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Community Development Team and Public Utilities Department Formed

Realignment of city functions will enhance coordination, responsiveness, effectiveness, and protection of the natural environment

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Park City Municipal is realigning several of its key departments to enhance collaboration across city teams, responsiveness with community partners, enhance protection of our natural environment, and provide more effective government. City Manager Diane Foster announced her proposal to create a Community Development Team comprised of the current Building, Planning, Engineering and Transportation Departments. The proposal also includes the creation of a Public Utilities Department, which will include Streets, Water, and a newly created Storm Water Management function.

Park City is facing increased growth and development pressures, and increasing regulatory responsibilities which require greater coordination and integration of City departments and personnel. The proposed Community Development Team will bring together key City regulatory and planning departments as well as the City's transportation planning and implementation functions. This realignment will *"promote greater internal coordination and a more integrated and strategic approach in the consideration of new projects,"* said City Manager Diane Foster. The inclusion of the Transportation Department in the Community Development Team reinforces transportation and traffic management as a critical Council priority and will ensure *"that transportation solutions are considered at the outset of all future projects in Park City,"* Foster added.

The proposed Community Development Director position will provide overall leadership and coordination among these departments to successfully implement the General Plan and Land Management Code consistent with the vision set forth by the City Council and citizens of Park City. The City is undertaking a nationwide recruitment for the Community Development Director position. Planning Manager Kayla Sintz was appointed the Acting Planning Director following Thomas Eddington's resignation last month. City Council will consider the creation of this new department head position in May during the annual budget process.

The Public Works Department also is being realigned in order to address the City's growing environmental and infrastructure responsibilities including the designation in December 2014 as the operator of a Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System by the Utah Division of Water Quality under the purview of the Clean Water Act.

A new Public Utilities Department is being formed that will incorporate the development and implementation of a new storm water program with the City's existing Clean Water Act related programs in the water and streets department. The purpose of the new storm water program is to further improve the City's stream water quality by reducing the quantity of pollutants that storm water picks up and carries into storm sewer systems during storm events. *"This state-mandated designation will put additional restrictions on future growth, making our community more sustainable and responsible when it comes to the watershed and our environment,"* Foster explained. The Public Utilities Department will be under the leadership of Park City Water Director Clint McAfee. The City's award-winning Transit system, along with its building and parking maintenance functions, will remain intact under the leadership of Public Works Director, Blake Fannesbeck.

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