



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

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

Date: July 13, 2020 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Regular Session Minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Don Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members

present:

Mayor Don Collins

Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle

Alderman Larry B. Harris

Alderman Ryan Stone

Alderman Jennifer Willet

Alderman Tim Raines – absent

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager

Angela Reece, Assistant to the Town Manager/Town Clerk

Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin

Mayor Collins welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Collins announced that Alderman Tim Raines will not need to run for his seat this election cycle as he was asked to fill the remainder of the term. The term expires in 2022. This was confirmed by Buncombe County and the State of North Carolina.

2. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Proclamation** – *Presented by Mayor Don Collins*

Mayor Collins recognized Rotarian John Dewitt as a recipient of the Service Above Self Award. As Rotary's highest honor for individual Rotarians, this award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

- **Announcement** – Josh Harrold, Town Manager

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Josh Harrold welcomed and introduced the new Town Clerk/Assistant to the Manager, Savannah Parrish. Savannah begins work July 23rd.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Individuals wishing to address the Board are asked to sign in at the entrance to the board room, indicating the topic(s) or agenda item(s) you wish to discuss, so that the chair may group speakers according to topic. The chair will recognize individuals requesting to address the Board. Comments by any one speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

The following citizens sent comments prior to the meeting and were read by Town Manager, Josh Harrold:

Felicia Holloway submitted written comment requesting the Board allow more time for citizen comment before passing the amendment to ordinance 0-20-09.

Robin Josephs submitted written comment requesting the Board delay voting on the amendment to ordinance 0-20-09 to allow citizens more time to provide input.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AGENCIES -NONE

5. 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.

Town Manager, Josh Harrold presented the consent agenda to the Board of Alderman.

A. Call for Public Hearing for Text Amendments to Add Stream Buffer Ordinance #**O-20-08**

Motion: *To call for the public hearing to be held at the meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020 or as soon thereafter as possible.*

B. Budget Amendment for Water System Service Contract BA-FY20-18

Motion: *To approve Budget Amendment **BA-FY20-18** as submitted,*

C. Budget Amendment for Water System Service Contract BA-FY21-01

Motion: *To approve Budget Amendment **BA-FY21-01** as submitted, increasing expenditure account 30-91-8100-450 (Contract Services) by \$18,000 and account 30-91-3940-900 (Transfer from Water Capital) by \$18,000.*

D. Budget Amendment for Restoration on Riverwalk Greenway Easement BA-FY21-02

Motion: *To approve Budget Amendment **BA-FY2021-02** as submitted, increasing expenditure account 10-10-5400-543 (Transfer to Gen Capital Project) by \$20,000 and 10-00-3905-900 (Fund Balance Appropriated) by \$20,000.*

E. Resolution supporting Blue Ridge Road Interchange (I44 09)

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Motion: *To support the Blue Rudge Road Interchange. Right away acquisition to begin in June 2021 and construction to begin in June 2023.*

- F. Resolution to approve financing terms for sanitation vehicles. Financing rate from BB&T is 1.61% for seven years. Total amount is \$624,000 with a payment of \$94,000 per year.

Motion: *To approve financing terms for sanitation vehicles at 1.61% for seven years. Total amount is \$624,000 with a payment of \$94,000 per year*

Consent Motion: *To approve consent item A – F as presented.*

Alderman Larry Harris moved to approve consent items A-F as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The chair will recognize individuals requesting to address the Board regarding the specific New Business or Unfinished Business items below. Comments by any one speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

If the topic you wish to discuss pertains to a public hearing scheduled for this meeting, please reserve your comment for the applicable public hearing.

There were no citizen comments.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Art in the Afternoon Lease Amendment & Renewal

The Art in the Afternoon Lease expires in August. This proposal would renew the lease for another year at the same rate.

Alderman Larry Harris moved to approve the Art in the Afternoon Lease amendment and renewal as presented by Attorney Ron Sneed. The motion was approved 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Offer to Purchase Town Property on Flat Creek Rd. and East Street PIN Numbers 0710-41-9092-00000 and 0710-41-9003-00000, for \$20,000.00 **#R-20-11**

The Alexanders have offered to purchase the Property from the Town. The Property is in a floodway and is likely not suitable for building.

Alderman Larry Harris moved to direct the Town Manager to do further research on the Town Property on Flat Creek Rd. and East Street to determine if the Property would be suitable for a park or another town use.

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

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B. Amendment to Chapter 43: Parades, Festivals and Special Events Ordinance

#O-20-09

Alderman Larry Harris moved to approve Ordinance #0-20-09 as amended to include

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

C. Resolution to Allow Virtual Quasi-Judicial Meetings

Motion: To approve and adopt **Resolution #R-20-10** as submitted to allow virtual quasi-judicial meetings.

Alderman Larry Harris moved to approve Resolution #R-20-10 allowing virtual quasi-judicial meetings.

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

~~D.~~ Appointment to fill vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions

Alderman Ryan Stone moved to appoint Jillian Ballard to the 3rd Alternate ZBA seat by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Alderman Jennifer Willet moved to appoint Charles Fitzgerald to the vacant Planning Board seat by a vote 4 for and 0 against.

E. Golf Course Snack Shop Lease Agreement

Alderman Larry Harris moved to approve the Golf Course Snack Shop Lease Agreement as amended to state that rent collection will begin September 2020.

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

9. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

The chair will recognize individuals requesting to address the Board 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.

10. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

A. Town Attorney – Ron Sneed - NONE

B. Town Manager – Manager Harrold, at Alderman Stone's request, supplied the Board of Alderman with COVID-9 related hours. Black Mountain Police have spent 179 hours to date

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responding to COVID-19 related issues. The Black Mountain Fire Department have spent 656 hours to date.

Sales tax revenues from May are down 24% from last year.

The Town of Black Mountain accepted a PARTF grant a few years ago for work on Veterans Park. The budget included a \$40,000 pledge from Kiwanis. The \$40,000 pledge is no longer available due to other community needs, leaving the town \$40,000 short. Staff will be working to find ways to seek out additional funding sources. The work is set to be completed October of 2021.

11. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

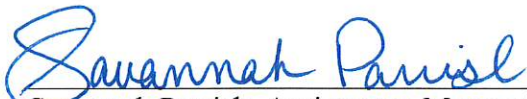
Alderman Larry Harris inquired as to the official job status of the Town Clerk, Angela Reece and wished her well in her new position. The Mayor and Board thanked Angela for her service to the Town of Black Mountain.

Mayor Collins also clarified a statement made in the last budget meeting regarding the community garden and the cost to produce food.

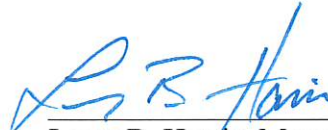
12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle, with a vote of 4-0 Mayor Don Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:



Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk



Larry B. Harris, Mayor