

20 YEARS AGO today

MetRec decides to keep broadcasting free television signal (abridged)

"People are using the signal"

BY KRISTINA JOHNSON

Residents of Crested Butte South will be able to enjoy their favorite network shows for at least another three years without paying for cable or satellite TV, thanks to a recent decision by the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District (MetRec) to continue to secure free television signals to Crested Butte South households. The decision follows a three-week trial shutdown of the service in September.

MetRec board president Joel Vosburg and director Wynn Williams suggested the idea of discontinuing the service to Crested Butte South, where they believed very few residents were using the free signals. Because the free signals are notoriously weak, explains MetRec board member Steve Bathje, many Crested Butte South residents have opted to pay for cable service and satellite dishes instead.

In an attempt to find out how many people in Crested Butte South were relying on the free TV signals, the MetRec District conducted a three-week shutdown of the service. During this time, residents who missed the signal were asked to call in to the MetRec district. A surprising number of households - approximately 25 - reported that they were using the service. As the cost of satellite and cable service climbs more and more people are deciding to save money and use the free signals.

In response to the September test, the MetRec District decided to secure leases for another three years on two tower sites that lie on private property. In the meantime, the MetRec District is exploring options that could improve the quality of free television signals.

One option, he says, is to install a satellite site in Crested Butte South, which would provide a much clearer picture to residents there. The site would probably cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to install, and would require approval by the Crested Butte South Homeowners Association. The MetRec District will not make a decision on future service until its current tower site leases expire, Bathje explains. "We've got three years to decide what to do," he says.

CBFPD ladder truck first of its kind (abridged)

BY ZACH MARQUIS

The Crested Butte Fire Protection District (CBFPD) has recently become home to a brand-new, custom-designed, all-mountain ladder truck, and according to fire officials it is the only truck of its kind in the world. "This is the first four-wheel-drive, single-rear-axle, 105-foot-high aerial ladder in the United States," says Crested Butte fire chief Ric Ems. "It turns a tighter circle than my Chevy."

Ems and fire department staff custom-designed the truck for the rigors of operating in the mountains. "Other departments have been coming here to look at the truck because they have similar terrain to ours." The ladder set-up has a self-leveling system, which allows improved access into confined spaces like alleys and mountainous terrain. The new truck can put a ladder on top of a building more than twice as fast as other top fire and rescue services in the country and with less than half the work of other similar rescue operations. Other emergency response features on the new truck include a crane lift, a working platform with attachable medical gurney and a 1,000 gallon-per-minute, remote-control, elevated-stream water pump.

As the first of its kind in the country, the

BY ALYSSA MOORE

new truck is attracting attention from other fire departments throughout the state and the nation. "They can't believe what it does," says Ems. The engine cost local taxpayers \$650,000. The cab and chassis went for \$100,000 from the HME factory in Michigan. The rig was shipped to Germany for the installment of the \$400,000 ladder system.

In 1995, the Crested Butte Fire Protection District expanded its services from the towns of Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte to encompass 220 square miles of the Upper East River Valley including Crested Butte South. This expansion spurred improvements, which include a new firehouse in Crested Butte South and four new fire trucks, not including the new ladder truck.

Cunningham chosen as new museum director (abridged)

The board of trustees of the Crested Butte Museum announces the appointment of Glo Cunningham to be the new museum director. Cunningham replaces Susan Medville as the museum's top administrator.

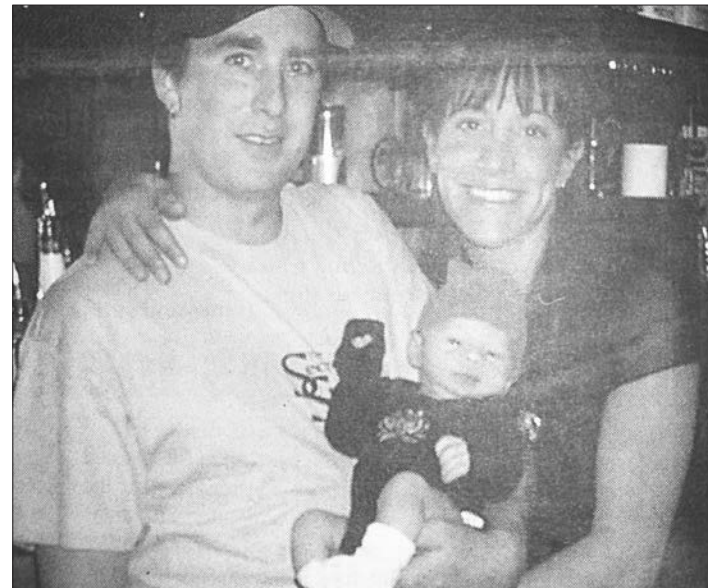
"It was a tough decision because we had so many candidates with outstanding qualifications," said board president Pinky Schuele. "Glo is the right choice to build upon Susan's many achievements, especially her leadership during the acquisition and restoration of Tony's Conoco at 331 Elk Avenue, which now houses the Museum. We are confident that Glo will lead the Museum to new levels of educational value and excitement for residents and visitors alike."

According to Schuele, Cunningham will be a perfect fit with the museum. She has lived in the valley for nearly 30 years and has been actively involved with numerous non-profits. The enthusiasm and skill that she brings to this position will help Glo Cunningham the Museum continue to fulfil its mission.

Local icons sent to L.A. for plastic surgery (abridged)

"Bubba got a belly lift and a butt lift"

BY KRISTINA JOHNSON



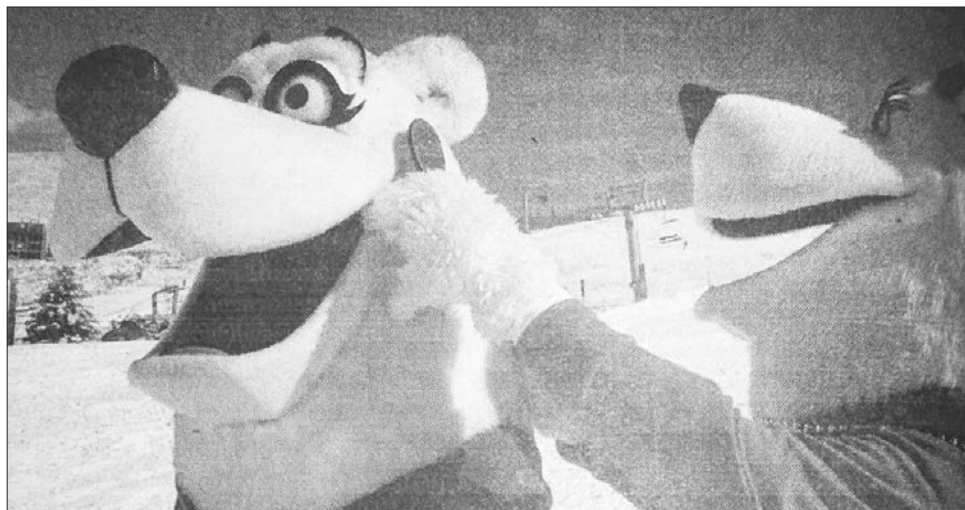
Kyleena and Jeff Graceffa welcomed Harken Joseph on the Harvest Full Moon on September 28. He weighed 6 lbs., and measured 15 inches.

This summer, as workers put the finishing touches on Crested Butte Mountain Resort's (CBMR) remodel, the ski area's most revered and recognizable couple was discreetly whisked off to Los Angeles for cosmetic surgery. She underwent relatively light "work" —just a little surgery around the eyes. He, however, received the brunt of the procedures, with a nip and a tuck to the derriere and an aesthetic upgrade to his abdominal region.

That's right, folks: As part of CBMR's recent overhaul, the beloved Bubba and Betty Bear have also received extreme makeovers. "Bubba got a belly lift and a butt lift," explains CBMR communications director April Prout. After a decade in service as the ski resort's friendly mascots, Bubba and Betty Bear were beginning to look a little worse for the wear. Their fur was dingy. Their clothes were outdated. And both were beginning to lose their eyelashes.

While Bubba and Betty were on their L.A. hiatus, rumors circulated with the ski area under new ownership, the two might be permanently retiring. But, according to Diane Mueller, one of the resort's new owners, nothing could be further from the truth. "Bubba and Betty are just so much a part of the mountain and the community. We could never let 'em go," she says.

This winter, Bubba and Betty will greet guests at Kids World and at the top of the Red Lady Express lift. They will also likely make their traditional appearances at local parades and community festivities. Ann Johnson says in addition to being a tradition at the resort, Bubba and Betty are a tourist draw. "We have people who come here who say the reason they came is because their kids saw Bubba and Betty on the Internet."



Rest in peace Bubba and Betty? PHOTO BY ALEX FENLON

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—TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING— MT CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO DECEMBER 3, 2024 • 6:00 P.M.

The Town Council of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte will have their regular Town Council meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd. There will be a work session at 4:30pm and the regular meeting will start at 6pm. The agenda and packet will be posted to the Town's website no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting. This meeting will be at the Mt. Crested Butte Town Hall, 911 Gothic Road, Mt. Crested Butte. Please review the meeting agenda on the website for attendance options. Please go to <https://mtcrestedbuttecolorado.civicweb.net/portal/> or contact Mt. Crested Butte Town Hall at (970) 349-6632 for the agenda. Subscribe to the Town website to receive notifications when agendas are posted here: <https://mtcrestedbuttecolorado.civicweb.net/Portal/Subscribe.aspx>

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 @ NOON (for the 12/26 paper)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 @ NOON (for the 1/2/25 paper)

—NOTICE OF DRC MEETING—

CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
SPECIAL AREA ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW

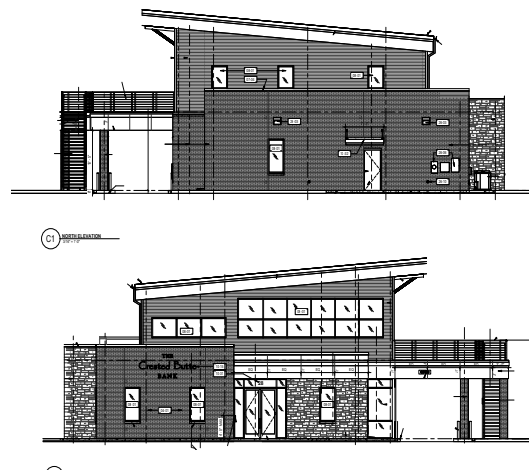
LOCATION: CB SOUTH POA OFFICE, 61 TEOCALLI ROAD, CRESTED BUTTE, CO 81224

Join virtually: Email staff@cbsouth.net for a Zoom invitation

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a CB South Property Owners Association Design Review Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the following:

Design Review for the application for The Gunnison Bank & Trust, Commercial Building, Units 11, 12 & 13 Pioneer Plaza Townhomes, AKA 28 Gillaspey. A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South P.O.A. Office, 61 Teocalli Road by appointment. There is a 14-day public comment period in which comments regarding the above-referenced project may be submitted in writing to the Design Review Committee. The 14-day public comment period shall be from December 3, 2024 to December 16, 2024. Comments may be submitted to the CB South Design Review Manager by email at drcmanager@cbsouth.net, by mail or in person to the address listed above. Comments must be professional.

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—AGENDA—
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

START TIME: 5:30 PM
 CB South POA, 61 Teocalli Road
Join virtually: Email staff@cb-south.net for a Zoom invitation
 Questions about this Agenda/Meeting can be directed to 970-349-1162 or info@cbsouth.net or viewed at: www.cbsouth.net
5:30 PM Call to Order
5:35 PM Approve Minutes from October 29, 2024
 Declaration of Notices
Business:
5:40 PM Design Review for The Gunnison Bank & Trust Company, Commercial Building, Units 11, 12, & 13 Pioneer Plaza Commercial Townhomes AKA 28 Gillaspay.
6:30 PM Work Session: Discussion and consideration of amendments to the Residential Design Guidelines, Section 3: Landscape Architecture.

Executive Session: Discussion of legal matters with respect to possible revisions to the Residential Design Guidelines.
Other Business
8:00 PM Adjourn
ADA Accommodations: Anyone needing special accommodations as determined by the *American Disabilities Act* may contact the Association Manager prior to the day of the hearing.
Agenda Items: All times are estimates. Please allow for earlier discussion. Please show up at least 20 minutes prior to the listed times. A complete set of plans can be viewed at the Crested Butte South POA office, 61 Teocalli Road, by appointment.
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—KNOWN INTERESTED PARTY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC AUCTION OF A CERTIFICATE OF OPTION FOR TREASURER'S DEED—
TAX LIEN SALE CERTIFICATE NO.202000196
SCHEDULE/ACCOUNT NO. R016130
TREASURER'S DEED NO. 2024-004

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the Same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern: You and each of you are hereby notified that on the **5TH day of November 2020** the then County Treasurer of the County of **Gunnison**, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to **JERICHO HOLDINGS LLC** the following described real estate situate in the County of **GUNNISON**, State of Colorado, to wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 1 ACRES IN SE¼NE¼SE¼ SEC 25, TOWNSHIP 13S, RANGE 89W
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to **JERICHO HOLDINGS LLC**. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year **2019**. That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of

GORDON, ROBERT F
 That said **JERICHO HOLDINGS LLC** on the **27TH day of AUGUST, 2024**, the present holder of said certificate, has made request upon the Treasurer of said County by presenting an Application for a Public Auction of a Certificate of Option for Treasurer's Deed pursuant to C.R.S. 39-11.5-101 for initiation of the process for a deed to said real estate; Notice Is Hereby Given that on the first possible Auction date (unless the Auction is continued) at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursday, MARCH 20, 2025, at Gunnison County Treasurer's Office, 221 N. Wisconsin ST., STE T, Gunnison, Colorado**, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Lawful Holder, Lawful Holders' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Application for a Public Auction of a Certificate of Option for Treasurer's Deed, plus fees, expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the

purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 If you wish to Redeem these taxes prior to the property going to auction, please contact our office at least 10 days prior to the auction date listed above.
 First Publication: 11/29/2024
 Last Publication: 12/13/2024
 Published in: Crested Butte News
 *You may track the Public Auction date on the Treasurer's website: www.gunnisoncounty.org
 Said property may be redeemed at any time prior to the actual Public Auction.
 Witness my hand this 4th day of November, 2024.
 Debbie Dunbar, Gunnison County Treasurer
 By: Teresa Brown, Deputy County Treasurer
 221 N Wisconsin ST., STE T
 Gunnison, CO 81230
 970-641-2231
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—LEGAL NOTICE—
TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE
ORDINANCE NO. 9 • SERIES 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 19-152 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO TO IMPLEMENT A VOTER APPROVED SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX RATE INCREASE
 INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED on first reading at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado, this 19 day of November, 2024.
 For full copies of the ordinance please contact Tiffany O'Connell, MMC at toconnell@mctcb.colorado.gov or 970-349-6632 ext 103.

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—LEGAL NOTICE—
TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE
ORDINANCE NO. 10 • SERIES 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2025 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2025
 INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED on first reading at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado

held this 22nd day of November 2024.
 For full copies of the ordinance contact Town Clerk, Tiffany O'Connell, at toconnell@mctcb.colorado.gov or 970-349-6632 ext 103.
 TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
 Mayor
 ATTEST
 Tiffany O'Connell, Town Clerk

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—LEGAL NOTICE—

The Town of Mt. Crested Butte (Town) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to provide maintenance on the Town's Avalanche Fence. The Fence is located along Sunlight Ridge on the southwest part of Town. The purpose of this project is for a Contractor to conduct 2025 maintenance repairs and install approved replacement parts to keep the Fence within manufacturer specifications and tolerances, as per a May, 2024 Geobruigg Fence Inspection Report Letter and the 2006 Geobruigg Product Manual. The Town can foresee this Project evolving into an annualized maintenance repair program. Proposals will be received by the Town of Mt Crested Butte until May 16, 2025 at 3:00 PM (MST), at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. The RFP documents and any addendums can be found on the Town's website at <https://mctcb.colorado.gov/request-for-proposals>.

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—MEETING NOTICE—
UPPER GUNNISON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) will conduct a special board meeting for approval of the 2025 budget on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 5:30 PM via Zoom video/teleconferencing only.

Please register in advance using the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84085613873>
 After registering, you will receive an email about joining the meeting. A meeting agenda will be posted at the

District Office prior to the meeting. For questions, please call UGRWCD at (970)641-6065.
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—PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING—
MT CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
DECEMBER 4, 2024 • 5:00 P.M.

The Planning Commission of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte will be having a Regular Meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. The agenda and packet will be posted to the Town's website no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting. This meeting will be at the Mt. Crested Butte Town Hall, 911 Gothic Road, Mt. Crested Butte. Please review the meeting agenda on the website for attendance options.
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***regular deadline is Tuesdays at noon**

—AGENDA —
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS • 507 MAROON AVE; CRESTED BUTTE, CO • MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

Meeting information to connect remotely:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84085613873>
 Or Telephone: Dial: +1 719 359 4580 US +1 669 444 9171 US +1 253 205 0468 US +1 360 209 5623 US +1 386 347 5053 US +1 507 473 4847 US +1 564 217 2000 US +1 646 931 3860 US +1 689 278 1000 US +1 305 224 1968 US +1 309 205 3325 US
 Webinar ID: 840 8561 3873
Public comments may be submitted at any time to the entire Council via email at towncouncil@crestedbutte-co.gov.
The times are approximate. The meeting may move faster or slower than expected.
6:00 WORK SESSION
 1) Joint North Gunnison Valley Electric Vehicle (EV) and Infrastructure Readiness Plan.
Staff Contact: Sustainability Coordinator Dannah Leeman
6:30 2) Introduction and Interviews of Applicants to fill Jason MacMillan's Council Seat.
Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford
7:00 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR OR MAYOR PRO-TEM
7:02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
7:03 CONSENT AGENDA
 1) November 18, 2024 Special Town Council Meeting
 Minutes.
Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford
 2) Letter of Support for the Gossan Restoration Project.
Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley

3) Letter of Support for GVRHA's Application for the Mountains and Plains Environmental Justice Grant.
Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald
 4) Light up the Butte Special Event Application Closing Elk Avenue from 3rd Street to 4th Street on Saturday, December 7th, 2024.
Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford
The listing under Consent Agenda is a group of items to be acted on with a single motion. The Consent Agenda is designed to expedite Council business. Council members may request that an item be removed from Consent Agenda prior to the Council's vote. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered under New Business.
7:05 PUBLIC COMMENT
The public has the opportunity to comment during the public comment period at the beginning of every regular Council meeting. At this time people may speak for up to five minutes on any topic that is not on the agenda. The Mayor may limit public comments to no more than three minutes if it appears there will be many comments on a similar topic. The public comment period is a time for the Council to listen to the people. Council generally should not engage in a two-way conversation at this time nor should the Council feel compelled to respond to the comments. If Council chooses to discuss or take action on a subject brought up during Public Comment that discussion should be held at the end of the Council meeting under "Other Business to Come Before the Council."
7:15 STAFF UPDATES

7:20 LEGAL MATTERS
7:25 NEW BUSINESS
 1) Resolution No. 24, Series 2024 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Adopting the Mill Levy for the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado for the Fiscal Year 2025, Beginning the First Day of January 2025 and Ending the Last day of December 2025.
Staff Contact: Finance Director Kathy Ridgeway
7:50 2) Selection of New Council Member to be Sworn in December 16th, 2024 and Serving through the November 4th, 2025 Election.
Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford
8:05 COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES
8:10 OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
8:15 DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
 • Monday, December 16, 2024 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
 • Monday, January 6, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
 • Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
8:20 ADJOURNMENT
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