



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2018

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN held an agenda workshop on Thursday, August 9, 2018 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, August 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Don Collins called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Don Collins
Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle
Alderman Larry B. Harris
Alderman Carlos Showers
Alderman Ryan Stone
Alderman Tim Raines

The following staff members were present:

Ron Moore, Interim Town Manager
Angela L. Reece, Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney
Shawn Freeman, Police Chief
Steve Jones, Fire Chief
Jamey Matthews, Public Services Director
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director

The Board reviewed the items that were proposed for the July 9, 2018 regular session meeting and REMOVED Item 5F, Proposal and Scope of Services Amendment – Cherry Street One-Way Study, REMOVED Item 7B, Investigation Regarding Censure Proceedings, and ADDED New Item 8B, Approval of Resolution #R-18-12, Motorola Solutions Lease to Purchase.

Mayor Don Collins opened the meeting and addressed the Board and Citizens regarding the recent resignation of Alderman Jeremie Konegni. Mayor Collins reminded everyone that the process of selecting of an Aldermen to replace Mr. Konegni is laid out in the Town of Black Mountain Charter and is the responsibility of the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Collins asked if any Board member would like to make a nomination. Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle stated she is very pleased to nominate Tim Raines. Vice Mayor Tuttle stated Mr. Raines taught civics for the last twenty five years at Owen High School and also was a former coach at Owen High. Vice Mayor Tuttle stated Mr. Raines is a lifelong resident of Black Mountain and very well-known and respected in the area.

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Appointment of Alderman for the Town of Black Mountain to an unexpired term ending 2021

Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle moved to appoint Tim Raines as Alderman to the Town of Black Mountain Board of Aldermen to fill an unexpired term ending 2021.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Town Clerk, Angela Reece issued the oath of office to Alderman Tim Raines.

Interim Town Ron Moore presented the proposed agenda to the Board of Aldermen. Interim Parish Associate Bob Tuttle of Black Mountain Presbyterian will give the invocation. Alderman Larry Harris requested the Board to add Shane Lunsford to the Agenda to give an update on playground construction. Alderman Harris stated Black Mountain Primary was awarded a grant to construct a playground which will also benefit the community.

Manager Moore discussed **Item 5B**, Call for Public Hearing to Close a Platted Street known as Honeycutt Street. Alderman Ryan Stone stated the Board has engaged the Metropolitan Planning Organization and has obtained funds to conduct a traffic study on the entire downtown area and prefers this closure wait until the study is completed in order to determine the impact this closure will have on the traffic light at State Street and Montreat Road. Planning Director Jessica Trotman stated an RFP will go out next month and it will take approximately three months to conduct the study and receive the results.

Alderman Ryan Stone moved to remove Item 5B, Call for Public Hearing to Close a Platted Street known as Honeycutt Street #R-18-15.

The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Manager Moore requested to add **NEW Item 5B**, Budget Amendment for Additional Full Time Employee in Water Department #FY2019-1 stating this position is already allocated however a budget amendment is necessary to account for funds. Manager Moore advised the Water Department previously had two full time employees and said he feels this is necessary for safety and work flow.

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to Add NEW Item 5B, Budget Amendment for Additional Full Time Employee in Water Department #FY2019-1 to the agenda.

The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Manager Moore discussed **Item 8C**, Cherry Street One-Way Resolution #R-18-16 and deferred to Planning Director Jessica Trotman to provide an update. Director Trotman advised the Board that she invited business owners from Cherry Street to come talk with her regarding their delivery schedule and parking needs. Director Trotman stated some business owners were not in favor of making the street one-way after hearing the engineers proposal on the direction to be from South to North. Board members inquired as to a number of parking spaces and layout and Director Trotman stated this was not included in the study as the study was only to determine if the street could be safely made one-way. Alderman Stone reiterated his thoughts on the traffic and

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circulation study for the entire downtown area and stated he preferred more information before making a decision. Mayor Collins stated he was not in favor of losing parking spaces. ***The Board unanimously agreed to remove this item from consideration at this time.***

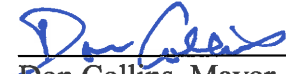
Alderman Ryan Stone asked Manager Moore to give an update on staffing. Manager Moore stated he conducted interviews last week for candidates to fill the Lakeview Senior Center position and said there were some strong candidates and said he hopes to fill this position soon. Manager Moore stated he will also be interviewing for the position of Director of Parks and Recreation and hopes to have someone in place by the middle of September. Manager Moore stated Laurel Mabery would be transitioning back to the Water Department and said he is confident he will be able to fill the second full time position in the Water Department within two to three weeks to bring it up to full staffing. Manager Moore stated there were a total of 3 ½ positions vacant in the Parks and Recreation Department at this time due to recent resignations and stated all other departments are operating at full capacity.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Alderman Larry B, Harris with a vote of 5-0 Mayor Don Collins adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

ATTEST:



Angela L. Reece, Town Clerk



Don Collins, Mayor