



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Date: **July 12, 2021**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Regular Session Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Town Clerk
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director
Jamey Matthews, Public Works Director
Shawn Freeman, Police Chief
Scottie Harris, Fire Chief
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Mayor Harris welcomed members of the public and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Deacon Bobby Stafford of Mills Chapel Baptist Church offered an invocation.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Mayor Harris read a proclamation in honor of Mrs. Ruby Begley's 100th Birthday.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine, to be enacted by one motion without discussion. If a member of the governing body requests discussion of an item, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Manager Josh Harrold presented the consent agenda to the Town Council.

A. Adoption of Minutes

Motion: *To adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular session meeting, the June 10, 2021 agenda meeting, the June 3, 2021 special call meeting, the June 10, 2021 special call meeting, and the June 21, 2021 special call meeting.*

B. Budget Amendment for sanitation truck purchase.

Motion: *To approve the budget amendment as presented.*

C. Addendum of Collection Contract with Buncombe County.

Motion: *To approve the Addendum of the Collection Contract as presented.*

D. Call for Public Hearing for Text Amendments to add a Minor Subdivision Cooling Off Period.

Motion: *To call for a public hearing for text amendments to add a minor subdivision cooling off period to be held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Board Room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue.*

E. Revised Fee Schedule

Motion: *To approve the revised fee schedule as presented.*

F. Budget Amendment for Police Vehicle Repair

Motion: *To approve the budget amendment as presented*

G. Budget Amendment to recognize the reimbursement from The Settings for the repair of the booster station.

Motion: *To approve the budget amendment as presented*

H. Building Inspections Interlocal Agreement with Buncombe County

Motion: *To approve the agreement as presented.*

I. CARES Act Special Revenue Project Fund Ordinance and Interlocal Agreement with Buncombe County.

Motion: *To approve the agreement as presented.*

J. Budget Amendment Riverwalk Greenway.

Motion: *To approve the budget amendment as presented*

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to approve consent items A-J as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Patrick Prosser of 303 Pinnacle Drive petitioned the Town Council for a cross walk near Seven Sisters.

Oliver Morgan of 801 Laurel Avenue petitioned the Town Council for a traffic study for the intersection of Lauren Avenue and 10th Street. The neighbors feel that the speed of traffic through the neighborhood is excessive.

Charles Ledford of 42 Goldmont Street spoke in support of Agenda Item 9A- Public Hearing to Close Portion of Unopened, Platted Portion of Right-of-Way Parallel and Between W. College Street and Goldmont Street and Central Avenue.

Rachel Sudnick of 808 Laurel Avenue shared support for Mr. Morgan's comment that a traffic study take place for the intersection of Laurel Avenue and 10th Street.

Manager Harrold shared with the public that several traffic studies had been funded in the FY21-22 budget, including a study for the intersection of Laurel Avenue and 10th Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Riverwalk Greenway Update

Manager Harrold, Planning Director Jessica Trotman, and Fred Grogan of Michael Baker International presented an update on the Riverwalk Greenway. Two routes were presented to the Town Council. The first option was recommended by the Greenway Commission, and the other was a constrained alternative recommended by staff. There was much discussion concerning the best route. Mayor Harris called for a motion. Vice Mayor Ryan Stone thanked staff for the time spent on the Greenway project.

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to approve the constrained alternative as presented by staff. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. American Rescue Plan Act Discussion.

Manager Harrold stated that both Council Member King and Council Member Hay had separately brought the idea of offering bonuses to essential town employees to him. Manager Harrold

recommended that the Town Council approve a \$500 bonus to each essential employee using funds from the American Rescue Plan, when those funds become available.

Council Member Archie Pertiller moved to approve a bonus of \$500 to each essential town employee. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

B. Golf Cart Financing

Manager Harrold presented the financing terms for the golf carts and recommended that the Town Council approve a three-year term at 1.28% interest.

C. Town Council Vacancy

Town Clerk Savannah Parrish collected and read ballots from each board member. Council Members Hay, Pertiller, and Vice Mayor Stone nominated William Christy. Council Member King nominated Suzanne Hosch. The ballots are included and made part of these minutes.

Motion: *To appoint William Christy to fill an unexpired term ending December 12, 2022 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.*

Mr. Christy was sworn into office by Town Clerk Savannah Parrish.

D. Board Appointments

Planning Board - (3) vacancies - 3-year terms ending June 30, 2024

Motion: *To appoint Kathy Phillips to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.*

Motion: *To appoint Pamela Norton to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.*

Motion: *To appoint Chas Fitzgerald to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.*

Historic Preservation Commission – (1) application received for (2) vacant seats.

Motion: *To appoint Jay Parmar to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.*

ABC Board – (1) vacancy/3-yr term ending June 30, 2024

Motion: To appoint Rick Harwood to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Greenways Commission – (3) 3-year terms ending June 30, 2024

Motion: To appoint Julia Weatherford to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Motion: To appoint Julie White to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Motion: To appoint Lincoln Walters to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – (1) application received for (3) alternate terms (do not expire)

Motion: To appoint David Barkley as 1st alternate by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Recreation Commission – (2) applications received for (3) vacancies/ 3-yr terms ending June 30, 2024

Motion: To appoint Joseph Scotto to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

Motion: To appoint Andrea Menzel to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against

PUBLIC HEARING

The chair will recognize individuals requesting to address the Council regarding the specific topic of the public hearing. Public hearing comments by any on speaker shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. The Mayor reserves the right to alter time limits and other rules of procedure at the beginning of each Public Hearing.

A. Public Hearing to Close Portion of Unopened, Platted Portion of Right-of-Way Parallel

and Between W. College Street and Goldmont Street and Central Avenue

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to open the public hearing for Resolution #R-21-12 to Close Unopened, Platted Portion of Right-of-Way Parallel and Between W. College Street and Goldmont Street and Central Avenue. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Several property owners have submitted a petition to close a portion of the right-of-way parallel and between W. College Street, Goldmont Street, and Central Avenue. The right-of-way is not identified in any adopted plans nor is part of a proposed greenway or roadway system. The right-of-way is not part of a stormwater system nor is it in any drainage area. The Planning Board did not recommend the closure of either right-of-way with a vote 5 of 0, with one member abstaining, at the April 26, 2021, meeting.

Mary Carol Dodd – 132 West College Street made a public comment. She petitioned the Town Council to close the right-of-way.

Charles Ledford – 42 Goldmont Street spoke in support of closing the right-of-way.

Council Member Doug Hay moved to close the public hearing. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Council Member Doug Hay moved to approve Resolution #R-21-12 for the right-of-way closure. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

The Town Attorney addressed the Town Council concerning the Buncombe County Library. Attorney Sneed gave each council member a copy of the wish list that had been developed by the library branch manager. The list will be sent to the county commissioners per their request.

Town Manager Josh Harrold informed the Town Council that the new electric vehicle chargers are in the process of being installed.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Harris thanked the public works, police, and fire departments for their work over the 4th of July weekend.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to enter closed session to discuss personnel matters as permitted by North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(6). The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to return to open session. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Pam King moved to approve a salary increase of \$2000 for Chris Espinoza and Joe Kauffmann, a salary increase of \$2,400 for Jennifer Tipton, and a salary increase of \$6000 to Jessica Trotman. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

There being no further business Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah Parrish Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor


Josh Harrold, Town Manager