

## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Council Members  
From: Preston Neill, Acting Town Manager  
Date: February 15, 2019  
Re: **COUNCIL UPDATE**

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### OVERVIEW

Below is an update on key projects and activities during the last month.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

From Matt Pielsticker, Planning Director:

Colorado World Resorts – The project is underway with an excavation and retaining wall permit. First stages of development include open hole soils testing prior to the installation of retaining walls.

Inclusionary Zoning – Next week, the Planning and Zoning Commission will review draft code amendment language that includes inclusionary zoning and other amendments. Staff plans to bring this portion of the code amendments to the March 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to coincide with the Eagle County Housing Update from Doug Jimenez and Kim Bell Williams.

Building Official Position – Interviews are being conducted for the Building Official position, which is being vacated by William Gray, following 17 years of service to the Town.

Riverfront – Staff has been in contact with East West Resorts regarding the final phases of development for Riverfront. The last Townhomes will be before Council on February 26<sup>th</sup>. East West Resorts plans to break ground this spring on the 30+ unit condominium building. Lastly, early planning is taking place for three potential single-family homes at the far west end of the development near the newly planned recreation trail connection.

### Miscellaneous Permits of Interest –

- New tenant finish permit for Slifer, Smith, and Frampton office on the first floor of the Season Building
- New tenant finish for dermatology office in the Westgate (Agave) building
- New tenant finish permit for Linen Kist at the ANB Bank
- New interior remodel for City Market

### RECREATION

From John Curutchet, Recreation Director:

We are nearing 50% completion on phase one of the Recreation Center Remodel Project. The multi-purpose downstairs studio will receive a new LVT floor, paint, upgraded lighting and mirrors on the west facing wall. The studio will be programmable to a multitude of uses but will primarily serve to expand our Yoga Program that has outgrown current studio space. Phase two begins next month upstairs and will accomplish the goal of meeting demand for more cardio, strength equipment and functional training space. Upon completion of the project, we will be the largest and most well-equipped fitness facility in the mountain region allowing the department to increase membership base and admissions revenue.

### FINANCE

From Scott Wright, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director:

We have closed-out and balanced our 2018 sales tax figures. December was up by 6.84% over 2017, which is an increase of \$80,960. In total, sales tax ended up 4.65% up over 2017 figures, which is an increase of \$374,353. Only three months we down compared to 2017 – February, April and September.

## **ENGINEERING**

From Jim Horsley, Project Engineer:

### Whitewater Park Repair Project

Engineering is currently in week four of an approximate eight-week repair project. We anticipate completion by the first week of April. Progress continues as expected and the project is within budget. We do not anticipate having to utilize the Canyon Run access as all of the work is being accessed from the existing snowmaking water intake site.

## **MOBILITY**

From Eva Wilson, Mobility Director:

### 1) Mobility Programs:

- a) Walking: Prioritizing pedestrians
  - i) Review/Enhanced pedestrian crosswalk markings and signage installation
  - ii) Coordinating US6 Crossing by Stone Bridge with CDOT
- b) Parking Plan:
  - i) Upcoming annual Review of Parking Demand and Supply
  - ii) Additional parking on West Beaver Creek Boulevard adjacent to the railroad tracks
- c) Bikeshare – Zagster:
  - i) 2018 Expansion:
    - (1) Two new Stations and five bikes at Nottingham Park Beach and Town Hall
    - ii) Regional Outreach: Vail Health and Edwards River Walk Complex
    - iii) Upcoming e-bike and e-scooter technology review for 2019
    - iv) Climate Action Committee - Subcommittee on Transportation (facilitated by Walking Mountain Science Center)
      - (1) Valley Bikeshare program
        - (a) No funds for 2019
        - (b) Pursue utilizing Avon’s successful bikeshare program as a regional provider
- d) Transit: Winter Program – Nov 17, 2018 to Apr 14, 2019
  - i) Red Line (Avon East); Blue Line (Avon West); Night Rider
  - ii) Skier and Restaurant Shuttles
  - iii) Pilot Study: Hail the Avon Comet: Dec 2018 – Discontinued due to low ridership

### 2) Administration:

- i) CDOT Transit and Rail Division/FTA compliance:
  - (1) Joined/completed Federal Transit Agency’s National Transit Database
    - (a) Ensures future federal funding
  - (2) 2019 5311 operations grant award: \$246,000
  - (3) Awaiting 2019 capital grant announcement: applied for two new buses
  - (4) Planning 2020 grant application for an electric bus
- ii) Eagle Valley Transit Coordinating Team
  - (1) Single Dash Board for transit use
  - (2) Consistent technology for Transit Tracking and dispatch
  - (3) Coordinating electrification of the Avon Mobility Center by ECO Transit in 2019
- iii) I-70 Coalition – Board and coalition member:
  - (1) Failure of Proposition 110 was disappointing; seeking for other opportunities for transportation funds

## **POLICE**

From Greg Daly, Police Chief:

Six Avon officers are currently testing to fill two new sergeant positions. They are studying for the first phase of testing, which is a written examination. This will be followed by interviews, practical presentations, and a one-on-one role play scenario. Testing will conclude on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Two new officers have been hired and are currently going through the Police Academy. Their names are Reece Ellsworth and Zach Haynes. Reece grew up in Gypsum and went out of state for University. He moved back to Eagle County in November. Zach was a former lifeguard supervisor at the Avon Recreation Center and worked at a local electrical wholesaler. He also served for two years in the Army National Guard.

The department is currently down 6 officers from patrol, (five patrol officers and one patrol sergeant). One officer is in field training until the end of May, one is dealing with shoulder surgery, one is dealing with knee surgery, one is dealing with a broken ankle, and two new recruits are currently in the Police Academy, will graduate in May and will be road patrol ready in October.

We are working on several projects, including preparing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year assessment for our CALEA accreditation in March. We will be assessed for our 4<sup>th</sup> year in September and we will have an on-site visit in October. We are working on the county-wide report management system upgrade to a web-based program. The aim is to launch in October. It is a culmination of three years of work.

Our newly ordered patrol cars are currently in Denver getting fitted with emergency lights and equipment.

Chief Daly is currently teaching a four-week self-defense class to 10 female staff members of the Westin and East West Resorts.

Avon PD recently conducted Active Response Training to Westin and East West Resorts employees at the Westin. We delivered the training in English and Spanish. We also conducted an Active Response Training for staff at Walking Mountains Science Center.

We are completing our Reserve Police Academy for our two SWAT paramedics and one SWAT doctor. It has taken over a year of work.

We have hired Patty Henninger as our administrative assistant. Patty is originally from Guatemala and is bilingual. Patty was a local kindergarten teacher.

Avon PD recently received recognition from the national police policy body, Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) for our work in our Latino community, fostering trust and transparency. As part of the Eagle County Law Enforcement Immigrant Alliance, we were recognized as one of three agencies nationwide and our activities were presented as best practices.

Chief Daly recently conducted a community meeting at the Aspens Mobile Home Park to alleviate some fears about immigration enforcement.

Please call or email me with any questions.

Best regards,

Preston