



MEETING MINUTES
Town Council
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Public Meeting Room / Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway Eagle, CO

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ACCESS INFORMATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *This was an in-person meeting using Teams.*

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

Mayor Turnipseed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mikel Kerst, Scott Turnipseed, Ellen Bodenhemier,
Geoffrey Grimmer, Jamie Woodworth Foral, Bryan
Woods

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Larry Pardee, Town Manager
Melissa Daruna, Assistant Town Manager
Richard Peterson-Cremer, Town Attorney
Camille Deering, Town Clerk
Rachel Tand, Finance Director/Treasurer
Luke Causey, Police Lieutenant
Tom Gosiorowski, Public Works Director
Peyton Heitzman, Community Development Director
Lynette Horan, Human Resources Manager
Sydney Dynek, Planner
Kira Koppel, Sustainability Specialist
Nikki Davis, Economic Development & Housing Specialist

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Bryan Woods motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Grimmer, Woods, Bodenhemier, Kerst, Turnipseed, Woodworth Foral) and 0 opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Murphy, XXX- Called for Town of Eagle to put a speed bump on Eagle Ranch Road at the golf course crossing at Fourth of July Road. She expressed her worries about wildlife, children, and other pedestrians crossing the road with the heavy presence of speeding trucks, cars and e-bikes on the long stretch of road.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Phillip Morris International, Opposition to Tobacco Flavor Ban- Amanda Wheeler & Pritika Kumar

Amanda Wheeler and Dr. Pritika Kumar from Philip Morris International presented arguments against the immediate passage of the flavored tobacco ban, requesting either a delay for further stakeholder input or an amendment to exempt FDA-authorized harm reduction products. They emphasized the company's focus on smoke-free alternatives, the FDA's regulatory process, and their youth prevention efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Bryan Woods motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Grimmer, Woods, Bodenhemier, Kerst, Turnipseed, Woodworth Foral) and 0 opposed.

1. Minutes
2. Resolution 58, Series 2025, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, Approving the Grant of a Utility Easement to Comcast of Colorado IX, LLC, Over Certain Open Space Parcels Known as Tract OS-G, Eagle Ranch Filing NO. 25, and Tract OS-N6, Eagle Ranch Filing NO. 21."
3. Resolution 59, Series 2025, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign All Future Participation and Release Forms for National Opioid Settlements"

STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Manager Report
2. Q2 2025 Sales Tax Report

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Develop Eagle LLC Proposal for Old Town Hall

Jake Roach and partners from Develop Eagle LLC presented their proposal to purchase and redevelop the Old Town Hall property into a boutique hotel with retail and residential components. Council members expressed support for the project concept but requested a shorter entitlement and construction timeline, and debated the fairness of reimbursing the developer for interim investments if the town exercises the buyback. Staff was directed to continue negotiations and return with a revised agreement.

2. Resolution 60, Series 2025, "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, Adjusting the Mechanical Permit Fee For the "Heat Beneath Our Feet" Geothermal Project Managed by R&H Mechanical."

R&H Mechanical requested a waiver of the mechanical permit fee for the geothermal project at the Eagle County Building, citing alignment with the town's net-zero goals. The Council referenced several fee waivers for various other projects and wants to avoid further one-time exceptions. The Council decided to end the discussion without a motion.

3. Ordinance 6, Series 2025, "An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, Amending Town Code Chapter 5.16 - Retail Tobacco Businesses - To Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products."

Turnipseed opened the floor for public comment on the Ordinance.

- Brett Carrie, Gypsum, CO- Manages the Eagle Sinclair. He expressed concerns about the potential loss of tax revenue and noted that a significant portion of their tobacco sales are flavored products sold to adults.
- Peter Mueller, Carbondale, CO- A public health official that cited data of dropping vaping rates among students after similar bans were passed in Glenwood Springs and Carbondale. He also noted that local businesses that sold tobacco products before the ban did not go out of business after the ban.
- Michelle Hartel, 60 Mill Rd- Director of Mountain Youth. She shared data from the Healthy Kids Colorado survey detailing how youth use vape products and their likelihood of using flavored products. Overall, 50% of youth vape users were introduced to vape products through flavored products.
- Candace Eves, 85 Foxglove- Expressed her support for the flavor ban and wants to push back Big Tobacco's narrative that their new products are healthier or better for their communities. Flavored tobacco is an invitation for kids to start using and a flavor ban will protect young people going forward.
- Haley Rushing, 286 Robins Egg Ln- She shared her husband's struggle with his nicotine addiction and her experiences educating kids on the dangers of vaping as a district nurse in the area.
- Lily, 265 Price Pl, Gypsum- She shared her experience growing up in the area and seeing the affect nicotine products had on her peers. She argued that the tobacco industry targets underage users knowing they are drawn to flavored products and young users face many health risks using nicotine and tobacco.
- Jodi Radke, Loveland CO- Regional Director of the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. She showed Council several vape products that youth are using, including a device with 20,000 puffs connected to a game. The more you vape the farther you get in the game. She also shared data emphasizing that youth are more likely to be introduced to nicotine due to flavored products.
- Amanda Wheeler, Phillip Morris Intl (PMI)- Addressed some of the concerns raised during the other comments. Argued that PMI promotes alternatives to smoking cigarettes and their products are authorized by the FDA. Although they sell Marlboro overseas, they are moving away from the products and cannot simply stop because they have a duty to their shareholders. She shared she personal experience with smoking cigarettes and overcoming Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Jennifer Filipowski, 25 Silver Spur- Thanked the Council for bringing the issue forward and expressed anger that after banning flavored cigarettes in 2009, society must also go through the same process to ban flavored nicotine products.
- Jonathan Godis, Glenwood Springs, CO- Encouraged Council to be responsible for their youth and not be swayed by arguments that people will just go elsewhere to buy flavored products. The ban did not close businesses in Glenwood Springs or affect sales tax revenue.

Mayor Turnipseed closed public comment.

The council discussed the ordinance's provisions, including definitions, and a local vape shop's proximity to youth-oriented facilities. They clarified that the proximity clause was not included in the current ordinance and considered the economic impact on local businesses.

MOTION: Council Member Ellen Bodenheimier motioned to approve Ordinance 6, Series 2025, "An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, Amending Town Code Chapter 5.16 - Retail Tobacco Businesses - To Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products." The motion was

seconded and passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Grimmer, Woods, Bodenhemier, Woodworth Foral) and 2 opposed (Turnipseed, Kerst).

4. Ordinance 7, Series 2025, "An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, Increasing the Compensation to be Paid to Council Members and Mayor."

The council reviewed and approved an ordinance to increase compensation for council members and the mayor. The ordinance sets council member compensation at \$600 per month and the mayor at \$1,000 per month, with future annual increases linked to the town's budgeted pay adjustment. The new compensation rates will take effect for officials elected in 2026, with annual increases beginning in 2028.

MOTION: Council Member Bryan Woods motioned to approve Ordinance 7, Series 2025, "An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, Increasing the Compensation to be Paid to Council Members and Mayor." The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council would like to review and consider revising the code requirements for EV charging stations for preschools, or issue a variance for the upcoming Mountain Tots development permit application.

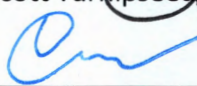
ADJOURN - 7:46 PM

MOTION: Council Member Mikel Kerst motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Grimmer, Woods, Bodenhemier, Kerst, Turnipseed, Woodworth Foral) and 0 opposed.

Date: 9/9/2025



Scott Turnipseed, Mayor



Camille Deering, Town Clerk

