



MINUTES of the IGNACIO TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 – 6:30 PM

Remote Public Meeting

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. She gave the zoom etiquette information, and observed a Moment of Silence, Moment of Gratitude, and Reflection of Hope.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Stella Cox, Mayor Pro Tem Alison deKay, Trustee Tom Atencio, Trustee Edward Box III, Trustee Sharon Craig, Trustee Sandra Maez

Absent: Trustee Dixie Melton

Guests: Fourteen attendees total

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Municipal Code Update

Mr. Garcia stated that this was discussed at the meeting on September 21. Multiple sections of the Code are outdated; one of them is the section on business licenses. This has come to light in the current environment of the emergency declaration due to the pandemic. At this point there is no language on business license suspension or revocation. Staff is seeking direction from the Board on whether or not they want to move forward with updating the Business License section of the Municipal Code.

Mr. Liberman stated that his recommendation is for the Board, if they are so inclined, to direct Mr. Garcia and himself to amend the Town Code to allow for business license revocations or suspensions, where necessary, to enforce public health orders of the State of Colorado or the Town of Ignacio. This update would provide a process whereby the business could prove they were not in violation of public health orders and/or causing a public health emergency.

Mr. Garcia stated, if the Board is inclined, he and Mr. Liberman would bring draft language to the Board for review and potential approval; this language would be in the form of an Ordinance, and there would be opportunity for public comment prior to the adoption. The basis for revocation or suspension of the business license would be broader than public health order (unsafe building, or other nuisance violation, as examples); the public health order has brought to light the fact that the current Code does not provide for suspension or revocation.

Mr. Liberman stated there will be options other than suspension or revocation, based on the severity of the violation.

Trustee Craig stated that this is something that should be looked at; however, she believes this is not an emergency that requires a special meeting. She believes this should be looked at when the Board looks at the Land Use Code Update and any other Municipal Code update.

The following attendees had comments concerning this issue: Misti Witt, 9598 Hwy 172; Doug Little, 6 El Paso Rd; Chris May, 8 El Paso; Jeremy Schulz, 335 ½ Shoshone Ave; Mandy Brown, 510 Arboles.

Action: Trustee Atencio moved that the staff should proceed with composing draft language, in the form of an ordinance, that would enable the Town to move forward as needed with business license suspension or revocation; Mayor Pro Tem deKay seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five ayes and one nay from Trustee Craig.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 6:30 PM via Remote Public Meeting.

Stella Cox

Stella Cox, Mayor

9/29/2020

Date

Tuggy Dunton

Attest: Tuggy Dunton, Town Clerk