



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2020

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN held an agenda workshop on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the board 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 Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Don Collins
Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle
Alderman Ryan Stone
Alderman Larry Harris
Alderman Tim Raines

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Angela Reece, Assistant to Manager/ Town Clerk
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director
Joshua Henderson, Recreation Director
Jamey Matthews, Public Works Director

The Board reviewed the items that were proposed for the March 9, 2020 Regular Session and added Friends of the Fonta Flora State Trail Executive Board Appointment as ITEM 8B, #3 to the agenda.

Mayor Don Collins opened the meeting. Town Manager, Josh Harrold presented the proposed agenda to the Board of Aldermen.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 5B**, Budget Amendment for Attorney Fees stating this amendment reflects increases in costs associated for attorney fees.

Attorney Sneed continued discussions regarding Item 7B, Highway 9 Sidewalk Construction Contract Approval. The Board directed Attorney Sneed to approach Sikes Regan to advise the town is unable to pay the additional cost for brick for this portion of sidewalk and to ask if he is willing to pay the difference in the low bid to add the brick. Attorney Sneed recommended the Board reject the construction bid at their regular meeting and direct staff to re-bid alternate portions of the sidewalk project in the event Mr. Regan declines to pay the additional costs for upgrades.

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Alderman Larry B. Harris discussed **Item 8A**, Appointment of Aldermen for the Town of Black Mountain stating is it his intention to nominate Zoning Board Chairman, Cheryl Milton. Board members received 11 interest forms.

Board members discussed **Item 8B**, Appointments of Representatives on Outside Agencies/Boards/Commissions. Board members conceded they will nominate Town Manager, Josh Harrold to serve as member to the Chamber of Commerce Board. Alderman Larry B. Harris stated he would like to add the appointment to the Fonta Flora State Trail Executive Board to the agenda. Alderman Harris stated he would volunteer to serve and asked that the bylaws be given to the Board for review.

*Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to add Item 8B, #3, Fonta Flora State Trail Executive Board Appointment to the agenda.
The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.*

Attorney Ron Sneed discussed **Item 9A**, Compliance with NC G.S. Chapter 160D stating The new Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes consolidates current city- and county-enabling statutes for development regulations (now in Chapters 153A and 160A) into a single, unified chapter. Chapter 160D places these statutes into a more logical, coherent organization. While the new law does not make major policy changes or shifts in the scope of authority granted to local governments, it does provide many clarifying amendments and consensus reforms that will need to be incorporated into local development regulations. Attorney Sneed stated that in order to provide time for the development, consideration, and adoption of necessary amendments to conform local ordinances to this new law, Chapter 160D is not effective until January 1, 2021. All city and county zoning, subdivision, and other development regulations, including unified-development ordinances, will need to be updated by that date to conform to the new law. Attorney Sneed stated he preferred to amend all of the ordinances at once rather than individually. All amendments will pass through the Planning Board for comment and review first.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 9B**, Resolution to Provide Matching Funds for Ninth Street Bridge Replacement stating the State requires municipalities to conduct bridge inspections on all bridges every two years. Manager Harrold stated the Ninth Street Bridge scored the lowest of all the bridges in Town and will need to be replaced for safety. Manager Harrold stated the approximate cost of replacement is \$450,000 and said the resolution is necessary to apply for grant funding through the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) federal funding. If awarded, the Town's match will be 20% or \$91,000.

There was no further discussion on the agenda.

*Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to enter into closed session to consult with the town attorney, as permitted in NCGS § 143.318.11(a)(3) at 5:20 p.m.
The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.*

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*Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to return to open session at 5:31 p.m.
The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.*

*There being no further discussion, on a motion by Alderman Ryan Stone, with a vote of 4-0
Mayor Don Collins adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.*

ATTEST.



Angela Reece, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk



Don Collins, Mayor