

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 18, 2018

JACKSON, WYOMING

The Jackson Town Council met in workshop session in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 150 East Pearl at 3:01 P.M. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

MAYOR: Pete Muldoon.

COUNCIL: Vice-Mayor Jim Stanford and Bob Lenz. Hailey Morton Levinson arrived at 3:18 p.m. and Don Frank was absent.

STAFF: Audrey Cohen-Davis, Lea Colasuonno, Todd Smith, April Norton, Tracey Trefren, Sandy Birdyshaw, Larry Pardee, Brian Lenz, Johnny Ziem, Brian Schilling, Tyler Sinclair, and Steve Ashworth.

Residential Rental Ombudsman Program. Audrey Cohen-Davis and Todd Smith made staff comment and the Council discussed the position, structure, and funding of an ombudsman to assist with residential rental issues. Discussion continued on a business licensing program.

A motion was made by Hailey Morton Levinson and seconded by Jim Stanford to direct staff to structure the ombudsman program within the Town of Jackson and Teton County Victim Services Department. Mayor Muldoon called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Stanford and seconded by Hailey Morton Levinson to direct staff to continue to work with the Council and Mayor on the licensing for rentals as discussed today and for staff, specifically the Police Chief and Town Attorney to lay out the general framework for the ombudsman position in the Victim Services Department.

Downtown Core Pedestrian Signaling. Larry Pardee and Brian Schilling made staff comment on the potential of installing signals or other pedestrian crossing features in several downtown locations including East Broadway at Center Street, North Cache at Deloney Avenue, West Broadway at Glenwood, West Broadway at Jackson, West Broadway at the mid-block crossing at El Abuelito, and Mercill Avenue at North Glenwood.

Options for improving pedestrian safety at uncontrolled crossings included:

- Crosswalk visibility enhancements – high-visibility striping and signage
- Raised crosswalks – extension of the sidewalk through the intersection. Effective for slowing down vehicles, not typically used on emergency access or truck routes.
- Advance Yield/Stop lines – sets the stopping line 30’-50’ back from the marked crossing area. Helps address the “double threat” risk on 4-lane roads.
- In-street pedestrian crossing sign – already have these at some locations
- Curb extensions – reduces the crossing distance and puts peds waiting to cross in a protected, more visible location
- Pedestrian refuge islands – allows peds to cross in two stages, only having to navigate traffic from one direction at a time.
- Pedestrian hybrid beacon (RRFB or HAWK) - Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) and High-Intensity Activated crossWalk (HAWK) beacons are pedestrian activated signals that activate overhead or side-mounted lights to warn drivers of crossing pedestrians. Can be set up as warning lights (warns drivers, but does not require drivers to stop) or stop lights (same legal requirement to stop as at a red traffic light).
- Allows free flow of vehicles when not activated.
- Road diet – change cross section from 4-lane (2-lane each direction) to a 3-lane (1-lane each direction with 2-way center turn lane). Shortens crossing distance and eliminates “double threat” risk.

A motion was made by Jim Stanford and seconded by Hailey Morton Levinson to direct staff to draft a letter to Wyoming Department of Transportation concerning improvements for pedestrian safety along Broadway and staff to take appropriate action based on the other information on Town specific crossings as outlined in the staff report and report back to Council in a future meeting. Mayor Muldoon called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried.

North King Traffic Study and Alternatives. Brian Lenz made staff comment on the extension of North King Street from Gill to Mercill based on the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) conducted in 2017 and the conceptual designs that were the product of the study. The study presented four conceptual alternatives: 1) Existing alignment, existing infrastructure - add pedestrian facility, bike path connection and emergency access between East Gill Avenue and Mercill Avenue. 2) Proposed alignment - Recreation Center access only - Recreation Center Remodel Concept Plan. 3) Proposed alignment - all modes - Complete Street with traffic calming; detached nonmotorized facilities. And 4) Proposed alignment - all modes - Complete Street with traffic calming; attached nonmotorized.

A motion was made by Jim Stanford and seconded by Hailey Morton Levinson to direct staff to take immediate steps to implement Option 1 [*Affirm the extension of King Street with a preferred alternative and direct staff to continue design work on the King Street extension in concert with the Cache Tube project, possible Recreation Center Expansion, and as informed by the results of the parking study and traffic demand model (if available).*] for the North King Street extension while continuing to lay the groundwork for Option 3 [*Make a motion for approval and vote against the motion thereby providing direction to staff to consider options for the Rec Center site that do not include a through street.*] for the future as budget and engineering needs dictate. Mayor Muldoon called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Hailey Morton Levinson and seconded Bob Lenz to adjourn to executive session to discuss the selection of a site or the purchase of real estate when the publicity regarding the consideration would cause a likelihood of an increase in price in accordance with Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(vii). The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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ATTEST:

Pete Muldoon, Mayor

Sandra P. Birdyshaw, Town Clerk