

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 29-30, 2024

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in special session at The Wort Hotel, located at 50 N Glenwood, at 9:00am. This meeting was held in-person and through the Zoom platform. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

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

STAFF: Tyler Sinclair, Roxanne Robinson, Lea Colasuonno, Floren Poliseo, Paul Anthony, Kelly Thompson, Bruce Abel, April Norton, Steve Ashworth, Michelle Weber, Charlotte Frei, Ryan Hostetter, Mike Moyer, Susan Scarlata, and Riley Taylor.

The Mayor made opening remarks. Heather Bergman provided an overview of the agenda. The Mayor and Council noted the accomplishments they are most proud of from calendar year 2023. Tyler Sinclair and Kelly Thompson provided a quarterly update on the FY24 budget, discussed the Town's budget strategy, and presented 5-year budget projections. Council also discussed the Joint Funding Committee and Town/County relationship.

Council recessed at 11:10am and reconvened at 11:20am.

Floren Poliseo provided an update for the Public Works Department. Paul Anthony provided an update for the Planning/Building Department.

Council recessed at 12:03pm and reconvened at 12:44pm.

Roxanne DeVries Robinson provided an update for the Personnel/Town Clerk Department. Steve Ashworth provided an update for the Parks & Recreation Department. Tanya Anderson provided an update for the Ecosystem Stewardship Administrator position. Susan Scarlata provided an update for the Community Development Department. April Norton provided an update for the Housing Department. Zolo provided an update for the Information Technology (IT) Department. Kelly Thompson provided an update for the Finance Department. Lea Colasuonno provided an update for the Legal Department.

Council recessed at 2:11pm and reconvened at 2:23pm.

Charlotte Frei provided an update for the Regional Transportation Administrator position. Mike Moyer provided an update for the Fire/EMS Department. Bruce Abel provided an update for the START Department. Michelle Weber provided an update for the Police Department. Tyler Sinclair provided an update for the Administration Department.

Council was asked to reflect on what worked well with the work plan approach from 2023, and what needed improvement. Heather Bergman discussed the plan for the second day of the retreat. A motion was made by Jessica Sell Chambers and seconded by Mayor Morton Levinson to recess the meeting. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Council recessed at 4:09pm and reconvened at 9:02am.

Heather Bergam presented a revised process for making refinements to the 2024 work plan. Council discussed the budgeting process and how it relates to the work plan.

Council recessed at 10:42am and reconvened at 11:03am.

Council discussed how much time should be allocated to ongoing initiatives versus new initiatives and selected which new initiatives should be added to the work plan for the upcoming year.

Council recessed at 11:49am and reconvened at 12:50pm.

Council discussed final selection of items for the 2024 work plan.

Council recessed at 2:15pm and reconvened at 2:27pm.

Council discussed the structure and timing of staff reports. A motion was made by Jonathan Schechter and seconded by Jessica Sell Chambers to have a session dedicated to exploring two questions: 1) What is each councilmember's understanding of the role of Council? and 2) What is each councilmember's belief about

the function of local government and essential services, and what are priorities but not essential services? Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed 1-4 with Jonathan Schechter in favor and Mayor Morton Levinson, Jessica Sell Chambers, Arne Jorgensen, and Jim Rooks opposed. The motion failed. Council discussed appropriate content for Chats with Council and staff presentations during Council meetings.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Arne Jorgensen and seconded by Jonathan Schechter to adjourn. Mayor Morton Levinson called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:10p.m.

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ATTEST:

Hailey Morton Levinson, Mayor

Riley Taylor, Town Clerk

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