



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: April 12, 2019
Re: Info Update

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Congratulations to proud parents Richie and Courtney McDilda on the birth of Baby Chase Thomas McDilda. Born on April 9, 2019 at 3:58 pm, weighing in at 7.1 lbs. Everyone is healthy and happy (although I don't know who the masked bandit is holding Chase).



FOMO

If you don't want to miss out on reading all the fascinating information in the upcoming town Council packets, make sure you get your iLegislate update completed. As Doug Goldfluss reported at the Town Council meeting, Granicus has updated their password policy. Please make sure you can access this week's packet information on iLegislate. If you have any issues logging in, please contact Doug.

SPEAKING OF SAVING THE WORLD

The Town Council authorized \$1 million dollars in the 2019 budget for the installation of a significant solar project here in the Village. The project had many benefits, not the least of which was to help the town continue to achieve our carbon reduction goals set by the Council. As the Council will recall, both the EAB and FAB have reviewed the project independently, from their own perspectives, and have recommended the project go forward. To that end, the RFP for our rooftop solar PV project was advertised several weeks ago and closed on Monday. We received 4 bids from different contractors. The evaluation committee is comprised of Nick Kertz, Mark Kittle, Joseph Goodman (with RMI and the EAB), and Travis Elliott. They will be working through the proposals over the next couple of weeks to determine which is the best with which to go forward. With any luck, staff will have a recommendation with updated cost estimates for the Town Council to review at their meeting on May 6th.

SALES TAX RETURNS

Funny enough, when it snows, good things happen. February sales tax revenue was up 8.3% over last year. Year-to-date sales tax revenue is up 10.1% and for the winter season we are up

about 12%. Not surprisingly, lodging continues to be the largest sector and one of the fastest growing sectors. Lodging tax is up 7.7% for the month and 7.3% for the year.

HIGHWAY SIGNAGE

After the TOSV Council heard about the digital message sign (DMS) on Hwy 82 this past week, a presentation was made to the City of Aspen. As I understand it, the City of Aspen Council had concerns with the identified location for the DMS, approximately 1 mile down valley from Brush Creek PnR. The concern revolves around visual impacts from the DMS on the Cozy Point Open Space and they are requesting that the sign be relocated further down valley. As a result, the City of Aspen is requesting that the conversation for the DMS location be deferred to the June 20 EOTC meeting. This request will impact the current schedule for the installation of the DMS, which the EOTC was aiming to get out to bid and to CDOT for permitting within the next week. As a result, installation of the DMS is now planned to occur in 2020. As for the size of the DMS, which was the original purpose for these one on one meetings, it looks like all jurisdictions are OK moving forward with an 18' wide butterfly sign. Staff will continue to work toward the goal of getting the sign in place ASAP.

TID BITS

- The skiing is still great, but our summer marketing campaign is already underway.
- In addition to our broad marketing pushes, we are continuing on a more local process as well by continuing to help business owners improve their online presence.
- The significant HVAC project at the Recreation Center is underway. We are still working with the contractor to finalize the entire construction timeline, but at this point we are planning to close the entire facility from April 29 to May 13 so that the new systems can be installed. Obviously, once he have the dates nailed down, we will be pumping out tons of advertising to make sure the community is well aware of the closures.
- ETC has once again been selected to guide the creation of the community survey. If all goes well, we are hoping to get the survey to the public in June.
- This past week we received a fair amount of feedback regarding the three proposals for the Mall Transit Center. Between an open house, the website, the newspaper, talking with our professional drivers and talking one-on-one to mall merchants we received a lot of good insight. We will roll the feedback into the concepts and bring them back to the Council later this summer for more consideration.
- The Coffey Place project was formally submitted to Community Development for review.
- May 17 is Town Clean-Up Day.....atckwbt.
- Hawk Ridge Trail, the proposed new trail connecting Mountain View Trail to the Rim Trail will be discussed by the POSTR Board again at their next meeting. We are planning to bring their recommendation to the Town Council on May 6. If everything is approved, we are hoping to utilize volunteers to construct the Trail on National Trails Day, June 1.

CC: Department Directors