

**TOWN OF MORRISON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MORRISON TOWN HALL, 110 STONE STREET
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order. Mayor Sean Forey called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Roll Call. Mayor Sean Forey, Mayor Pro Tem Debora Jerome, Trustees Katie Gill, Jennifer Singer, and Paul Sutton were present. Trustee Matt Schweich was absent. A quorum was established. It is to be noted this meeting was held electronically as permitted by CRS 24-6-402(1)(b) and the public was able to participate by calling the provided phone number and access code found on the posted Agenda. In addition, an audio recording of this meeting was made and is available upon request.

Staff Present. Kara Winters (Town Manager), Gerald Dahl (Town Attorney), Phillip Baca (Interim Police Chief), and Lyndsey Paavilainen (Town Clerk).

Amendments to the Agenda. Dahl added item, Consideration for Security Agreements for Special Events, as an item to be discussed during the Executive Session. Winters added, Appointment of Police Chief Selection Committee, to General Business as item 6b.

Mayor Forey explained Mike DeJonge resigned from the Board due to moving. Mayor Forey made a motion to appoint David Wirtz to the Board of Trustees. Sutton seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

The Board thanked Mike DeJonge for his time and service to the Town while on the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees.

Public to Address the Board. None.

Presentations and Hearings.

Dave Killingsworth, Parking Lot Proposal.

Mayor Forey opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 P.M.

Staff Report. None.

Applicant Report. It is to be noted Killingsworth was experiencing connection issues.

Public Comment.

Stacy Feehery, 111 Red Rocks Vista Drive. Feehery stated she would have a clear view of the parking lot from her house and thinks the proposed parking lot is too far from Town and would be utilized by people going to Red Rocks Amphitheatre opposed to in Town. Feehery added there are current parking spots that are not being utilized, especially on Union Street and at the elementary school that she would like to see used instead of a new lot. Feehery concluded she thinks there are safety and ADA concerns if a lot was to be built at the Highway 74 location, and thinks a ten year lease is a long time for a temporary parking lot.

Elizabeth Burris, 101 Red Rocks Vista Drive. Burris stated she is opposed to the parking lot as there is adequate parking in Town and its outlying areas and the current spots are not being utilized. Burris furthered there would be access and lighting issues to the proposed lot. Burris requested for employees of the downtown area to park in the outlying spots to relieve parking pressures.

Holly Miller, 121 Red Rocks Vista Drive. Miller stated she shares the same concerns as Feehery and Burris. Miller added she would be concerned the parking lot would turn into a waiting lot for Uber and Lyft drivers.

Chris Miller, 121 Red Rocks Vista Drive. Miller added he has concerns with extending the downtown west.

Winters entered into the record letters received from Jim Gill, Jamee Chambers, Kyle Burris, Andra Slavsky, and Ryan Burris.

Mayor Forey closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 P.M.

Board Discussion. The Board stated they would first like to see utilization of the currently available parking spots and employers encouraging their employees to park in the outlying spots. The Board expressed concerns with the materials to be used for the temporary lot, the term of the lease for a temporary parking lot, the unintended consequences, and the overall impact this lot would have on the Town.

The Board communicated they want to support the business community but does not believe this parking lot proposal will benefit the Town. The Board also summarized that they do not believe all other options have been exhausted from wayfinding signs, to the use of parking apps and paid parking.

Dave Killingsworth, 403 Bear Creek Avenue, Applicant. Killingsworth stated the Town businesses are suffering and the parking lot would help the businesses recover from 2020. Killingsworth responded to the Board's concerns adding the agreement does contain an exit clause and the Town can revoke the agreement after one year. Killingsworth also expressed he would like to see wayfinding signs hung in Town directing patrons to parking areas.

Gill referenced the amortized schedule in the agreement and had concerns with the amount the Town would have to pay if the agreement was revoked, Gill had further concerns that the asphalt millings would not be removed and there is no storm water detention plan. Gill concluded she was also surprised to see a large expensive and expansive proposal.

Singer stated the Board supports the businesses, but does not believe this parking proposal allows for safe and easy access to parking. Singer concluded that parking utilization is an issue and does not think the number of parking spots available is inhibiting commerce of the Downtown.

Mayor Forey stated the Board will not consider the proposal and thanked Killingsworth for his time. Mayor Forey requested for the Board members to continue monitoring parking in the downtown area.

General Business.

Town Clean Up Days. The Board scheduled the Town Clean Up Days the weekend of May 15th and 16th.

Appointment of Police Chief Selection Committee. Mayor Forey stated the committee will be comprised of Winters, Dahl, two Board members, and an outside consultant to be determined. Winters added the committee will review the applicants and resumes, and participate in the interview process, but that the final hiring decision will be made by Winters. Mayor made a motion to appoint Gill and Jerome to the Police Selection Committee. Sutton seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Department Reports.

Court. No questions. No comments.

Accounting. No questions. No comments.

Building Department. No questions. No comments.

Town Manager. No questions. No comments.

Attorney. Dahl answered Sutton's questions regarding the Esphanian Property Acquisition timeline and process, and Red Rocks Ranch lawsuit and motion to dismiss.

Consent Agenda. Jerome made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for March 16, 2021. Sutton seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Board Comments. Sutton stated he is happy to see residents paying attention and engaging with the Board. Sutton highlighted the concerns the residents expressed about lighting of the parking lot proposal and stated excess lighting is an issue.

Mayor Forey stated the Board received a lot of interest from residents to fill the vacant Trustee position. Mayor Forey encouraged residents to become involved as there is an upcoming election in 2022 where more Board seats and the Mayor position will be up for election.

Hogback Article. Matt Schweich volunteered to write an article about bears and trash safety at a previous Board Meeting for the March Hogback.

Gill added she would like to include a reference on how to access Board Packets and Agendas and how to sign up for notifications through the Town website.

Executive Session. Jerome made a motion For a conference under Charter Section 3.4 and Section 24-6402(4)(b) and (e), C.R.S. with the Town Attorney, Town Manager, invited persons, and appropriate staff to receive legal advice and instruct negotiators concerning receive legal advice and instruct negotiators concerning development in the Rooney Valley and consideration of Security Agreements for special events. Jerome further motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at the end of the Executive Session. Sutton seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment. The Executive Session and Regular Meeting were adjourned at 9: 40 P.M.

TOWN OF MORRISON

Sean Forey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lyndsey Paavilainen, Town Clerk

