



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN
COUNCIL AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES April 8, 2021

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL held an agenda workshop on Thursday, April 8, 2021 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, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m and to discuss Community Funded Projects and the Ridgecrest Water Agreement.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Larry B. Harris
Vice Mayor Ryan Stone
Council Member Tim Raines
Council Member Pam King
Council Member Doug Hay
Council Member Archie Pertiller

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/ Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Mayor Larry Harris opened the meeting. Town Manager, Josh Harrold presented the proposed agenda to the Town Council.

Manager Josh Harrold discussed item 7A, Riverwalk Greenway Update. He explained that this month's update would be slightly lengthier as there has been some discussion with North Carolina DOT concerning the next steps forward.

Manager Harrold also briefly reviewed 8A, The Library Garden Proposal. Attorney Sneed confirmed that the Town Council could approve the plan subject to no changes being made by the Library Board.

Items 8B and 8C, Golf Course Rates and the Purchase/Lease of Golf Carts. Brent Miller will attend the meeting on April 12, 2021 to present these items to the Town Council. Manager Harrold stated that he believed purchasing golf carts was likely a better long term plan. The remaining agenda items were presented with little discussion.

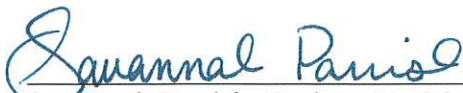
Town Clerk Savannah Parrish discussed the Community Funded Projects. She explained that House appropriators officially bring back earmarks, ending the ban. That will allow 1.4 trillion in discretionary spending. Each member of the House of Representatives can submit requests for general appropriations, community funded projects, and transportation infrastructure. The Clerk has been in touch with Rep. Madison Cawthorn's office and they are working on solidifying their internal process to manage applications. If the Town has projects that meet the qualifications the Town Manager and the Town Clerk will work to submit application to Rep. Cawthorn's office.

Manager Harrold informed the Council that Ridgecrest is not able to meet their water demands during the summer months due to an increase in summer campers. They approached the Town to see if it would be possible to buy water at out of town rates from the Town. The Manager will continue discussions with Ridgecrest and bring the official agreement before the Town Council.

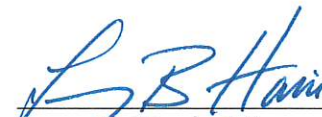
Manager Harrold presented the Town Council with mockup designs from NC DOT which give options for sidewalks, bike lanes, and multiuse paths along Blue Ridge Road. DOT is looking for guidance from the Town Council as to their preferred option. Alderman Doug Hay stated he felt the multiuse path was the best option for families. There was some discussion concerning this plan and the greenway project. Manager Harrold reiterated to the Council that working with the railroad on the greenway would likely be a slow and time consuming process, and will explore the idea of splitting the greenway project into two sections in order to complete one portion in a timelier manner.

There being no further discussion Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/Town Clerk



Larry B. Harris, Mayor