



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2020

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN held an agenda workshop on Thursday, November 5, 2020 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, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Larry B. Harris
Vice Mayor Maggie Tuttle
Alderman Jennifer Willet
Alderman Ryan Stone
Alderman Larry Harris
Alderman Tim Raines

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/ Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

The Board reviewed the items that were proposed for the November 9, 2020 regular session meeting.

Mayor Larry Harris opened the meeting. Town Manager, Josh Harrold presented the proposed agenda to the Board of Aldermen.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 5B**, call for Public Hearing to Close Portion of Unopened, Platted Portion of Right-of-Way Parallel and Between W. College Street and Goldmont Street. He informed the Board that the Planning Board did vote 5-0 against the closure.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 5C**, Budget Amendment for Police Vehicle. A patrol car was involved in an accident and needs to be replaced.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 8A**, Portman Villa Lien, the son of the property owner now oversees the family finances and has requested assistance from the Town.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 8B and 8C**, which clarify the Land Use Code.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 8D**, which removes outdated language concerning impact fees.

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Manager Harrold discussed **Item 8E**, Solar Projects for Municipal Buildings. A conservative estimate for accomplishing these projects is around \$400,000.

Manager Harrold discussed **Item 8F**, Sanitation Update. Manager Harrold explained the current breakdown of employees and trucks. He explained the need for more trucks and employees, and is asking the board to consider in order to avoid staff burnout, ensuring employee safety, and accomplishing the job in a timely manner. It is necessary to have a backup truck because the hydraulic lines often need to be repaired.

Manager Harrold discussed the public hearings, **Items 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D**. Items 9A and 9B include staff reports which he believes will be helpful in making decisions. Items 9C and 9D are public hearings for text amendments which clarify language in the Land Use Code and Water Improvements.

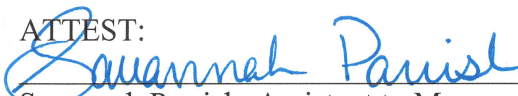
Mayor Larry Harris asked Attorney Ron Sneed to clarify on how to continue **Item 9A**, which was continued from the regular session meeting on October 12, 2020. Attorney Sneed advised that it is probably best to reopen the public hearing. Attorney Sneed also advised that the Board receive all information, including staff reports, inside the public hearing.

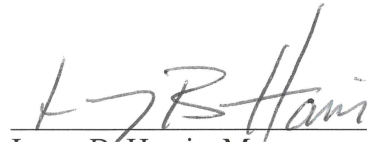
Mayor Harris asked Attorney Sneed for clarity on what level of discussion is appropriate for Agenda Meetings. Attorney Sneed advised that the Board is free to discuss and ask questions, but that they should not use the time for deliberation or decision making.

There was no further discussion on the agenda.

There being no further discussion Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor