



# Town of Johnstown

## TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

450 S. Parish, Johnstown, CO  
Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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*MISSION STATEMENT: Enhancing the quality of life of our residents, businesses, and visitors through community focused leadership.*

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### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mellon called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmember Berg  
Councilmember Molinar  
Councilmember Morris  
Councilmember Paranto  
Councilmember Young  
Mayor Mellon

Absent:

Councilmember Dominguez

#### AGENDA APPROVAL

*Councilmember Berg moved to approve the agenda.*

Councilmember Morris seconded and the motion passed.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. An executive session to receive legal advice from the Town attorney pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding group homes and the fair housing act.

*Councilmember Berg moved to recess into executive session to receive legal advice from the Town Attorney pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).*

2. Councilmember Young seconded and the motion passed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Butch Lewis, Executive Director of Colorado Agency for Recovery Resideneenes (CARR), spoke to Council regarding recovery home oversite and rules and regulations.

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Lacy Naranjo spoke to HOA guidelines regarding the recovery house.

Brianne Stinar spoke to information provided to the neighborhood regarding the recovery house.

Frank Eubanks spoke to CARR requirements for a recovery house.

Efrain Perez spoke to the recovery house and timeframe of information provided.

Michael Duncan spoke to the recovery house and noted documentation provided to Council.

David Hogan spoke to CARR and HOA rules.

Ken Velarde spoke to long-term care needed for recovery.

Tara Russell spoke regarding a neighborhood watch program for Johnstown.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

3. Ordinance 2023-263: Amending Section 17-4-3, Section 17-11-1 and Section 17-11-2 of the Town of Johnstown Land Use and Development Code; and Declaring an Emergency

Avi Rocklin, Town Attorney, noted the purpose of the proposed ordinance would be to amend the code to clarify what “group home” is listed as, per State Statute. It was noted that a recovery residence is not the same as a group home. The ordinance would add an occupancy limit to the code, to households not being able to exceed 3 unrelated persons.

Council asked for clarification on criteria to follow rules and guidelines of Metro Districts or HOAs, which staff noted all residents are required to be in compliance with the Metro District or HOA however the Town does not enforce those entities’ regulations.

Council noted the Town Manager would create a review criterion for applicants wishing for an exemption to the proposed code.

Mayor Mellon opened the public hearing for public comment.

Dr. James spoke to the ordinance making sense and social service enterprises.

Lawrence Barela spoke to the needs of a community.

Michael Duncan spoke to recoveries and sanctuary cities.

Dan Foggin spoke to neighbors of sober living facilities.

Ken Velarde sought clarification on number of people living in group homes.

Mayor Mellon closed public comment.

Mayor Mellon closed the public hearing.

Council noted the ordinance would be meant to strengthen the code and provide clarity to citizens.

*Councilmember Berg moved with amendments to approve Ordinance 2023-263, an Ordinance Amending Section 17-4-3, Section 17-11-1 and Section 17-11-2 of the Town of Johnstown Land Use and Development Code; and Declaring an Emergency.*

Councilmember Paranto seconded and the motion passed 5-1.

Abstain: Morris

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

There was no report given.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

There was no report given.

**COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

There was no report given.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

There was no report given.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Mellon adjourned the November 27, 2023 Special Meeting.

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Troy D. Mellon, Mayor

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Hannah Hill, Town Clerk