



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2021

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL, held a special called meeting on Thursday, June 3, 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 review the Manager Recommended Budget.

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 - absent
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
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director
Shawn Freeman, Police Chief
Scottie Harris, Fire Chief
Jamey Matthews, Public Services Director
Joshua Henderson, Recreation Services Director

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the meeting to order and opened the floor for discussion.

Manager Harrold began the discussion by presenting the proposed revenue neutral budget and stated that the tax rate would be 30.06 cents. The general fund budget for FY21-22 is \$10,808,798, up 6.6% from FY20-21.

Manager Harrold then presented the major changes in each department. Manager Harrold is proposing a Cost of Living Increase of 3%

Governing Board

The only significant change to the Governing Board budget is an increase in the amount given to volunteer organizations, such as Black Mountain Beautification Committee. Friends of Fonta Flora State Trail was added as a recipient of funds in the amount of \$5000.

Administration

Manager Harrold proposed adding a new position to the finance department to administer payroll, and other responsibilities as needed. There is a proposed increase in contract services in order to upgrade the email systems and new phones for Town Hall.

Public Buildings

Insurance costs and Contract Services will increase in FY21-22. There is a solar project at Carver Center planning for FY21-22. Mayor Harris asked the manager to quantify the savings for the Town through the installation of the solar panels.

FY21-22 will be the last year for the debt payment on the Herron St. property.

Planning

There is a decrease in salaries for the Planning Department as the Building Inspector position was filled internally, and combined with the Fire Inspection position. Professional Services will increase in FY21-22 to begin a Unified Development Ordinance.

Capital Outlay for Planning increased to begin work on the I40 pedestrian connections, as well as implementing the Pedestrian and Bike plans.

Police

New items include the consolidation of two part-time positions into one full time position, the increase of Contract Services due to the move to Buncombe County Dispatch. Manager Harrold expects the cost of the dispatch to decrease in time.

Capital Outlay for the Police Department includes two police cars, and renovations to the evidence room.

Fire

There are three new positions budgeted in fire, leading to an increase in salaries. \$70,000 will be appropriated to the Capital Reserve Fund. Capital Outlay includes a vehicle for the deputy chief, a boat replacement, and the emergency signal for Montreat Rd.

Public Services

Manager Harrold is proposing \$500,000 for street paving from Powell Bill. The budget for sanitation will increase due to the cost of maintenance on the sanitation vehicles. The budget also includes new downtown trash cans, and debt payments for the sanitation trucks.

Recreation and Parks

Part-time salaries increased for the Community Garden. Benches for Lake Tomahawk, and restoration of tennis courts are also included.

Manager Harrold also presented the Water and Golf Funds to the Council.

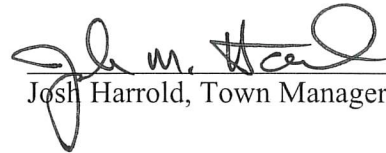
The Council will meet in a special call meeting on June 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further discussion Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor


Josh Harrold, Town Manager