

PITKIN TOWN WORK SESSION
At the Newcomb Community Center

August 13th at 7:30PM

MINUTES

Full and timely notice of this meeting was provided pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(c).

1. **CALL TO ORDER/Roll Call** - Mayor Rachel New called the work session to order at 7:16pm. Trustees Brad Wick, John Rowan and Steve Pinkston were present. Trustees Angela Huckaby, Suzy Metzler and Cory Nasso were absent. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb

2. **Discuss STR-related ballot language for November 2018 coordinated election with Gunnison County.**

The Board of Trustees is in favor of using the following ballot language:

“Shall the Town of Pitkin, Colorado Zoning Code be modified to allow the operation of short-term rentals, defined as rentals of 29 days or less, only in the business district”

Comments from Trustee Suzy Metzler (absent) were read aloud by Clerk Sara Gibb.

Mayor Rachel New pointed out that Suzy’s suggestions appear to be adding additional questions, despite the Board’s preference (as stated at the last regular meeting) to put one simple yes/no question on the ballot. Trustee Steve Pinkston verified the Board’s original intentions of placing a yes/no question on the ballot. Trustee John Rowan is in favor of a yes/no question and proceeding from that point. Mayor Rachel New reminded the Board that at the meeting one week ago, the question was asked whether the original STR ordinance (2018-1) should be put on the ballot along with another ordinance or if there should be a yes/no question. Now tonight, there appears to be some hesitation in simply asking a yes/no question.

Trustee Brad Wick suggested that with the time constraint, the only option the Town has would be to modify the current ordinance. He wants the people to be able to vote, he also wants an ordinance to be in place.

Mayor Rachel New pointed out that the Board of Trustees needs to identify collectively where they stand on this issue and what the goal is – she believes this is clearly some sort of regulation. The Board then needs to identify the means to the goal.

Trustee Brad Wick is in favor of the ballot language drafted by Attorney Jim McDonald. Trustee Steve Pinkston would like a question to be presented to the constituents as soon as possible.

Mayor Rachel New stated that Attorney Jim McDonald suggests placing an ordinance on the ballot along with a yes/no question.

Mayor Rachel New stated that adding “all” to the ballot suggests not only that the Town plans to close down currently operating STRs but that the Town is willing to go to litigation to support this position.

Trustee Steve Pinkston suggested using the drafted ballot language, then starting with ordinance 2018-1 to make it agree with the results of the ballot instead of starting from scratch.

Public comments: Ramon Reed, Mike Rupp (2 comments), Lois Sharpton (2 comments), Pete Olson (3 comments), Valerie Rupp, James Sharpton, Robbin King (2 comments)

3. **Adjourn**

Work session adjourned at 8:19pm

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