



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2021

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, held a special called meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain NC. The purpose of this meeting is for the Town Council is to discuss a Stormwater Utility and the proposed Buncombe County Library Master Plan.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the special meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present:

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

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney
Anna Stearns, Attorney
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director

Attorney Ron Sneed began the discussion concerning the library. He presented the resolution of opposition to the Buncombe County Library Master Plan, which is included and made part of these minutes.

Council Member Pam King stated that she met with Buncombe County Library Director, Jim Blanton. She learned that the report will be presented to the Buncombe County Commissioners on May 15, 2021. The master plan is part of a larger push from the county to evaluate the state of their buildings. Council Member stated that she felt it would be important to communicate to the decision makers in the county that the Black Mountain Library is a valuable community anchor. Council Member King shared that there would be a considerable amount of time for public input on this matter.

Mayor Larry B. Harris read Resolution #R-21-09, Resolution in Opposition to the Buncombe County Master Plan.

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to adopt #R-21-09 as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Attorney Sneed exited the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

Manager Josh Harrold gave a brief overview of the Stormwater Utility. Planning Director Jessica Trotman began a presentation to the council. The presentation is included and made part of these minutes.

Director Trotman shared that the town has been issued a notice of deficiency by NC DEQ. A complete analysis of the cost of bringing the town into compliance with the NPDES permit could not be completed by staff, who cited a lack of historical data on stormwater-related expenditures and unknown variables associated with the existing MS4 system. The 2010 stormwater capital plan estimated more than \$15 million of hard infrastructure improvements would be needed to address needs at the time. A notice of deficiency sets a series of administrative needs to be completed by staff and council, which are already underway.

Director Trotman then presented the plan to establish a utility, which will collect fees related to the control and treatment of stormwater that can be used to fund a municipal stormwater management program. It provides maintenance, improvements, planning, regulation, permitting and administrative functions for the Town's stormwater collection system.

Director Trotman presented five rate models to the town council. Staff recommended a flat tier rate and annual stand-alone billing to establish and fund it. There was some discussion on billing amongst Attorney Anna Stearns, staff, and council.

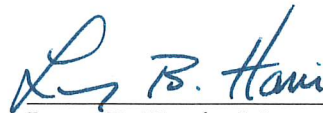
The Town Council will vote on establish the stormwater utility and the stormwater utility fund in public hearings at the regular session meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021.

There being no further discussion Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

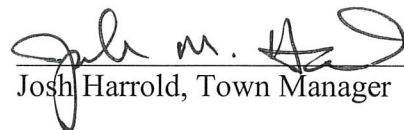
ATTEST:



Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk



Larry B. Harris, Mayor



Josh Harrold, Town Manager