

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**June 28, 2011**

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**THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN** met in a budget workshop on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC.

Mayor Carl Bartlett called the meeting to order at 8:30 am with the following members present:

Mayor Carl R. Bartlett  
Mayor pro tem Joan Brown  
Alderman Ruth Brandon  
Alderman Tim Rayburn  
Alderman Carlos Showers  
Alderman Mike Sobol

The following staff members were present:

Marcia D. Onieal, Town Manager  
Darlene Whisenant, Town Clerk  
Kevin Pressley, Police Chief  
Steve Padgett, Police Lieutenant  
Craig Bannerman, Deputy Fire Chief  
Dean Luebbe, Finance Director  
Casey Conner, Recreation Services Director  
Mark Combs, Public Services Director  
John Shaw, Golf Maintenance Superintendent  
Brent Miller, Golf Operations Administrator  
Deon Lytle, MPA Summer Intern  
Jennifer Tipton, Permits Clerk/Building Inspector, Level 1  
Genella Gray, Human Resources Coordinator  
Pam Hoen, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Public Services Department

Other Attendees:

Mark Vanderhoff, Black Mountain News  
Marilyn Sobanski, Black Mountain Citizen  
Buzz Yeatman, Black Mountain Citizen  
Tom Sinks, Black Mountain Citizen  
John DeWitt, Black Mountain Citizen  
Al Richardson, Black Mountain Citizen  
Julia Caps, Black Mountain Citizen  
Gladys Brooks, Black Mountain Citizen

Mayor Carl Bartlett opened the floor for discussion to the Board of Alderman if they had any questions.

Alderman Ruth Brandon said she had no questions at this time.

Alderman Carlos Showers asked for confirmation that a professional golf management contract would come back to the Board of Alderman for approval prior the signing of the agreement. Marcy Onieal, Town Manager, stated that it would definitely come to the Board for approval before any final negotiations.

Alderman Tim Rayburn asked why on page 14 of the Recommended Budget FY11-12 document under tax collection fees it showed going from \$2,000 to a projected \$70,000 for the new fiscal year. Dean Luebbe, Finance Director clarified that the Town of Black Mountain pay Buncombe County to collect taxes and the bulk of this expense was noted under contract services until April 2011.

Within the Planning Board budget on page 26, Alderman Rayburn questioned the increase of the Board of Adjustments budget line item from \$240 actual for FY11 to \$9,300 projected FY12. Ms. Onieal explained that this now included Town Attorney Ron Sneed's service fees.

Alderman Sobol asked for clarification of the \$24,000 listed on the Contract Services for the Planning Board budget, page 26. Ms. Onieal explained that with the Planning Director position being frozen for a year, this was budgeted for possible contract services.

Alderman Showers re-emphasized that with the \$6 per household per month solid waste fee this would generate \$150 for half a year.

Mayor pro tem Joan Brown shared her regrets that with the proposed budget this would mean six town employees would be laid off, three vacant positions would be frozen for a year and more money would have to be used from the fund balance.

***Alderman Brown then made a motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote, with Alderman Sobol and Rayburn opposing.***

Mayor Bartlett shared there was wide spread speculation that with a professional golf management service contract the current employees would be terminated. Ms. Onieal concurred that the Town employees would no longer be employed by the town, but would re-apply to be employed by the Billy Casper group, or whichever golf management services the town decides to contract with. She also stated that the plan was to negotiate with the management service to hire the current staff. Mayor Bartlett requested that some of the courses that are currently under contract with Billy Casper organization be visited, as well as look at other management companies before deciding on one.

***At 9:00am, Alderman Brown made the motion to go into Closed Session, pursuant to NCGS Section 143-318.11(4).***

The open session reconvened at 9:15am. *Alderman Brown made the motion to delay listing the downtown property until they receive the Martin, Alexiou & Bryson traffic and transportation report, which should be ready to present to the Board of Aldermen in the August/September timeframe. The vote was unanimous 5-0.*

There being no further business, Alderman Showers made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20.



Carl R. Bartlett, Mayor



Marcia D. Onieal, Town Manager

ATTEST:



Darlene R. Whisenant, Town Clerk