

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA WORKSHOP
April 12, 2010

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN held its regularly scheduled agenda workshop on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to review the agenda for the regular monthly meeting scheduled for April 12, 2010.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Carl R. Bartlett
Alderman Ruth D. Brandon
Alderman Joan Brown
Alderman Tim Rayburn
Alderman Carlos Showers
Alderman C. Michael Sobol

The following staff members were present:

Marcy Onieal, Town Manager
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney
Jim Orr, Recreation and Parks Director
Kevin Pressley, Police Chief
Craig Bannerman, Deputy Fire Chief
Elizabeth Teague, Planning Director
Rick Shreve, Finance & Information Services Director
Anna V. Stearns, Interim Clerk to the Board

The Board reviewed the items that were proposed for the April regular session meeting and made the following changes:

- Added under Other Board Reports/Announcements, Item 2B “Sponsorship of Stand Against Racism Forum”.
- Deleted Item 5C “Call for a Public Hearing” to consider application to amend the zoning map from Traditional Residential to Light Industrial for 9 properties located along Blue Ridge Road.
- Tabled Item 6A ‘Review of Proposals/Award of Contract for Legal Services for the Town of Black Mountain’, until the next meeting.

By consensus, the Board unanimously approved having the Town serve as co-sponsor of the Forum.

Elizabeth Teague, Planning Director, addressed the application made by Jeff Hall regarding the rezoning of his property on Blue Ridge Road, explaining that the Town was originally contacted by Riverside Stump Dump, Inc., in Asheville for a business privilege license. The company had contracted with the Department of Transportation to clear debris from the winter storms along NC Highway 9, and wanted to use Mr. Hall's property for staging the debris until it could be removed. The Town ordinances only allow this as a temporary use for no more than three months. The company quickly exceeded the volume allowed by its state-issued permit and the Town asked NCDENR to shut down the site. Mr. Hall subsequently applied for a zoning change, which the Planning Board declined to recommend. Because Mr. Hall's property lies within the Flood Plain any permanent location of a stump grinding business would be prohibited, therefore Mr. Hall withdrew his request for rezoning. The Board discussed whether or not the grandfathered use as a junkyard includes all of the properties owned by Mr. Hall, or only one parcel. Mrs. Teague said that the Town did not distinguish the parcels as separate because the business is conducted on both sites.

Mayor Bartlett called the Board into closed session at 5:10 p.m., directing all staff, as well as manager and attorney to be excused.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Sobol moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and the motion was unanimously approved.

Carl R. Bartlett, Mayor

Marcia D. Onieal, Town Manager

ATTEST

Darlene R. Whisenant

Prepared by:

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