

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Owens called the meeting of October 14th, 2025, to order at 7:00pm. The following members answered roll call: Steve Gerard, Marika Page, Carol Saade, Jay Beckerman, Dick Carleton, and Mayor Kelly Owens. Todd Rankin was absent.

II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

There were no changes or corrections to the meeting minutes of September 23rd, 2025. Mayor Owens declared they would stand approved as presented.

III) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager Shannon Haynes stated there is no Breckenridge Tourism Office Update.

IV) COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

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

Mayor Owens opened public comment.

Alexander Horn, an actor with Breckenridge Backstage Theatre, clarified he was not speaking on behalf of the theatre. As part of his master's program in arts administration and leadership, he was required to speak at a public meeting. Horn thanked patrons of the theatre and invited residents to attend theatre performances. In response to Council Member Carleton's question, he shared that he recently played the Monster in *Young Frankenstein*, participated in a workshop for *The Great Divide*, and will appear in the upcoming Halloween show.

Traci Ochoa, a Breckenridge resident, expressed concern that the Breckenridge Police Department lacks community programs or educational initiatives recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She emphasized that domestic violence is a critical community health and safety issue, shared statistics on its impact, and urged the Police Department to take a proactive approach consistent with community-oriented policing. Ochoa encouraged Town Council to advocate for stronger prevention and outreach efforts beyond social media posts.

Mayor Owens thanked Ochoa for her courage in speaking and stated that as the Police Department transitions leadership, the Town Council will support efforts to take a more proactive approach.

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

V) CONTINUED BUSINESS

A) SECOND READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2025 - PUBLIC HEARINGS

1) COUNCIL BILL NO. 15, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 3 OF THE BRECKENRIDGE TOWN CODE REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSING REGULATIONS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO DRUG STORE LIQUOR LICENSES AND MAKE OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS

Mayor Owens read the title into the record.

Mae Watson, Town Clerk, introduced a proposed ordinance for second reading that would amend Title 4, Chapter 3 of the Breckenridge Town Code to remove references to Liquor-Licensed Drugstores (LLDS). Watson stated the State of Colorado recently passed a state law which prohibits the issuance of new licenses for Liquor-Licensed Drugstores. Watson noted the Town currently does not license any such establishments, and this update will align Town Code with current state law. Staff recommends Council approve this ordinance on second reading.

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

Council Member Beckerman made a motion to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 15, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 3 OF THE BRECKENRIDGE TOWN CODE REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSING REGULATIONS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO DRUG STORE LIQUOR LICENSES AND MAKE OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS. Council Member Page seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0. Council Member Rankin was absent.

- 2) COUNCIL BILL NO. 16, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BRECKENRIDGE TOWN CODE CONCERNING RESTITUTION TO BE AWARDED TO THE VICTIMS OF CRIMES
Mayor Owens read the title into the record.

Town Attorney Keely Ambrose introduced a proposed ordinance for second reading to amend the Town Code that would reduce the time for municipal court-ordered restitution. Ambrose noted this change will align the town code with state law. Ambrose state there were no changes between first and second reading and staff recommend approval on second reading.

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

Council Member Beckerman made a motion to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 16, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BRECKENRIDGE TOWN CODE CONCERNING RESTITUTION TO BE AWARDED TO THE VICTIMS OF CRIMES. Council Member Page seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0. Council Member Rankin was absent.

- 3) COUNCIL BILL NO. 17. SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE OF THE BRECKENRIDGE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
Mayor Owens read the title into the record.

Tracey Lambert, Senior Accountant, introduced a proposed ordinance for second reading to extend the US Bank lease of the Breckenridge Professional Building for three terms of three years.

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

Council Member Beckerman made a motion to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 17. SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE OF THE BRECKENRIDGE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING. Council Member Page seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0. Council Member Rankin was absent.

VI) NEW BUSINESS

- A) FIRST READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2025

There were no Council Bills presented for first reading.

- B) RESOLUTIONS, SERIES 2025

There were no Resolutions presented for Council vote.

- C) OTHER

- 1) BRECKENRIDGE SOCIAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Helen Cospolich, Director of Municipal Services and Engagement, stated the Breckenridge Social Equity Advisory Commission had two vacancies. Cospolich noted a small subcommittee conducted interviews after an extensive advertising and application process. Cospolich stated the subcommittee and the Social Equity Advisory Commission recommend Town Council appoint June Walters and Carlos Lopez to these positions.

Council Member Saade added there were several passionate community members who applied, and it was a difficult decision. The subcommittee was impressed with Walters and Carlos responses and willingness to volunteer their time to the committee.

Council Member Saade moved Town Council affirm the recommendation made by the Breckenridge Social Equity Advisory Commission and appoint Carlos Lopez and June Walters as members of the Commission for a duration of three years beginning in October 2025. Council Member Carleton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0. Council Member Rankin was absent.

VII) PLANNING MATTERS

A) PLANNING COMMISSION DECISIONS

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

VIII) REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF

Town Manager Shannon Haynes noted that she and Scott will be out of the office Wednesday through Monday, during which Assistant Town Manager Julia Puester will serve as Acting Town Manager.

IX) REPORT OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

A) CAST/MMC

Mayor Owens reported on last week's CAST meeting, highlighting the importance of signing up for county SC alerts and clarifying who has authority to declare a state of emergency or issue evacuation orders. The meeting also included presentations on grant funding for geothermal networks and the use of AI for enforcement tools. Council Member Beckerman raised concerns about limited cell coverage affecting 911 calls and inquired about potential solutions.

Town Manager Haynes noted there was a lot of discussion about the impacts of the new noise ordinance requirements as a result of the Salida Supreme Court Case.

Town Manager Haynes stated that MMC discussed the Nicotine Fund and emergency rental assistance program, and is exploring potential funding sources to continue supporting the program. Haynes noted there was also discussion about the regional transit authority and the decision was made not to move forward with it at this time.

B) BRECKENRIDGE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Council Member Beckerman stated there is a meeting on Monday.

C) BRECKENRIDGE TOURISM OFFICE

Council Member Carleton reported that the recent meeting covered financials and an Oktoberfest recap. Council Member Carleton noted the event was highly successful, with beer sales comparable to Denver's Oktoberfest, which runs two weekends. Plans are underway for a new live-fire cooking event, modeled after Aspen's successful version, to be held the last week of June. Council Member Carleton stated additional focus will be placed on winter programming. Council Member Carleton noted Oktoberfest collected 1,000 lbs. of food for FIRC, and requests were made to include more non-alcoholic beverage options. The upcoming ice sculpture event will feature new teams and no timed entry this year.

D) BRECKENRIDGE HISTORY

Council Member Rankin stated the budget was approved and there were no additional updates.

E) BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS

Council Member Gerard reported that the board met on October 2. The budget was submitted and approved, and they are awaiting the results of the master planning process. Council Member Gerard noted taking over Pride was seen as a logical fit for BCA. BCA will present its quarterly report at the October 28 meeting.

F) SOCIAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Council Member Saade stated there is a meeting tomorrow.

G) ARTS & CULTURE MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Council Member Beckerman stated the Request for Proposals went through the steering committee and will be brought to Council in the next couple of weeks.

X) OTHER MATTERS

Council Member Carleton wanted to recognize Shamus O'Toole and honor one of the community's iconic members who recently passed away.

Council Member Gerard noted he and Council Member Page attended a School District meeting on a master planning process prioritizing projects focusing on facilities. He explained the school district is working toward a ballot initiative next year for a bond issue. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th.

Mayor Owens stated she has been contacted by several local non-profits expressing concerns about Strong Futures sunsetting in 2028. She noted there is strong interest in ensuring it remains in place and is approved by voters. Mayor Owens suggested sharing success stories in the years leading up to the ballot initiative, ideally starting in 2026, to help build support. She mentioned that one way the Town of Breckenridge could help is by identifying and recording these success stories.

Council Member Page noted the Events Committee Meeting will be November 4th.

XI) SCHEDULED MEETINGS

SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

XII) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Submitted by Mae Watson, Town Clerk.

ATTEST:



Mae Watson, Town Clerk



Kelly Owens, Mayor