



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2018

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN held an agenda workshop on Thursday, February 8, 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, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Don Collins called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Don Collins
Alderman Larry B. Harris
Alderman Jeremie Konegni
Alderman Carlos Showers
Alderman Ryan Stone

Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle - absent

The following staff members were present:

Matt Settlemyer, Town Manager
Angela L. Reece, Town Clerk
Ronald E. Sneed, Attorney
Shawn Freeman, Police Chief
Steve Jones, Fire Chief
Jamey Matthews, Public Services Director
Casey Conner, Recreation Services Director
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director

The Board reviewed the items that were proposed for the February 12, 2018 regular session meeting and ADEED New Items 5E and 8C, placing them on the February 12, 2018 agenda for consideration.

Town Manager Settlemyer presented the proposed agenda to the Board of Aldermen. He stated Reverend Mike Macdonald will give the invocation.

Manager Settlemyer discussed **Item 5B**, Proposal to Award Contract to Audit Accounts of the Town of Black Mountain for the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 time period to Gould Killian. Manager Settlemyer stated he and Assistant Manager Luebbe discussed sending out an RFP for these services in the fall but recommended awarding the contract for the upcoming year. Alderman Harris recommended asking the firm to put a different partner on the job.

Manager Settlemyer discussed **Item 5C**, Budget Amendment to Purchase Police Equipment from Restricted ABC Distribution Funds stating the ABC funds are restricted solely for use by the police

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department and said the Police Chief is requesting to utilize these funds for trainings and equipment.

Manager Settlemyer discussed **Item 5D**, Resolution of Support for Children and Friends Inc. to Request Grant Funding by Filing Application with SECU stating this resolution coincides with the MOU that was previously adopted by the Board of Aldermen in support of Children and Friends seeking out grant funding for their project.

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to amend the resolution, paragraph 5, to reflect the following language: Whereas, the Town of Black Mountain will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of necessary public infrastructure, in the project area, that serves the good of the general public, such as sidewalks or road enhancements.

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to amend the consent agenda, and add New Item 5E, Text Amendment to the August 8, 2016 Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes.

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

The item motion will read as follows:

Motion: To amend the August 8, 2016 Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes, Item 8B, Recommendation of Award of Solid Waste Contract to Waste-Pro USA, Inc., adding the following language to the minutes:

The Black Mountain Board of Aldermen acknowledges and ratifies the current contract as negotiated by Town Manager Settlemyer pursuant to Board of Aldermen authorization and believes it accurately reflects the discussion from the August 8, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting and is consistent with Aldermen Harris' motion.

Manager Settlemyer stated Attorney Sneed requested to **add New Item 8C**, Resolution of the Town's Intent and Desire to Accept the Offer on the Hemphill Property for Use as a Town Park and Resolving NOT to accept the 1.7 Acre Non-Contiguous Parcel. Attorney Sneed recalled prior discussions regarding the cash value of the Hemphill Estate and stated the 1.7 acre, non-contiguous parcel would not be an asset to the Town as there is no access to it and it is very steep and unsuitable for use as a park. Attorney Sneed recommended not accepting the 1.7 acre parcel so that the estate could sell it and possibly generate revenues for the estate. There were discussions between Board members and staff of the safety, potential uses, and cost maintenance of the park. Attorney Sneed stated in the event the Town decided not to continue utilizing the remaining donated parcels (approximately 25 acres) as a park for any reason then the estate would be re-opened and the property liquidated with no penalty to the Town.

Manager Settlemyer stated there is an opening on the Historic Preservation Commission due to a resignation and said one application has been received.

Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to nominate Elaine Loutzenheiser to fill an unexpired term on the Historic Preservation Commission ending June 30, 2018.

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

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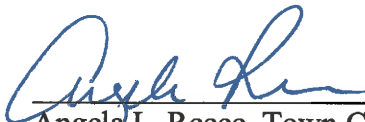
Manager Settlemyer discussed **Item 8A**, Capital Project Ordinance Amendment O-18-01, Watershed Restoration Capital Project Fund, and **Item 8B**, Budget Amendment stating these items are necessary to amend the project ordinance to reflect the funds that will be expended this fiscal year. Manager Settlemyer stated there were monies left over in this project from the previous year and staff is requesting to amend the project ordinance to allow those funds to be utilized in the current fiscal year to continue with the watershed restoration to minimize the impact of stormwater in town and in the Swannanoa River.

There was no further discussion by the Board.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Don Collins adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Don Collins, Mayor


Angela L. Reece, Town Clerk


Matt Settlemyer, Town Manager