



BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

**May 9, 2024 | FY24-25 Budget Work Session &
Agenda Workshop Meeting | Time: 5:00 P.M.**

Town Hall Council Chambers | 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

The Black Mountain Town Council held a FY24-25 Budget Work Session and the agenda workshop meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Mayor C. Michael Sobol called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mayor C. Michael Sobol, Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller, Council Member Alice Berry, Council Member Doug Hay, Council Member Pam King, and Council Member Ryan Stone.

The following staff members were present: Josh Harrold, Town Manager; Jessica Trotman, Assistant Town Manager & Planning Director; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Josh Henderson, Recreation & Parks Director; Jamey Matthews, Public Works Director; John Coffey, Fire Chief; Steve Parker, Police Chief.

FY24-25 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Town Manager Josh Harrold gave an overview of the latest budget proposals since the last work session and presented a FY24-25 expense sheet which highlighted proposed capital and personnel expenditures, with several cuts being made within each. The latest proposal included the following noteworthy items:

- 6 positions that included Assistant Town Manager, which will be split from the current dual role with the Planning Director, Accounting Manager, (2) Firefighter II, Public Works Tech I (unfrozen position), and Assistant Public Works Director.
- A proposed 4% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment), down from the initial proposed 5%.
- A Waste Reduction Fee of \$5 per month, down from the initial proposed \$10 per month. (Currently, this fee is \$2 per month.)
- Paving expense of streets.
- Police vehicles
- Public Works Trucks (from Capital Water Fund)
- Waterline Replacements (from Capital Water Fund in response to the EPA Lead & Copper Water Line Replacement Program).

Overall, the proposed recommended budget for FY24-25 totals \$19,222,817. The appropriated Fund Balance needed to balance the FY24-25 proposed budget as it stands currently is \$1,622,085.

Discussion on various budget items then proceeded among Council Members and Town Staff. *After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Ryan Stone made a motion to give the Town Manager direction to prepare his recommended FY 24-25 budget for the Town Council and other outstanding items can be discussed when the Town Manager's budget is presented. A*

vote of 5-0 in favor.

MAY 13, 2024 AGENDA REVIEW

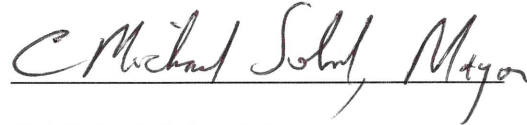
Town Manager Josh Harrold reviewed the proposed agenda for the upcoming May 13, 2024 regular Town Council meeting. The following agenda items were added and/or amended:

- Add April 4, 2024 Agenda Review Meeting Minutes under Consent Agenda Item A.
- Move the item entitled "Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute Agreement for Design/Build Services for the Cragmont Park Renovation Project" from Consent Agenda Item D to New Business Item 9B.
- Add an agenda item entitled "Discussion of Senior Center Parking" under New Business Item 9C.

With no further discussion, Council Member Doug Hay made a motion to adopt the agenda with the requested additions and amendments as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Town Council members thanked the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for their service during the severe storms from the previous night.

There being no further business, Mayor C. Michael Sobol adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Wesley M. Barker in blue ink.

Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk