



**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
December 6, 2018

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**THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN** held an agenda workshop on Thursday, December 6, 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, December 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Don Collins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:*

Mayor Don Collins  
Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle  
Alderman Larry B. Harris  
Alderman Carlos Showers  
Alderman Ryan Stone – arrived at 5:19 p.m.  
Alderman Tim Raines

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager  
Angela L. Reece, Town Clerk  
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Shawn Freeman, Police Chief  
John Wilson, Deputy Fire Chief  
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director  
Joshua Henderson, Recreation Director

**The Board reviewed the items that were proposed for the December 6, 2018 regular session meeting and ADDED New Item 5G, Resolution for Real Property.**

Mayor Don Collins opened the meeting. Alderman Larry B. Harris discussed the need for a resolution by the Board of Aldermen to support a recommendation of appointment to the Rural Transit Board. Alderman Harris stated he currently serves as an appointed member but that term will expire soon. Alderman Harris stated the recommendation of appointment will now go to Haywood County but said if they have a hard time finding a member then he would be willing to serve again if selected. The Board of Aldermen agreed to support Alderman Harris.

*Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle moved to adopt Resolution #R-18-27 in support of recommendation of appointment of Alderman Larry B. Harris to the Rural Transit Board.*

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

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Town Manager, Josh Harrold presented the proposed agenda to the Board of Aldermen. Pastor Jerry Wicker of Faith Community Church will give the invocation.

Manager Harrold discussed **Items 5B**, Budget Amendment for Downtown Streetscape Grant Reimbursement stating the work was completed over two budget cycles and this amendment reflects the reimbursement to the Town. Manager Harrold stated between the two fiscal years the Town spent \$43,124.77 on Downtown Streetscapes and was reimbursed exactly one half of this amount (\$21,562.39).

Manager Harrold discussed **Items 5D**, Resolution for Retiring K9 Briscoe stating the resolution is necessary to alleviate the Town of liability when ownership is transferred to the handler. Police Chief Freeman stated Briscoe is nine years old and the average life span of this breed is around seven to eight.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 5E**, Call for Public Hearing for Text Amendments to Noticing Requirements stating this amendment will standardize noticing requirements for any petition coming through the planning board or zoning board that requires public hearings.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 5F**, Call for Public Hearing for Text Amendments to Right-of-Way Closure stating this amendment will require Fire Department approval and noticing requirements as recommended in **Item 5E**.

Mayor Collins stated he has requested the Clerk to amend the minutes to reflect Pastor Stone's church as Meadowbrook Church. Mayor Collins also asked the Clerk to add the following text under Black Mountain Fire Department's comments by Chief Steve Jones: Mayor Collins inquired of Chief Jones regarding the benefit to Black Mountain citizens of a lower rating. Chief Jones stated there was no financial benefit to citizens on their insurance bills. Mayor Collins asked the Clerk to add the following text under Resolution for Charter Amendment for Even Year Elections: Mayor Collins said that issue has already been present in the most recent municipal elections with citizens announcing candidates' preferences and affiliations on social media...

Mayor Collins discussed **Item 7A**, Agreement for Wholesale Purchase of Water from City of Asheville. Alderman Larry B. Harris suggested proceeding with the water purchase agreement in a similar fashion as the waterline transfer agreement and proposed November 1, 2019 to begin purchasing 250,000 gallons per day to accommodate the Avadim manufacturing facility. Attorney Ron Sneed stated his conversations with David Metlton with the City of Asheville indicated the City has adequate water supply to sell. Alderman Harris stated he wished to discuss this further on Monday.

Mayor Collins discussed **Item 8B**, Appointments of representatives and alternates to represent the Town of Black Mountain on boards/commissions of outside agencies with the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Collins recommended reappointment of Bob Watts to the MSD Board and stated he has a good reputation and is a good representative for the Town. Alderman Larry B. Harris stated it would be interested in hearing a presentation from the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium to the Land of Sky Board of Directors in the future.

Attorney Sneed recalled the purchase of the Campbell property as part of Veterans Park stating the Town has now received the PARTF grant and said one of the requirements is for the property to be dedicated for recreational use. Attorney Sneed stated he is able to comply with this by placing

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a restriction on the deed and has drafted a resolution to reflect this. Attorney Sneed requested the resolution be added to the agenda as **NEW Item 5G**, Resolution for Real Property Dedication for Recreational Use **#R-18-28**.

*Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to add NEW Item 5G, Resolution for Real Property Declaration Use #R-18-28 to the agenda.*

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

Alderman Carlos Showers recommended the Board consider having a board and staff retreat to review the master plan. Board members agreed to have a discussion and directed staff to prepare information to present to the Board for discussion. Alderman Larry B. Harris stated his preference was to have staff lead this discussion and not have an outside source facilitating the discussion.

Alderman Ryan Stone arrived at 5:19 p.m.

*Alderman Larry B. Harris moved to enter into closed session to consult with the town attorney, as permitted in NCGS § 143.318.11(a)(3) at 5:22 p.m.*

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

*Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle moved to return to open session at 5:38 p.m.*

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

*There being no further discussion, on a motion by Alderman Carlos Showers with a vote of 5-0 Mayor Don Collins adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.*

ATTEST:

  
Angela L. Reece, Town Clerk

  
Don Collins, Mayor