member Steinert, (absent) Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Cotton, Councilmember Atkinson, Councilmember Middendorf and Councilmember Holt.

- II. **LIQUOR LICENSES**
 1. **Special Event Liquor License** – Skate Coalition Fund Raiser Councilmember Cotton moved to approve Special Events license, Councilmember Simmons abstained, Seconded by Councilmember Middendorf, and with 5 ayes, motion carried.

- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **2008 Draft Budget (Public Hearing)** Councilmember Cotton asked to go over requests, Public Hearing today, hear requests and bring back at December meeting, need to certify mill levy by Dec. 16th. Like to schedule meeting for next week, Nov. 28th, Wednesday at noon, tentatively.
 - a. **Colorado Housing Incorporated-** Julie Simmons requested \$10,000 for 2008, building (6) homes. Administrative help to help build these houses. The disbursements of funding was essential.
 - b. **Archuleta County Victims Assistance Program** -Carmen Hubbs asking for \$10,000 for a little more assistance, competition for grants is getting harder to receive. Would like to show local support also, and increases chances to receive more monies. Town money gives them flexibility.
 - c. **Mountain Express Transit** - Nobody present, Councilmember Simmons would like to get some kind of letter from Mountain Express of what they represent. Administrator Garcia advised they went from 7 trips a day to 4 trips a day. The Director is gone from Mountain Express (Chris Tanner is filling in) Councilmember Simmons and Councilmember Holt would like more information at December meeting regarding this Mountain Express Transit.
 - d. **Archuleta Economic Development Association** Bart Mitchell went over highlights on the history of a true economic organization. The Association would like to move forward with business attraction, etc. Biggest key was working with the Town to hire Clark Becker, we are about 40% complete hopefully Jan. 2008. What supporting industries can we attract and develop on that. Jobs that pay higher, etc. We have assisted 13 new companies and created 29 new jobs. This has not been done in this County before. They may not be able to sustain themselves if they don't have the help from the Town. With the AEDA's financial future in 2008 the Town will be in a much better position to increase its tax base by the attraction, retention and creation of businesses. Bart Mitchell would like to layout map for fiber. Asking for \$20,000 for 2008. Providing jobs for our County. What kind of

jobs do we have here available. Mitchell was nominated Rookie of the Year by the State. They are looking at other options for funding also. Goals for 2008 marketing plan, and start executing, create 5 new companies, work with task force. Identify business needs so we can maintain companies for being here. Mitchell would like to give the town more information on what their organization is doing.

Councilmember Cotton asked what commitment County has made, Mitchell has not heard back. Councilmember Simmons asked how much they were asking County for, he advised \$20,000 also. Councilmember Middendorf asked a few questions. Councilmember Simmons asked what would happen if Town only funded half and County did nothing. Mitchell said he would probably go to part time and not full time. Garcia asked what time frame for marketing plan, Mitchell advised 2008.

e. Archuleta County Education Center - Don Goodwin who is asking for \$12,500, budget annually is about ½ million dollars. The Center has children, youth and adult programs. Board and Staff is committed to this community. The Center has been trying to expand services. Found telecommunication solutions. Received grant for \$25,000 that needs to be matched dollar for dollar. Excited for opportunity to expand services and continue the same service as always. They feel they are an infrastructure investment for this community. Councilmember Cotton asked if County funded would there request be half? They would still like full funding and asked for Town's consideration. Councilmember Cotton felt it's a good investment, but feels County is not stepping up to the plate. Councilmember Middendorf asked if do not match grant will they still get funding. They think they will do fundraisers or take out of budget. Administrator Garcia advised he has been working with Don and commended Don for all his work he has done. Essential work there at the Education Center.

f. Southwest Mental Health Bern Heath has requested \$17,000, same request as made in the last few years. Helping the lowest income population. Help us serve these folks who are under insured, Acute treatment Center. Consequences can be fairly extensive. Mental Health has been serving P.S. for a number of years. Acute Treatment unit was support in part of elaboration of towns and counties, all contributing to construction of facility. \$15,000 is for funding of acute treatment center. Councilmember Simmons' concern (1) resident in Pagosa and asking for a lot of money. Heath advised they could get (3) cases in one day for some reason and they could be from Pagosa. Is it worth the value and its challenging for the Town Council. Heath advised they have plan to move up to old Mary Fisher Clinic. Hope to build on campus. Chief Volger advised we have the need for their help. They spend their funds wisely and it is money well spent.

g. Pagosa Springs Arts Alliance Susan Neder was not feeling well today therefore Dale Morris gave presentation for Susan. The Arts Alliance has completed Phase I and Phase II , and reports came back that we need a facility in P.S. They felt facility needed to include, conference center also. The Economic need that has been passed on from Chamber. Arts Alliance would like to compliment performing arts in our community. Approved Phase III, feasibility for funding and current immediate operating expenses. This is very exciting and a worth while project. It will be around for many years to come. Councilmember Holt asked how about County's involvement. County awarded \$2,000 earlier in this year. County has not yet committed for next year. Any private dollars asked Councilmember Atkinson, About \$2,000 from private donors. They have most of funding for Phase III. They have raised the funds. But do not have funds for operating expenses. Dale Morris can get a budget from Susan Neder. They are all volunteer. Councilmember Cotton asked if the Council can have a budget in a few days. Yes, was Dale Morris' reply. She can get it to the Board.

h. American Red Cross of Southwest Colorado Nobody at meeting.

i. Southwest Land Alliance- Michael Whitting is requesting \$5,000. \$135,000 budget with (2) staff members, most comes from private donors and some grants. Main reason for request is to further active relations with town trust. Did ask County for \$25,000, Michael is confident they will see some funding. Overview in last two years, involved in open space parks and trails, stayed away from Rec. Ctr. does not involve land. (Councilmember Steinert arrived at 1:00) Land Alliance has been in existing since 1981. Councilmember Holt asked about article he read, taking on conservation initiatives, people taking advantage how is this going to take plan. It is a random process, most solid deals like GOCO funding projects. They are broadening funding sources and broadening area of service. Types of benefits they can provide. Of all audits easement triggered, none related to land trusts.

Councilmember Holt asked Mayor Aragon about meeting next Wednesday, and would like to find out from County on these monies that the County owes us, where we stand on receiving these monies. If they pay us back, this might enable us to do a little more for these service organizations. Councilmember Holt feels it would be nice to know what the County is going to pay us back. Another suggestion from Councilmember Middendorf was to break down in categories. Councilmember Cotton this thing is almost the budget we have every year. Somebody thinks we have it and we don't. Our cost of doing business, we need to consider a cap. Then prioritize. More additional requests every year and they will be back. Councilmember Steinert asked about AEDA request (about 16 to 20% of budget) . Prioritization process should happen at our meeting Wednesday advised Councilmember Atkinson. A proportion of our overall budget. Garcia advised these are services that may end up on our lap. Like the Humane Society has a contract with us. If we don't fund them what's the out come? Councilmember Cotton, the County is not in trouble, I believe they are fully funded. We have to be careful of picking up the Counties problem. Councilmember Cotton questions how much we have to pick up for 2008. 2007 was different. This funding could slow us up as a Town.

2. Ordinance No. 700 (First Reading) Amending Municipal Code Section 12.10.4

Regarding Loitering TA Garcia handed out an e-mail from Attorney Cole to Police Chief. TA Garcia recommended to continue for our December meeting. The Attorney is stiffening up ordinance. TA Garcia will continue to have our Attorney finish up on ordinance. What are other communities doing? TA Garcia not certain if this was given ample time. Councilmember Middendorf surprised about benches being removed, didn't know where decision came from because of one person loitering. Councilmember Middendorf felt it should be a Council decision. Mayor Aragon advised Councilmember Middendorf that this was temporary only. If he had people in his face he would have to make a decision and the Mayor did talk to the Chief and Mark about this issue. Councilmember Holt asked if this is still an issue. Councilmember Atkinson advised certain business owners wanted them removed other business owners did not. Can we put them back for the businesses that want them. Mayor Aragon advised that the business owners were the ones that wanted them removed. Councilmember Middendorf felt Mayor should tell these people that it's a Council decision. Council did not decide anything asked Attorney. TA Garcia said he would take full responsibility on the action that was made and he decided that he could make this decision himself, as it is temporary and he takes responsibility. He felt the Council trusts in him to make these decisions. TA

Garcia asked to move on, Do we want to go back and consult with Business owners or keep them removed. Councilmember Steinert would like to see as many benches back downtown as soon as possible. (3) benches were asked to be removed from business owners, this prompted TA Garcia's decision to remove them all. TA Garcia will definitely go back and poll these business' and get benches back where we can. TA Garcia asked if this was the consensus of Council. Council agreed that it is.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion on Old Seeds of Learning Building** Staff has been working with Engineer in conversation he's going to recommend we reinforce roof and recommend removing it. The roof did not meet requirements. Topic was deferred to this meeting for further discussion. Councilmember Atkinson advised that in the beginning she wanted to explore, but it is a project. Is this a top priority. It is a big job. Could potentially look at corner lot, for not a lot of money be enhanced. Councilmember Cotton thinks it's a black hole. We need to remove it. Consider salvaging it as a building is the wrong thing to do. Councilmember Holt we do not have a budget item for doing this work. Looking at more money then we are willing to spend. Councilmember Simmons if we go forward w/park feature. Would we need analysis of site. What does it cost to consider some feature there. TA Garcia maybe offer for re-development. Potentially let another use come in. What is the best use for that area. (Park, trail stand point, turf of apparatus) Councilmember Holt, remembered the community vision committee had some ideas. Councilmember Cotton have we decided the building is going to go. We need an agreement. Cotton made a motion to move building, Seconded by Councilmember Holt, and with 7 ayes motion carried. And to include to put request out for salvage.
- 2. Pedestrian Access Easements/Fred Schmidt Property** Town Planner Tamra Allen and TA Garcia met with Fred on property and walked potential trail easements, mainly east and hook up to Reservoir Hill trail. Fred seemed to be agreeable on this. We put it in his court. We would collect easements that we needed. TA Garcia felt it was a constructive meeting. Hopefully bring something back for our December meeting.

TA Garcia gave a quick report on Wed. night 40 people in attendance. With Barker Rinker Sea Cat. Options presented to public, building and as well a site lay out. Company asked from feedback on audience. Favor park theme, VS contemporary. The group liked Contemporary, Colorado type theme. They will take recommendations and finalize plan. Dec. 12th meeting with Barker Rinker, Wednesday and also make this the Council mid-month meeting.

- V. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn meeting by Councilmember Cotton, Seconded by Holt, and with 7 ayes motion carried.

SANT. BOARD MEETING

Woods variance request. 15 Trinity Lane Request to connect one new sewer drain to an existing drain.

Phil Starks, major issue going across for sewer main. Commercial Building that is condo minimized. Phil set up association and not thru each individual owner. Does not include trout bldg. Adjoining business with them.

Councilmember Simmons asked if it was a Private Maintenance for the future. Nothing to do with trout building. Mr. Wood has granted easement. Owners are to build for one facility.

There is an agreement with Mr. Wood and Trout Bldg. still waiting from Bob Cole to finalize agreement.

Recorded agreements protecting all parties involved from any responsibility.

Councilmember Holt asked if he had signature from Trout people and if they have a blockage, is he aware of the over all picture. There might be a back up. Mr. Wood's would be solely responsible for any damages. The Town will not be responsible for any damage.

Councilmember Cotton said it's ok with him if Trout agrees. Councilmember Cotton would like to see agreement. Need the right paper work.

TA Garcia advise Council gave agreement in past, with the condition the agreement becomes a recorded document.

Councilmember Holt asked if we need to change our rules. Phil said no that he prefers to leave them in place as they are. Councilmember Cotton agrees to leave them as they are.

Councilmember Cotton moved to approve the request to tie into Mr. Trout's bldg. conditions upon agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Simmons and with 6 ayes motion carried.

Councilmember Middendorf left meeting before motion.

Councilmember Cotton moved to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Simmons and with 6 ayes motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Ross Aragón
Mayor