

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 31, 2022

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in a special session in the Grand Room of Snow King Hotel located at 400 East Snow King Avenue in Jackson, at 9:32 A.M. This meeting was held in-person and through the Zoom platform. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

TOWN COUNCIL: *In-person*: Mayor Hailey Morton Levinson, Arne Jorgensen, Jonathan Schechter, Jessica Sell Chambers, and Jim Rooks.

STAFF: Larry Pardee, Lea Colasuonno, Tyler Sinclair, Paul Anthony, Michelle Weber, Floren Poliseo, Tyler Sinclair, Bruce Abel, Steve Ashworth, April Norton, Michael Palazzolo, Kelly Thompson, Brian Schilling, Carl Pelletier, Tyler Valentine, Mike Moyer, Lynsey Lenamond, Susan Scarlata, and Riley Taylor.

FACILITATOR: Heather Bergmann with Peak Facilitation.

Welcome and Agenda Review. Heather Bergmann made opening remarks and reviewed the agenda.

Icebreaker. Heather Bergmann led a group exercise.

Update on Current Status of Council and Town Priorities. Larry Pardee made staff comment on the status of the six Council priorities from the 2021 Council retreat, as well as the ongoing Town priorities of housing, Town employee housing, ecosystem stewardship, and transportation. Council held discussion with staff. April Norton made staff comment.

Council recessed at 11:19 a.m. and reconvened at 11:31 a.m.

Council Priorities and Potential Initiatives List. Council reviewed its Work Plan and the Potential Initiatives List.

Checking in on Council Procedures and Agreements. Council reviewed and discussed the new system for tracking potential initiatives, the staff work plan, and their working agreements.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. Councilmember Rooks rejoined at 1:12 p.m.

A Critical Priority for the Town: Retention, Support, and Recruitment of Staff. Larry Pardee made staff comment. Council held discussion with staff on the current state of Town staff morale, pay, and related issues, as well as the impact that attending to these issues will have on director capacity and the budget.

Director Updates. Department directors shared the top 3-5 important things their department is working on, above and beyond day-to-day service, that could involve Council in the coming year.

Council recessed at 2:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

Department updates continued.

Council recessed at 4:19 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m.

Dialogue with State Legislative Liaison Nick Agopian. Council held discussion with Nick Agopian regarding the legislative process and introduced current bills of interest.

Adjourn. Council recessed at 5:09 p.m.

TOWN OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

Hailey Morton Levinson, Mayor

Riley Taylor, Town Clerk

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