



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
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Re: Info Update

TID BITS:

- November sales tax returns were up 16.8% over last year bringing the year to date increase to 12.7%. Lodging tax revenue was up 30% in November and is up 5.5% year to date.
- Transportation, PD, and P.W are working together to address the snow removal in the numbered lots. It turns out that over 5 feet of snow is tough to move around with full parking lots. Obviously moving this much snow is a very good problem to have.
- As was identified in an earlier e-mail to Town Council members, the sound issues with the Granicus feed continue to be addressed. The issue lies with a piece of equipment called an encoder. We do have other recording devices that are used to ensure we have a recording of meetings for archival purposes and to allow a meeting to be watched at a later time. We do plan to update the encoder as soon as we can to assist with the live meetings.
- Be on the lookout for fireworks on MLK Day.
- The Police Department is starting to demo body worn cameras. We will be purchasing an entire system this year and the demo process will help ensure it is providing everything we need.
- We started our total compensation survey this week. The analysis will take a few months and is designed to ensure we are paying enough to attract and retain the best talent we can for our town positions.
- We are continuing to work with our regional partners on the State's Road Map effort. This valley wide process identified affordable workforce housing as the top priority for potential future CARES act money that may (eventually) be coming from the State. As part of this regional approach, we are working with the group that completed the last Valley Wide Housing needs assessment to form a coalition that we think will help us compete for these CARES dollars. In addition to housing, mental health initiatives and child care were the next two priorities and may have CARES dollars available as well.
- We are still working with the Snowmass Club on their proposed amendment to the Comp Plan so that the Planning Commission can begin their review.
- COVID continues to impact our operations. While lots of folks are out, lots more are stepping up their game to help get the job done.
- We received good news this week on the \$600,000-ish of American Rescue Plan dollars we expect to receive. In short, the Feds have provided a great deal of latitude to the Town to spend the money. As you will recall, during the budget, we were unsure what requirements these funds would have; so finding out we have more flexibility is great news.
- The EOTC authorized the application for a FLAP grant to make improvements to the Intercept Lot. EOTC staff was successful in writing and receiving the grant. The project improvements were anticipated to require the entire \$6 million available for the project.

Spoiler Alert! When the bids came back the project costs were over \$12 million. Because of the types of funds in this project, the project is being honchoed at a Federal level. The Federal process is going to require that the improvement project be pushed back at least a year, to 2023. More details will be forthcoming at future EOTC briefings. Knowing that Hwy 82 will be under construction this year and that the County has a project planned for Brush Creek, having to push the Intercept Lot project back a year may turn out to be a good thing.

- Ending on a high note----- the latest occupancy report looks great through March. People are still planning to come and visit us.

CC: Department Directors