

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF ALTA  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS  
Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 3:00 PM**

Alta Post Office Building, 10351 E. Highway 210, Alta, Utah

**PRESENT:** Mayor Roger Bourke (attended virtually)  
Councilmember Carolyn Anctil  
Councilmember Craig Heimark  
Councilmember Elise Morgan  
Councilmember Dan Schilling

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chris Cawley, Town Manager  
Mike Morey, Town Marshal  
Jen Clancy, Town Clerk  
Molly Austin, Assistant Town Manager  
Brooke Boone, Deputy Town Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** Polly McLean, Legal Counsel

**NOT PRESENT:**

1. Call the work session to order

00:00:00

Mayor Bourke called the work session of May 13, 2026 to order.

2. Presentation by owners of the Shallow Shaft property regarding proposed amendments to the text of the Town of Alta Ordinance

00:02:00

Andrina Hougham presented a proposal to redevelop the Shallow Shaft property and requested Town Council feedback on proposed text amendments to the Town Code. Hougham provided background on the history of the property, noting that the restaurant had been closed since 2020 due to pandemic-related impacts and subsequent personal circumstances. Hougham described the owners' long-standing connection to Alta and stated that the proposal was intended to adapt to changing economic conditions while preserving the character of the community. The proposal included replacing the existing structure with a modern, energy-efficient building containing a compact hotel facility, employee housing, a retail café space, and covered parking. Hougham explained that the proposed text amendments had been developed through discussions with Town staff, legal counsel, and the Planning Commission and would create a new "compact hotel facility" use within Zone C, establish related permitted uses, and address minimum lot size requirements affecting the property.

Hougham reviewed the proposed amendments in detail, including provisions related to guest accommodations with shared cooking facilities, required retail space, and the treatment of existing

nonconforming lots in Zone C. Hougham stated that the proposal was intended to provide flexibility for redevelopment while maintaining consistency with other commercial properties in Alta. Hougham also outlined site design considerations, including repositioning the building farther from the roadway, improving solar exposure, incorporating sustainable building practices, providing employee housing, and offering a parking space for Town use. Hougham emphasized that the application before the Council was limited to the text amendments and that any future redevelopment would require separate review and approval.

Mayor Bourke invited questions and comments from Council Members. Elise Morgan expressed appreciation for the proposal's environmental considerations, open space, and sustainability features. Craig Heimark commended the applicants for their collaborative approach and stated that the discussion highlighted the need for the Town to update its General Plan. Heimark also requested staff perspective on the proposal.

Chris Cawley discussed the broader planning implications of the proposal, noting that the application raised important questions regarding Zone C, the Town's commercial core, and long-standing constraints affecting certain commercial properties. Cawley explained that the proposal addressed issues related to minimum lot size requirements and potential future redevelopment opportunities for small, nonconforming commercial parcels. Cawley also discussed concerns regarding precedent-setting and how the proposed use differed from condominium development, while acknowledging that permitting cooking facilities within lodging units could have broader implications that warranted careful consideration.

Morgan noted that Zone C had historically been treated differently from other areas of the Base Facilities Zone due to its unique lot configurations and existing conditions and stated that allowing the proposed use in Zone C would be consistent with prior discussions regarding the zone's unique characteristics. Morgan also raised concerns about existing lodging units elsewhere in Alta that already contained kitchen facilities and suggested that the Town should address those situations through future code discussions.

Carolyn Anctil expressed concern that allowing cooking facilities within lodging units could establish a precedent affecting future redevelopment throughout Alta. Anctil stated that while the proposed building design itself was not objectionable, the broader implications of the requested code changes could significantly alter the character and development patterns of the Town. Cawley clarified that the current zoning ordinance did not permit such accommodations elsewhere and stated that the proposal before the Council was limited to Zone C.

Morgan responded that the applicants were attempting to pursue redevelopment through the proper public process and observed that some comparable situations already existed within the community. Dan Schilling expressed support for continuing discussions with the applicants and noted concerns about the deteriorating condition of the existing building if no action were taken. Schilling commended the applicants for their patience and collaborative efforts throughout the review process and stated that the proposal represented an opportunity to support economic activity within Alta's commercial district while respecting property rights and community interests.

John Guldner offered clarification regarding several zoning and code interpretation issues discussed during the meeting. Guldner stated that the Snowpine Lodge conforms to the Base Facilities Zone, with sufficient net developable acreage, and that its redevelopment had complied with applicable zoning requirements, except for the issue of kitchen facilities in lodging units, which Town staff had not previously identified. Guldner also stated that prior versions of the Town Code did not permit the demolition and reconstruction of nonconforming structures in the manner being discussed for the Shallow Shaft property. Hougham responded that the 1989 Town Code contained provisions that allowed such redevelopment and indicated that supporting documentation would be provided to Town staff for review. Guldner further stated that unauthorized actions by other properties did not establish precedent for future zoning decisions.

Cawley noted that zoning ordinances and planning priorities can change over time and acknowledged the extensive effort and collaboration involved in the applicants' review process. Cawley expressed appreciation for the applicants' willingness to work with Town staff and the Planning Commission and stated that the proposal had been presented in a thorough manner for Council consideration. Heimark emphasized that the next opportunity for discussion about the project remain a working session rather than a decision-making meeting, citing the complexity of the issues under consideration. Heimark stated that additional information and potentially further work sessions would be beneficial before the Council considered any formal action on the proposed text amendments. Anctil agreed with the need for additional discussion and review.

(Dan Schilling stepped out of the work session, a quorum still present)

3. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

01:00:20

**MOTION:** Elise Morgan motioned to adjourn, and Craig Heimark seconded.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. The public hearing was adjourned.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **Call the meeting to order**

01:05:45

Mayor Bourke called the May 13, 2026 Alta Town Council meeting to order.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING: to receive public comment on proposed fiscal year 2026 budget amendments**

01:06:00

No public comment.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING: to receive public comment on proposed fiscal year 2027 tentative budgets**

01:06:45

Rosie O'Grady addressed the councilmembers on behalf of the Alta Lodge, Goldminer's Daughter, and Rustler Lodge regarding the proposed 1% municipal transient room tax increase for Fiscal Year 2027. O'Grady stated that, based on information contained in the Town's report, Alta would have the second-highest transient room tax rate in Utah and would exceed the rates charged by its direct competitors at Snowbird. O'Grady further noted that Alta already imposed a higher overall sales tax burden and expressed concern that additional taxes would make it more difficult for local lodging properties to remain competitive and sustainable. O'Grady stated that increasing travel costs were already affecting guests and businesses and estimated that a portion of the projected tax revenue increase would come directly from Alta's lodging properties. O'Grady encouraged the councilmembers to consider alternative funding sources that would distribute costs more broadly among canyon visitors rather than concentrating them on lodging businesses.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING: to receive public comment on Capital Projects Plan**

01:10:50

No public comment.

(Dan Schilling re-entered the meeting)

5. **Citizen input**

01:11:25

Dan Colangelo addressed the councilmembers regarding the potential extension of the Town's sewer system to the proposed trailhead restroom area. Colangelo stated that extending sewer infrastructure to that location could create an opportunity for nearby properties to connect to the Town's sewer system through a future partnership arrangement. Colangelo noted that the affected properties currently rely on holding tanks and argued that connecting to the municipal sewer system would improve fairness by providing access to services already available to other properties within the Town. Colangelo further stated that eliminating the use of holding tanks would reduce potential environmental and public safety risks. Colangelo explained that the tanks are located above the Bay City Mine area and require regular pumping by large service vehicles traveling on local roads. Colangelo expressed concern about the possibility of spills and other operational risks associated with maintaining the existing system. Colangelo encouraged the Council to consider funding the sewer extension to the trailhead restroom project as a means of facilitating future sewer connections and improving watershed protections.

6. **Rocky Mountain Power summer 2026 projects update, Richard Bardauskas**

01:14:00

Richard Bardauskas, a Rocky Mountain Power project manager, provided an update on wildfire mitigation and system upgrades across the Little Cottonwood Canyon area, explaining that the utility was working to reduce wildfire risk through measures such as undergrounding distribution lines, rebuilding lines with covered conductors, and installing protective relaying systems designed to automatically shut off power in the event of ground contact. Bardauskas described the Brighton 21 project, clarifying that the Brighton substation feeds power into the Alta area and that the system included interconnected circuits rather than a local substation within the town. Bardauskas stated that the project would focus primarily on undergrounding most 12.5 kV distribution circuits in the area, with construction expected to begin as soon as permits and seasonal conditions allowed and continuing through the current and following construction seasons, with significant impacts anticipated along the summer road and limited work along the main roadway. Bardauskas emphasized coordination with the Forest Service, ski area, and other stakeholders, noting that crews would provide advance notice and work around special events when possible while acknowledging construction impacts such as traffic delays and dust.

In response to councilmember questions, Bardauskas clarified that not all lines shown in project maps would be undergrounded, explaining that some segments would remain overhead, some would be removed, and others already existed underground, while project maps were still being updated in coordination with the ski resort. Morgan confirmed that most work would occur along the summer road and asked about timing, to which Bardauskas responded that construction would begin as soon as approvals were finalized, ideally early in the season to minimize peak traffic impacts. Heimark expressed appreciation for the wildfire mitigation efforts, referencing personal experience with wildfire impacts in California, and Bardauskas responded by outlining additional mitigation strategies including line hardening, vegetation and risk-based design, and public safety power shutoffs during extreme conditions.

Bardauskas further clarified that undergrounding primary distribution circuits would not automatically include individual service connections to homes, noting that property owners would need to submit service requests if they wished to convert their individual service from overhead to underground, with coordination and potential costs depending on site conditions. Councilmembers requested improved public communication, including distributing project information through town newsletters and establishing regular coordination meetings among agencies such as the Forest Service, UDOT, and the ski area. Bardauskas confirmed willingness to share updates and coordinate communications, and also noted that construction scheduling would aim to avoid peak recreational traffic hours when possible.

**7. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance 2026-O-7 enacting the Community Clean Energy Program in Title 8 Utilities Chapter 4 to the Alta Code**

01:31:30

Cawley provided an overview of the Community Clean Energy Program, explaining the Town's long-standing participation in a statewide effort to source electricity from renewable energy through coordination with Utah municipalities, counties, and Rocky Mountain Power. Cawley stated that the initiative originated in 2020 when the Town Council adopted a resolution supporting a goal of net 100

percent renewable electricity use, which enabled Alta's participation in what later became the Utah Renewable Communities program and is now the Community Clean Energy Program following legislative changes. Cawley noted that 19 local governments were currently participating and that a large majority of eligible electric load statewide had opted into the program through adoption of participation ordinances, with the Town of Alta's ordinance appearing on the agenda for final consideration.

Cawley explained that the Public Service Commission had recently approved the program, including key components such as an initial residential rate of approximately \$4 per month and provisions for customer opt-out procedures. Cawley further described the program structure as a pooled investment model in which participating ratepayers contribute surcharges through Rocky Mountain Power bills to support the development of new utility-scale renewable energy resources in the region. Cawley compared the program to other renewable energy options such as Blue Sky and subscriber solar, noting that the program was designed to be a more scalable and generally lower-cost alternative for broad participation.

Cawley outlined the implementation timeline, stating that participating jurisdictions had a 90-day window following Public Service Commission approval to adopt the ordinance, after which administrative coordination with Rocky Mountain Power and program administrators would be required before customer enrollment notices were issued. Cawley explained that once implemented, customers in participating communities would be automatically enrolled with the ability to opt out within a six-month period at no cost, followed by a \$30 termination fee thereafter for residential customers. Cawley also noted provisions for rate design, including considerations for low-income protections, business rate structures, and direct engagement opportunities for large energy users such as the ski area.

Cawley concluded that adoption of the ordinance would enable Alta residents and ratepayers to participate in the program upon implementation, while non-adoption would exclude the Town from participation. Cawley emphasized that the program represented a significant opportunity for the Town to support regional renewable energy development and stated that staff would continue public outreach and notification efforts regarding enrollment and opt-out procedures once the program became active.

**MOTION:** Dan Schilling motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-O-7 enacting the Community Clean Energy program in Title 8 Utilities, Chapter 4 to the Alta Code, Carolyn Anctil seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, and Mayor Bourke – yes, Ordinance 2026-O-7 was unanimously approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

#### 8. Alta Ski Area update, Mike Maughan

01:48:30

Mike Maughan was unable to attend the meeting, no report given.

9. **Discussion and possible action to designate a councilmember liaison to the Citizen Advisory Panel for Improving the Town of Alta (CAPITAL) Committee**

01:49:00

Mayor Bourke commented that Craig Heimark has been very instrumental in getting the program going and noted that if we are going to have a council liaison to the committee that Heimark would be a great candidate.

**MOTION:** Dan Schilling motioned to designate Craig Heimark as the councilmember liaison to the CAPITAL committee, and Carolyn Anctil seconded.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. The Craig Heimark was designated as the councilmember liaison to the CAPITAL committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2026-R-12 resolution of the Council of the Town of Alta acknowledging**

- the filing of the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-27 prepared by the Budget Officer pursuant to Section 10-5-107 of the Utah Code, adopting the tentative budget subject to further review and consideration by the Council,
- establishing the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the tentative budget prior to adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2026-27 subject to the requirements of Sections 59-2-919 and 59-2-924 of the Utah Code,
- ordering publication of notices as required by law, and
- ordering the tentative budget to be available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website for at least 10 days prior to adoption of the final budget.

01:50:00

Clancy stated that this agenda item was presented as it was for compliance with Utah state code requirements and went on to read the full title of the agenda as noticed on the agenda.

Anctil sought clarification on how the tentative budget item related to a previously discussed transient room tax option and whether the Council was voting on the tax increase at this stage. Clancy and Cawley clarified that the current agenda item before the Council was a procedural step related to Truth in Taxation requirements, and that any decisions regarding the transient room tax would occur later as part of a separate agenda item.

**MOTION:** Elise Morgan motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-12, Dan Schilling seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, and Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-12 was unanimously approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**11. Statement from Budget Officer notifying the public that the entity's Budget Officer intends to state in the public meeting that the tentative budget includes a proposed property tax rate increase, Jen Clancy**

01:54:10

Mayor Bourke introduced agenda item 11 and stated it was a statement from Budget Officer notifying the public that the entity's Budget Officer intends to state in the public meeting that the tentative budget includes a proposed property tax rate increase and said Clancy would speak to it. Clancy explained that the agenda language was repetitive by design due to statutory compliance requirements and clarified that the item served as a formal procedural step acknowledging the intent to include a property tax increase within the tentative budget, before the Council proceeded to the next agenda item.

**12. Statement from Budget Officer that the tentative budget includes a proposed tax rate increase, Jen Clancy**

01:54:50

Mayor Bourke introduced agenda item 12, a required statement by the Budget Officer regarding the tentative budget's inclusion of a proposed property tax increase. Clancy, serving as Budget Officer, formally stated that the tentative budget included a property tax increase and indicated that additional details would be provided later in the agenda. Clancy confirmed that the required statement had been completed.

**13. Presentation of Property Tax Impact Schedule by the Budget Officer and makes the Property Tax Impact Schedule available to the public as a separate document from other budget documents, Jen Clancy**

01:55:10

Mayor Bourke introduced agenda Item 13, which was the presentation of the property tax impact schedule prepared by the Budget Officer. Clancy, serving as Budget Officer, stated that copies of the schedule were made available at the meeting and published online as separate documents from other budget documents, and explained that the current document draft used prior-year 2025 assessed values due to pending updated information from the county assessor, which would be incorporated in an updated version.

Clancy then summarized the property tax impact schedule. Clancy stated the Town's tentative budget proposed a \$100,000 increase to the property tax revenue, from approximately \$405,000 to \$505,000, representing an estimated 25% increase in property tax revenue. Clancy explained that the increase would apply proportionally to both residential and commercial properties, with estimated annual

impacts including an approximate \$201 increase for a residential property with a valuation around \$1.8 million and higher increases for properties without exemptions or for commercial properties. Clancy further stated that the proposed revenue increase supported ongoing general fund operating expenses rather than one-time expenditures, making the increase part of the Town's ongoing base budget.

Clancy outlined key budget drivers contributing to the proposed increase, including a 3 percent wage adjustment across departments, anticipated increases in health insurance costs, a proposed increase in the Town's contribution to the Central Wasatch Commission from \$15,000 to \$25,000, funding for a civil code enforcement program including an administrative law judge position, upgrades to building inspection and project tracking software, and operational costs associated with the Our Lady of the Snows facility, including cleaning and maintenance expenses.

**14. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2026-R-13 a Resolution of the Alta Town Council acknowledging that:**

- **A separate item is included on the agenda for the May 13, 2026 public meeting notifying the public that the Town's Budget Officer intends to make a statement that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-27 includes a proposed property tax increase as required by Utah Code,**
- **further acknowledging that the Budget Officer made the statement that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-27 includes a proposed property tax increase as required by Utah code in the May 13, 2026 public meeting,**
- **acknowledging that the Budget Officer presented to the Town Council, as a separate item on the agenda, in the same public meeting, a property tax impact schedule separate from other budget documents, as defined in Section 59-2-924 of the Utah Code,**
- **directing that the property tax impact schedule shall be available for public inspection and will be included as a separate agenda item at each public hearing prior to June 30 at which the Town Council discusses the proposed general fund budget for fiscal year 2026-27.**

02:01:55

Schilling stated that 2026-R-13 is a resolution of the Alta Town Council acknowledging that a separate item is included on the agenda for the May 13, 2026 public meeting notifying the public that the town budget officer intends to make a statement that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-27 includes a proposed property tax increase as required by Utah Code, further acknowledging that the budget officer made the statement that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-27 includes a proposed property tax increase as required by Utah Code in the May 13, 2026 public meeting, acknowledging that the budget officer presented to the town council as a separate item on the agenda in the same public meeting a property tax impact schedule separate from other budget documents as defined in Section 59-2-924 of the Utah Code, directing that the property tax impact schedule shall be available for public inspection and will be included as a separate agenda item at each public hearing prior to June 30, at which the town council discusses the proposed general fund budget for fiscal year 2026-27.

**MOTION:** Elise Morgan motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-13, Dan Schilling seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, and Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-13 was unanimously approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**15. The Town of Alta intends to make a statement**

- that Town is considering levying a tax rate that exceeds its certified tax rate,
- the approximate dollar amount of and purpose for additional ad valorem tax revenue that would be generated by the proposed tax rate increase,
- the approximate percentage increase in ad valorem tax revenue for the Town based on the proposed tax increase, and
- that if the Town proceeds with the proposed tax rate increase the Town will provide notice of and conduct a public hearing at which members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the proposed tax rate increase.

02:04:20

Schilling stated that the town is considering levying a tax rate that exceeds its certified tax rate, the approximate dollar amount of and purpose for additional ad valorem tax revenue that would be generated by the proposed tax rate increase, the approximate percentage increase, and ad valorem tax revenue for the town based on the proposed tax increase, and that if the town proceeds with the proposed tax rate increase, the town will provide notice of and conduct a public hearing at which members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the proposed tax rate increase.

Clancy added she had communicated with both the state and county already and has a public hearing on the property tax increase scheduled for August 11, 2026 at 6pm at the Alta Post Office Building and will be widely sharing the details of the opportunity for public comment.

**16. Statement of the Budget Officer of the above items pursuant to §59-2-919 (4)(b)**

02:05:50

Clancy as the Budget officer restated the terms that were just communicated to the public regarding the increase to the property tax rate as previously stated in the meeting.

**17. Presentation of the proposed fiscal year 2027 tentative budgets, Jen Clancy and Chris Cawley**

02:06:30

Clancy and Cawley reviewed the Town's FY27 tentative budget outlining the four major funds: the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund. Clancy explained that the General

Fund was approximately \$3.5 million and showed a gradual upward trend, while the enterprise funds reflected both operating and capital activity.

Clancy and Cawley outlined the major programmatic changes driving the proposed budget, including a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for staff, continued funding for contract planning support related to land use code updates and general plan work, and a planned overlap hire for the Town Marshal transition ahead of a future retirement. Additional items included contributions to the Central Wasatch Commission, Alta Resort Shuttle funding increases tied to an annual contract price escalation, and smaller general fund allocations for facility-related needs such as restroom and park improvements. Discussion also included the potential dissolution of the impact fee program, with staff explaining legal and practical limitations that made it ineffective for the Town's current development conditions.

Revenue assumptions were reviewed for the General Fund, including property tax, sales tax, and potential new revenue sources. Clancy explained that the proposed budget included a \$100,000 property tax revenue increase and also assumed potential revenue from a proposed transient room tax. Staff and councilmembers discussed the Town's reliance on sales tax and lodging-related revenue, the volatility of tourism-driven income, and the challenge of forecasting future receipts. Morgan and others noted that recent snow and visitation variability had affected current-year revenues, reinforcing concerns about fiscal stability and long-term planning.

A significant portion of the discussion focused on the proposed transient room tax. Clancy explained that the tax would increase lodging-related taxation by 1% and would apply to short-term rentals and lodging stays. Councilmembers debated its impact on visitors versus residents, by discussing fairness, regional norms, and revenue diversification. Heimark emphasized long-term fiscal sustainability and the need to better align revenues with infrastructure costs, while Cawley noted that the tax would not resolve depreciation funding gaps and that reserves were being used to balance the budget even with the proposed transient room tax increase. Several members acknowledged that the measure had been considered in prior years but not adopted, and a general consensus emerged in support of advancing it as part of the tentative budget.

Water and sewer rates were also reviewed, including proposed increases of approximately 9% for water and 10% for sewer. Clancy and Cawley explained that rate increases were driven by the annual cost to operate the system. The council also discussed specific capital projects such as the Wildcat sewer replacement and a sewer extension tied to a new trailhead restroom, which could also support future residential connections.

Capital planning discussions included upcoming facility and infrastructure projects such as architectural planning for a potential new town building, and improvements at existing facilities. Councilmembers also discussed cash reserves and acknowledged that the proposed budgets relied in part on reserve balances to maintain a balanced budget.

In closing, councilmembers generally expressed support for moving the budget forward, indicating agreement with advancing the transient room tax and overall budget direction. Councilmembers emphasized the importance of implementing available revenue tools, and framed the decisions as

necessary for long-term fiscal responsibility. Clancy concluded by noting the next procedural steps, included formal adoption of the tentative budget with the next steps occurring in the June meeting

**18. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2026-R-9**

- **adopting the proposed tentative budgets for fiscal year 2027 and**
- **acknowledging that a separate item is included on the agenda for the public meeting on May 13, 2026 notifying the public that the Budget Officer intends to make a statement as required by Section 59-2-919 (4)(b) of the Utah Code,**
- **acknowledging that the Budget Officer or Executive made the statement as required by section 59-2-919 (4) of the Utah Code,**
- **setting the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the proposed property tax increase as required by Section 59-2-919 of Utah code, and**
- **directing the Town Manager to send notice before June 1, 2026 to the Utah State Tax Commission and the Salt Lake County Auditor stating that the Town is considering a property tax increase and the date, time, and place of the public hearing required by Section 59-2-919 of Utah code**

03:08:30

Schilling read the agenda item 18 as listed above in full.

**MOTION:** Elise Morgan motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-9, Dan Schilling seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, and Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-9 was unanimously approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**19. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2026-R-10 amending the fiscal year 2026 Budgets**

03:10:00

Clancy explained that the amendment was primarily intended to correct two items that had not been fully captured in the original budget: funding adjustments related to the sewer line extension project and an outstanding payment tied to meteorological services used for local weather forecasting. Clancy noted that the amendment ensured the Town could properly account for and fulfill its financial commitments, including contributions associated with Mike Kok's weather forecasting services.

**MOTION:** Dan Schilling motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-10, Elise Morgan seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, and Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-10 was unanimously approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**20. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2026-R-11 adopting the Capital Projects Plan**

03:12:00

Clancy offered that the resolution merely keeps the numbers in all financial documents the same.

**MOTION:** Dan Schilling motioned to approve Resolution 2026-R-11, Elise Morgan seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, and Mayor Bourke – yes, Resolution 2026-R-11 was unanimously approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**21. Mayor's Report**

03:12:45

Mayor Bourke reported that a joint letter had been sent, co-signed with Mike Maughan and supported by the council, to Devin Weder at UDOT requesting improved transit service to Alta, specifically advocating for two bus stops (one at each base area) and express bus service that would bypass Snowbird. Mayor Bourke noted that no response had been received yet.

Mayor Bourke also updated the council on the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC), explaining that a visitor capacity and use management study for the Wasatch Range was being commissioned. Mayor Bourke stated that a steering committee had been formed, including representatives from Salt Lake City, Holladay, Sandy, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, Save Our Canyons, and stakeholder representatives, and that he had been asked to chair the effort. Mayor Bourke suggested that this role reinforced the importance of Alta maintaining its participation and financial contribution to the CWC.

Mayor Bourke then summarized his attendance at the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference, where topics included water policy, truth in taxation, wildfire risk, GRAMA, and long-term population growth projections in Utah. Mayor Bourke highlighted concerns about water availability given projected population increases and noted that resort communities like Park City and Alta have high proportions of second homes. Mayor Bourke described additional networking with municipal officials in similarly situated communities and reflected on public perceptions of Alta as a valued destination. Mayor Bourke also referenced climate and weather trends, noting a developing El Niño pattern that could influence regional temperature, fire risk, and potentially future winter conditions.

Mayor Bourke further shared a personal highlight from visiting Alta School, where he read a Dr. Seuss book and spoke with students about decision-making and the role of local government in providing services such as public safety and water infrastructure.

Finally, Bourke gave an informal astronomy update, referencing upcoming discussions of the Artemis II mission and explaining Saturn's rings in lay terms, including the concept that gravitational stress can disrupt bodies that come too close to a planet. Mayor Bourke concluded by noting the next council meeting date of June 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

**22. Approval of: April 8, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes, and the May Staff and Finance Reports**

03:21:15

**MOTION:** Dan Schilling motioned to approve the April 8, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes, and the May staff and finance reports, and Carolyn Anctil seconded.

**VOTE:** All in favor. The April 8, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes, and the May staff and finance reports were unanimously approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**23. Questions regarding Department Reports**

03:21:50

Schilling noted that it was great to see Deputy Spencer back on duty.

**24. New business**

03:23:30

Mayor Bourke asked the council if the Town should promote an America's Potluck event in Alta on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> around 5pm at the Town Park. Mayor Bourke noted the voluntary event as a means of celebrating America's 250 anniversary. There was a conversation about OPMA and Clancy noted she would post a notice of possible quorum of the council but that no action would be taken. The council members supported the idea as an opportunity to engage with constituents.

Morgan noted Mike Maughan's retirement announcement.

It was also noted that Alta Ski Area won the 2026 Golden Eagle Award from the National Ski Areas Association.

**25. Discussion and possible action to commence a closed meeting to discuss a matter authorized by Utah Code section 52-4-205(1)(a)**

03:30:00

**MOTION:** Dan Schilling motioned to commence a closed meeting to discuss a matter authorized by Utah Code section 52-4-205(1)(a), Elise Morgan seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilmember Anctil – yes, Councilmember Heimark – yes, Councilmember Morgan – yes, Councilmember Schilling – yes, and Mayor Bourke – yes, a closed meeting was unanimously approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**\*\*\*CLOSED MEETING COMMENCES\*\*\***

(Craig Heimark attended the closed meeting but then left the meeting, a quorum was still present)

26. Motion to adjourn

**MOTION:** Dan Schilling motioned to adjourn, and Elise Morgan seconded.

**VOTE:** All in favor. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026

  
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Jen Clancy, Town Clerk