



Truckee Town Council Workshop Minutes

February 11, 2025, 12:00 PM

Gravity Haus Truckee, 10918 Brockway Road, Truckee, CA

1. **Call to Order**: Mayor Zabriskie called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**: Council Members; Romack, Henderson, Polivy, Vice Mayor Klovstad, Mayor Zabriskie.

Staff Present: Becky Bucar, Assistant Public Works Director; Dan Wilkins, Public Works Director/Town Engineer; Danny Renfrow, Chief of Police; Andy Morris, Town Attorney; Denyelle Nishimori, Community Development Director; Hilary Hobbs, Assistant to the Town Manager; Jen Callaway, Town Manager; and Kelly Carpenter, Town Clerk.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**: Deferred.

4. **Public Comment**:

Verbal comment received from: JD Hoss, Mary Barillo, Mike Livak, and Bob Ferwerda.

Written comment received from: Bob Ferwerda.

5. **Discussion Items**

- 5.1 **Teambuilding for Council members and Town staff to discuss: (1) the decision-making process; (2) Council norms and policies; (3) 2025-2027 strategic focus areas; (4) budget timeline, revenues and expenses; (5) organizational staffing; (6) Council meeting calendar; (7) Nevada County collaboration; and (8) Planning Commission.**

Discussion Items:

- Council members shared their visions for the future and for the community.
- AirDiamond Creative Consulting consultant, David Diamond, provided an update on initial themes from the Process Refinements and Partnerships Project and Program Creation scope of work.
- Customer service strategies.
- Council Strategic Priorities and initial input on items that may be considered in the 2025-2027 workplan:
 - Council Priority #1: Infrastructure and Community Connectivity.
 - Updated priority: *Invest in Key Infrastructure, Community Connectivity, and Economic Vitality.*
 - Workplan topics discussed:
 - Consider additional partnerships to expand TART Connect services
 - Council Priority #2: Housing Our Workforce
 - The priority will remain: *Actively support the development of workforce housing.*
 - Workplan topics discussed:

- New Development Deed Restriction: Council is not interested in considering expanding program area at this time.
- Potential expansion of deed restriction programs to including deed restriction in exchange for funding energy efficiency and/or home hardening investments
- Council Priority #3: Climate Action and Sustainability.
 - The priority will remain: *Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and become a leader in environmental sustainability*
 - Workplan topics discussed:
 - Continue exploration of biomass
 - Building Decarbonization: consider technology options to expand and simplify rebate programs; potential additional partnerships with the Truckee Donner Public Utility District.
- Council Priority #4: Communication and Public Outreach.
 - Updated priority *Enhance communication and public outreach*.
 - Workplan topics discussed:
 - Continued interest in including inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility initiatives.
 - Get better understanding of potential impacts to non-profit partners from federal funding freezes and changes.
 - Interest from Truckee Downtown Merchants Association in the considering formation of a CFD for Commercial Row to fund services. such as streetscape maintenance, snow removal, and dumpsters.
 - Council not interested in consider additional grant programs (e.g. art) until we understand success of current grant programs.
- Council Priority #5: Emergency Preparedness
 - Updated priority: *Enhance Partnerships and Investment for Emergency Preparedness Including Wildfire Readiness, Mitigation and Recovery*.
 - Workplan topics discussed:
 - Disaster recovery planning.

Mayor Zabriskie opened public comment.

Verbal comment received from: Sophia Heidrich

Mayor Zabriskie closed public comment.

Mayor Zabriskie adjourned for a recess at 3:10 p.m.

Mayor Zabriskie reconvened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Continued Discussion Items:

- Future staffing needs and workload capacities.
- Technology tools to support permit processing, codification and public records requests.
- Hardy Bullock presented an update from Nevada County on Nevada County strategic priorities.
- Review Council norms.
- Planning commissioner appointment procedure: agendize for future Council discussion
- Gratitude Month, Small Business, Big Applause recognition, and Council meeting opening acts.

- Council discussed the calendar for this year's Council meetings: Thanksgiving week (canceled, unless needed), Christmas week (canceled), and July recess (both July meetings canceled).

6. Adjournment: 6:08 p.m.

To the regular meeting of the Truckee Town Council, February 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

Kelly Carpenter, Town Clerk

Jan Zabriskie, Mayor