



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL

January 23, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Time: 4:00 PM

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2.A. **Appointment of Interim Finance Director** - Wesley Barker, Town Clerk
Motion: Motion to appoint Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks as the Interim Finance Director.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Wesley Barker, Town Clerk **MEETING DATE:** January 23, 2026
AGENDA SECTION: New Business **DEPARTMENT:** Administration
TITLE OF ITEM: Appointment of Interim Finance Director

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

Motion to appoint Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks as the Interim Finance Director.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to formally appoint an interim finance director. Currently, outgoing Town Manager Josh Harrold is serving as the interim Finance Director due to the Finance Director's position being vacant. Josh Harrold's last day is January 26th, 2026, and there must be someone appointed into the Finance Director role to ensure there is no lapse. Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks has agreed to take on this role, and Council will just need to formally appoint him to this interim Finance Director role.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget? n/a

If no, describe how it will be funded. n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

1. R-26-10_Resolution Appointing Interim Town Manager as Interim Finance Director__2026.01.23

Council Member ____ made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of ____ in favor.

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE
TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN**

Resolution No. R-26-10

WHEREAS, the Town is in the process of recruiting and hiring a new Finance Director; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §159-24 states each local government shall, at all times, have a finance officer/director, appointed by the local government, public authority, or designated official to hold office at the pleasure of the appointing official.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure continuity of financial oversight, administration, and statutory responsibilities during the period of vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain that:

1. Richard Hicks, Interim Town Manager, is hereby appointed to serve as the Interim Finance Director for the Town of Black Mountain, effective immediately.
2. The Interim Town Manager shall serve in this capacity until such time as a new Finance Director is duly hired and appointed by the Interim Town Manager.
3. During this interim period, the Interim Town Manager shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities vested in the Finance Director pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, the Town Charter, and Town ordinances.

Adopted this the 23rd day of January 2026.

C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk