



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2021

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, held a special called meeting on Thursday, January 14th at 8:30 a.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain NC. The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Aldermen is to discuss the Town Charter, and the process by which citizens are appointed to boards.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the special meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Larry B. Harris
Vice Mayor Ryan Stone
Alderman Archie Pertiller
Alderman Doug Hay
Alderman Pam King
Alderman Tim Raines

The following staff members were present:

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

Mayor Harris explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the Board of Aldermen to The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Aldermen is to discuss the Town Charter, and the process by which citizens are appointed to boards. Mayor Harris also added in opening that many of the current board members are a product of the appointment process.

Attorney Ron Sneed addressed the Board informed the Board that there are several archaic items in the Charter that should eventually be changed, including the election being called for in May. He suggested the board refer to the statute when considering any future changes to the town charter in reference to term length for appointments. Attorney Sneed proposed two options for the board to consider prior to the vote. The board had the option to amend the charter to override the statute altogether or to conform with modifications.

Alderman Pam King motioned to amend the charter to conform to the statute with a modification of 135 days. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Alderman Pam King moved to change the name of the governing body from Board of Aldermen to Town Council. Vice Mayor Ryan Stone expressed support for the motion, but suggested

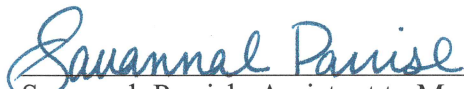
withdrawing the motion until the February 8, 2021 regular schedule meeting to allow public comment. Alderman King agreed and withdrew the motion.

Alderman Doug Hay suggested a two-week application process with a subsequent public interview process by the board in order to add more structure to the process by collecting applications and conducting interviews, and to allow for public comment.

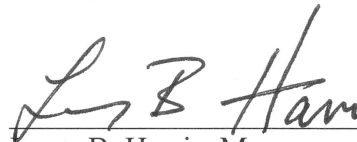
Alderman Archie Pertiller suggested that rather than accepting applications from the entire community, the Board of Aldermen could accept applications from residents who filed to run for the Board in the previous election. After some discussion over concerns about this process limiting the number of people able to be appointed, the Board agreed that candidates from the prior election will receive direct notice of openings on the Board of Aldermen.

There being no further discussion Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

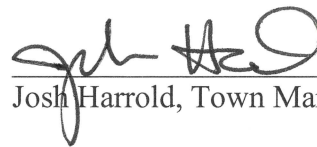
ATTEST:



Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk



Larry B. Harris, Mayor



Josh Harrold, Town Manager