

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Owens called the meeting of June 24, 2025, to order at 7:00pm. The following members answered roll call: Steve Gerard, Marika Page, Carol Saade, Jay Beckerman, Dick Carleton, Todd Rankin and Mayor Kelly Owens.

II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2025

There were no changes or corrections to the meeting minutes of June 10, 2025. Mayor Owens declared they would stand approved as presented.

III) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager Shannon Haynes stated there were no changes to the agenda.

IV) COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

A) PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY; 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PLEASE)

Mayor Owens opened Public Comment.

Angela Boeke, a resident of the Town of Breckenridge, spoke in concern of the noxious weed program. Boeke described an incident she observed last summer when Summit County sprayed herbicide and the native plants along the roadside and ditch withered and died. Boeke noted this summer only weeds re-grew in the area Summit County sprayed last summer. Boeke stated the herbicide treatments eradicated natural habitat, weakened the soil, and exposed living things to cancer-causing substances. Boeke stated herbicides are a known carcinogen and neurotoxin, and the decision to spray herbicides this year is hypocritical to the Town of Breckenridge's Sustainability website. Boeke asserted there are safer ways to treat noxious weeds, and the Town of Breckenridge Town Council has been made aware of safer alternatives. Boeke stated the national organization, Non-Toxic Neighborhoods, has provided a safer plan to the Town of Breckenridge. Boeke asserted the Town of Breckenridge's lack of action is support for the use of neurotoxins rather than safer alternatives. Boeke urged the Town Council to stop the herbicide spraying that begins tomorrow in order to protect the health of the community.

Mayor Owens thanked Angela Boeke for her comments.

Richard Himmelstein, a resident of the Town of Breckenridge, spoke in concern of the Independence Homes project. Himmelstein specified the developer for an easement for the gondola airspace. Himmelstein stated the gondola airspace is a vital asset to the town and is a valued roadway. Himmelstein stated the town needs to look into the matter and do its due diligence because any changes are going to impact and potentially limit the Town of Breckenridge's rights to the gondola. Himmelstein requested the Town Council evaluate the issue.

Mayor Owens thanked Richard Himmelstein for his comments. Mayor Owens clarified the town is not responsible for granting any sort of airspace or width determinations. Mayor Owens noted it is the Tram board who makes those decisions. Mayor Owens stated the Town Council will continue to look into the project as the Town Council does a vote.

With no additional public comments, Mayor Owens closed public comment.

B) BRECKENRIDGE SKI RESORT UPDATE

Jon Copeland, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Breckenridge Ski Resort, thanked the town and he appreciates the strong partnership between Breckenridge Ski Resort and the Town of Breckenridge. Copeland provided a high-level recap for the winter season. Copeland highlighted Breckenridge Ski Resort's main priorities were flow and circulation, employees, the community, and guest service.

Copeland stated flow and circulation has benefitted from recent work, such as the Chair 5 installation. Copeland highlighted Breckenridge Ski Resort continues to increase guest messaging around parking reservations and carpooling, and both programs saw increased

usage by guests. Copeland stated Breckenridge Ski Resort is continuing work this summer on the mountain signage project to improve guest ability to laterally navigate the mountain.

Regarding employees, Copeland highlighted the record attendance at multiple employee events. Copeland noted the year-round childcare for employees in the community is close to capacity almost every day. In addition, Copeland noted there is a continued focus on employee development by offering leadership training sessions. Breckenridge Ski resort is also making investments in employee housing this summer through continued upgrades of units.

Copeland stated Breckenridge Ski Resort continues to support the community with the I-70 coalition and the Town of Breckenridge by providing better messaging for travel habits, car-pool options, and car-free platforms. Copeland noted many community events saw increased participation. Copeland recognized the mutual interest in larger community events, and stated Breckenridge Ski Resort is exploring partnerships for more early-season events. Copeland stated Breckenridge Ski Resort is proud to partner with FIRC and is in the second year of a \$250,000 grant to support FIRC's food market. Copeland also noted Breckenridge Ski Resort is improving sustainability by going plastic-free on the mountain; reducing waste going into landfills by partnering with BGV during the demolition of the admin building; expanding recycling programs; and upgrading to energy efficient automated snowmaking technology. Finally, the mountain's summer season opened on June 13th, and the mountain is well into its summer maintenance season.

Mayor Owens thanked Jon Copeland for his updates and appreciates Breckenridge Ski Resort's efforts to improve sustainability.

C) NATIONAL REPERTORY ORCHESTRA UPDATE

Dave DePeters, Chief Executive Officer for the National Repertory Orchestra (NRO), thanked the Town of Breckenridge for their support. The summer season has begun for the NRO. DePeters stated the NRO had a great first concert and Michael Stern has returned as the Music Director. DePeters highlighted musicians choose to come to the NRO instead of competing organizations with larger budgets because of Michael Stern, the unique experiential learning process, and connections to the local community. In addition, the NRO is the only tuition-free organization compared to its competitors.

DePeters stated the NRO will have 16 performances this year at the Riverwalk, and 70 additional programs in Breckenridge. DePeters noted the NRO's efforts to be a more inclusive and welcoming environment have been effective. DePeters the NRO broke last year's attendance records at all their concerts and 25% of the NRO's musicians are returning musicians. DePeters noted the NRO continues to work to be accessible to the community by keeping prices down and providing educational programs taught by the Alumni String-Quartet. DePeters highlight this season is titled "Discover the NRO" and the program focuses on the emotions that connect Summit County. The NRO continues to partner with multiple local organizations to provide free programming and help raise money for local non-profits.

DePeters stated the NRO has some concerns this year. DePeters described the impacts changing demographics have had on the NRO, and the NRO has experienced a decrease in ticket sales for the remainder of June.

Mayor Owens thanked DePeters for his update and stated the Town if appreciative of all the partnerships.

V) CONTINUED BUSINESS

- A) SECOND READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2025 - PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 1) COUNCIL BILL NO. 9, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE OF THE BRECKENRIDGE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

Mayor Owens read the title into the minutes.

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Dave Byrd, Director of the Finance Department, submitted for approval the second reading of Council Bill No. 9, Series 2025. Byrd stated this is the third amendment to the lease and it allows for two four-year extensions.

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Rankin moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 9, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE OF THE BRECKENRIDGE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING. Council Member Saade seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0

VI) NEW BUSINESS

- A) FIRST READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2025
- 1) COUNCIL BILL NO. 10, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FIBER LEASE AND NETWORK OPERATIONS AGREEMENT

Mayor Owens read the title into the minutes.

Chris Luberto, Director of the IT Department, stated the staff recommendation is to pass Council Bill No.10, Series 2025 on first reading.

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Rankin moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 10, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FIBER LEASE AND NETWORK OPERATIONS AGREEMENT. Council Member Carleton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

- 2) COUNCIL BILL NO. 11, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT OF A CABLE FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA/COLORADO/FLORIDA/ORGEON, INC., AND APPROVING A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA/COLORADO/FLORIDA/ORGEON, INC. AND THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

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The motion passed 7-0.

- B) RESOLUTIONS, SERIES 2025
- 1) RESOLUTION NO. 10, SERIES 2025 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDCARE TUITION ASSISTANCE AMONG SUMMIT COUNTY AND THE TOWNS OF BLUE RIVER, DILLON, FRISCO, KEYSTONE, AND SILVERTHORNE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD OPTIONS

Mayor Owens read the title into the minutes

Town Manager Shannon Haynes stated Resolution No. 10, series 2025, would adopt an amended and restated intergovernmental childcare agreement. Town Manager Haynes noted the agreement sets forth the general guidelines of the first steps program, defines the roles and responsibilities for the program, and sets the percent allocations for each jurisdiction.

Council Member Rankin moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 10, SERIES 2025 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDCARE TUITION ASSISTANCE AMONG SUMMIT COUNTY AND THE TOWNS OF BLUE RIVER, DILLON, FRISCO, KEYSTONE, AND SILVERTHORNE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD OPTIONS. Council Member Gerard seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

C) OTHER

VII) PLANNING MATTERS

A) PLANNING COMMISSION DECISIONS

Mayor Owens declared the Planning Commission Decisions would stand approved as presented.

Council Member Carleton made a motion to call up the BGV Parcel 3 Site Plan Modification at 355 North Park Avenue, Planning 2025-0116 due to the tree screening on Park Avenue not being compliant with the development agreement. Council Member Saade seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

Town Attorney Keely Ambrose stated the call-up would take place at the July 8th, 2025, Regular Town Council Meeting.

VIII) REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF

Town Manager Haynes stated Town of Breckenridge received a letter from Elevated Community Health requesting a \$75,000 contribution to their pediatric dental office. Town Manager Haynes the dental office would accept Medicaid, be open 3 to 4 days a week, and have a certified pediatric dentist. Town Manager Haynes noted Elevated Community Health requested contributions from all the other jurisdictions in Summit County. Most of the other jurisdictions decided not to contribute due to budget constraints and concerns.

Mayor Owens spoke to several dentists in the community because she was concerned these services were already provided by other community practices. Mayor Owens stated the dentists she spoke to feel this service is desperately needed and the dentists encouraged Town of Breckenridge to contribute to Elevated Community Health so it can be a more successful pediatric dentistry.

Council Member Carleton asked if there was any insight from the Social Equity Advisory Commission. Council Member Saade stated she had no insight from the commission but noted Elevated Community Health has a track record of providing needed community services. Council Member Gerard asked if they have Spanish speaking staff and Town Manager Haynes stated they do.

Mayor Owens recommended the Town of Breckenridge contribute to the pediatric dentistry as she feels it is a very worthy cause. Mayor Owens stated this is a community-based benefit that is important for local children on Medicaid whose families are not able to travel to Denver and visit a different dentist. The Town Council unanimously agreed to make the \$75,000 contribution to Elevated Community Health to support their pediatric dentistry.

Town Manager Haynes stated there has been local concern about the federal lands disposal provision of the Big Beautiful Bill. The Board of County Commissioners suggested a combined letter from all the local municipalities to send to Senators and House Representatives speaking against the sale of public land. Town Manager Haynes

asked the Town Council if they wanted to issue a letter or resolution against the public land disposal provision, and what steps the Town of Breckenridge can take to protect public land near Breckenridge. Town Manager Haynes noted this could look like the Town of Breckenridge purchasing lands themselves.

Council Member Gerard stated he thinks the Town needs to go on record with the congressional representatives and senators that the Town of Breckenridge does not support the sale of federal public lands. Council Member Rankin agreed with Council Member Gerard and highlighted it is important to think ahead, and the Town needs to be prepared to act if something comes to pass. Council Member Carleton agreed and highlighted the younger generation is vocal about this issue and wants to think of ways to embrace and encourage their engagement.

Council Member Beckerman suggested issuing a letter rather than a resolution to give better material to representatives to fight against the provision. Town Manager Haynes suggested writing thank you letters to the Republican Colorado Representatives that voted against the provision. The Town Council was supportive of issuing a letter with a stance against the federal land sale provision and writing thank-you notes to the Republican Representatives.

The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution placing Summit County into Stage 1 fire restrictions. Mayor Kelly Owens signed a proclamation putting the Town of Breckenridge into Stage 1 fire restrictions which takes effect 12:01 a.m. Friday morning.

Town Manager Haynes noted there was a suggestion to create a working group to discuss ski area parking agreement revisions and have one Town Council member serve on the working group. Town Council was supportive of a having a Town Council member serve on the working group.

Town Council is being asked to complete an incident command emergency management training. The July 22nd Town Council Meeting will start at 1:30pm with an Emergency Management Trainer reviewing Town Council roles and responsibilities in an emergency.

IX) REPORT OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

A) CAST/MMC

No updates.

B) BRECKENRIDGE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Member Beckerman stated BOSAC had a meeting 8 days ago. Council Member Beckerman noted THK gave a presentation for the McCain Open Space Plan. IN addition, BOSAC got to examine new signage for pilot signage program in Illinois Creek. Council Member Beckerman noted BOSAC decided on dibond for the signage material and will see how the material performs in the pilot program. Council Member Beckerman stated Laurium construction for the new parking area will begin in August and should be finished this fall.

C) BRECKENRIDGE TOURISM OFFICE

Council Member Carleton stated there is no update.

D) BRECKENRIDGE HISTORY

Council Member Rankin stated Breck History is happy to help with any interpretative needs on the dredge rocks and the next meeting is July 9th.

E) BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS

Council Member Gerard stated BCA had a retreat last week and the next meeting is not for another two months.

F) CML ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Council Member Saade stated the CML Conference is happening this week and the CAST reception is Thursday afternoon

G) SOCIAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Council Member Saade stated the SEAC had a meeting last week. Council Member Saade highlighted the Spanish fitness class and Spanish adult beginner swim lesson that is now offered at the rec center. One of the commissioners is working with the Recreation Department and Avalanche Bike Shop to provide a free beginner bike clinic. Council

Member Saade stated the first clinic happened June 19th and there will be three or four more bike clinics throughout the summer.

H) ARTS & CULTURE MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Council Member Beckerman stated there have been 726 completed surveys and he is excited to see the survey approaching 1000 respondents.

X) OTHER MATTERS

Council Member Gerard wanted to remind everyone to go to the Farmers Market.

Mayor Owens asked why the Town was spraying herbicides when there was a previous discussion and agreement to explore alternatives. James Phelps, Director of Public Works, stated Town of Breckenridge has made a commitment to try other products; however, there is a need to use some herbicide for some treatment of weeds within town limits. Phelps noted he plans to follow up with Boeke about what she witnessed regarding the herbicide application. Phelps noted indiscriminate spraying of herbicide is not an acceptable practice. Phelps stated the current herbicide applications are surgical and isolated to the individual noxious weed. Phelps stated Public Works is trying other, less toxic products to treat weeds. Phelps has emphasized to the contractors and the county who apply herbicide for the town the need for surgical applications. Phelps stated Public Works has been using different communication strategies to notify the community of upcoming weed treatments. Phelps stated he believed Public Works was following Town Council direction by exploring alternative products but using a surgical herbicide application method to treat noxious weeds that did not have a suitable non-toxic alternative. Mayor Owens thanked Phelps for his clarification.

XI) SCHEDULED MEETINGS

SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

XII) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm. Submitted by Mae Watson, Town Clerk.

ATTEST:



Mae Watson, Town Clerk



Kelly Owens, Mayor

