

ATTACHMENT #3

**City-SSRC Negotiation
February 23, 2021
5:30pm
Meeting Notes**

- 1) **Attending:** Steve Muntean (facilitator), Tom Leeson (CoSS), Gary Suiter (CoSS), Roger Levanduski (SSRC), Katie Brown (SSRC), Rob Perlman (SSRC), Heather Sloop (CoSS), Kathi Meyer (CoSS)
- 2) **Summarization of initial meeting:** Steve provided a summary of the initial meeting and ground rules for this meeting.
- 3) **SSRC Partnership Options:** SSRC outlined three proposals to continued partnership with the City, below. SSRC identified their values that guided these proposals. These include long-term sustainable funding for the City and transportation solutions that are innovative, sustainable and meet the short and long-term needs of the community. These values are also reflected in the City's transportation planning, including the Transportation Master Plan, EV Readiness Plan, and Climate Action Plan.
 - a) **Baseline Partnership Contributions:** These are actions that SSRC will continue to take regardless of the outcome of this negotiation.
 - i) Collect & remit sales tax outside of City limits (currently \$350k/yr). This contribution covers the costs of each SST rider to disembark at GTC. (calculations and assumptions can be provided)
 - ii) Subsidize third of airline program (currently \$1.5M/yr)
 - iii) Commitment to redevelopment with Steamboat Springs as world class destination (sales tax and tax revenue increase to be discussed with City staff to avoid conflict of interest with City Council members)
 - iv) Support the efforts of the Chamber for sustainable funding ballot initiative (\$2M to the City general fund)
 - v) Commitment to do the hard work on getting to solution that is win-win for both parties
 - b) **Option 1:** Partner with the City on the purchase of an electric bus and the necessary charging infrastructure. **City win:** support in funding of new bus, working towards goal of CAP. **Community win:** Reduced GHG emissions, better air quality, quiet bus. **SSRC win:** Positive sustainability messaging and CO₂ offsets.
 - c) **Option 2:** Partner with the City on the purchase of infrastructure for fare collection with an emphasis on payment from visitors and employers. SSRC would purchase bus passes for their employees and would encourage City to ask other employers to do the same. **City win:** Sustainable funding for transportation. **Community win:** System could be developed to continue free local transportation, especially for income qualified. **SSRC win:** More equitable funding of transportation.
 - d) **Option 3:** SSRC would support a 0.25% sales tax to support an RTA. The fund would be dedicated to a transit system for a total of 8.65% sales tax and would generate an additional \$1.75M tax revenue for the purpose. **City win:** Sustainable funding for transportation. **Community win:** Long term support of local and regional transportation. **SSRC win:** Provides an opportunity for funding innovative transportation that will help the community and resort.

- 4) **Discussion of options:** The group discussed these options and identified areas of common interest for further discussion. These included:
 - a) Longer term commitment of funding of electric buses
 - b) Paid parking at both the resort and downtown
 - c) Possible partnership on affordable housing
 - d) Transit fare

- 5) **Path forward:** With the identification of common interest, the group scheduled the next meeting and identified additional information needed for further discussion (below as action items).

- 6) **Action Items:**
 - a) City: SST Housing needs
 - b) City: Fare costs for SST
 - c) City: More information on electric buses – costs, grant opportunities and schedule of replacement
 - d) City and SSRC: Costs and revenue for paid parking
 - e) SSRC: Evaluate feasibility of providing employee housing for SST bus drivers for winter 21/22