



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

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

Date: November 8, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Regular Session Minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Larry B. Harris
Vice Mayor Ryan Stone
Council Member Archie Pertiller
Council Member Ryan Stone
Council Member Bill Christy
Council Member Doug Hay
Council Member Pam King

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Town Clerk – absent
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Mayor Harris welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor David Taylor of Christ Community Church Montreat offered an invocation.

2. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Mayor Harris read proclamations in honor of Arbor Day and Veterans Day.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Weston and Kiersten Hall, 100 Portmanvilla Road - Like many others we have a lot of questions about this new Stormwater Tax and the new position created.

Our involvement with town issues began years ago because of stormwater problems that we personally were facing and still do to this day.

Our property has an extremely large volume of stormwater dumped on it that comes from ditches and pipes from several town roads that turn and direct the stormwater to our private property. With heavy development, that has happened in our neighborhood the past four years, our private ditch is maxed out and we now have to sandbag areas of our side yard despite a gravel driveway, rain barrels, French drains, catch gardens and berms to direct water to the ditch. We feel developers and the Town have taken advantage of us as there has not been any assistance with the large volume of stormwater directed to us by the town except for a 3-inch curb put along the road by our private ditch.

1. Developers need to be held accountable and we need to enact more Green building in our ordinances and codes.
2. STOP building on flood plains, steep slopes, and wetlands.
3. Property owners such as ourselves need to be recognized for the load they are carrying.....taking on extra stormwater due to development, having lots of pervious surfaces on property, rain barrels, ditches, rain gardens and special grading etc.... ***We can list a lot of people in this town that have been devastated by stormwater issues and most of it has been caused by construction/development and poor run-off systems. There should be an incentive plan for property owners to downsize their stormwater tax by implementing stormwater control measures.
4. We hope to see more detailed information on how exactly all this stormwater tax money is going to be allocated and how this new position will bring more solutions and action rather than just talk and plans on paper.

Anna Marcel de Hermanas, 404 S. Oconeechee Avenue - Given that more and more of the town's homes are selling to out of town buyers for vacation rentals, I hope that the council will consider licensing and regulating vacation rentals to aid in understanding and managing not only the rentals themselves but also the impact on residents, potential residents, affordable housing, and infrastructure.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AGENCIES

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.

Manager Harrold presented the consent agenda to the Town Council.

A. Adoption of Minutes

Motion: *To adopt the minutes of the October 11, 2021 Regular Session Meeting, the October 7, 2021 Agenda Meeting, and the October 11, 2021 Closed Session Meeting.*

B. Golf Equipment Lease Resolution

Motion: *To approve Resolution R-21-23 as presented.*

C. Revision to the Uniform Guidance Policy

Motion: *To approve the revision to the Uniform Guidance Policy as presented.*

D. Call for Public Hearing for Text Amendments to Add Definitions for Murals, Premises, and Temporary Signs and Amend the Definition of Signs #O-21-16

Motion: *To call for a public hearing for text amendments to add definitions for murals, premises, and temporary signs and to amend the definition of signs to be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Board Room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue.*

E. Call for Public Hearing to Repeal the Existing Sign Ordinance and Replace with the New Sign Ordinance #O-21-17

Motion: *To call for a public hearing repeal and replace the sign ordinance to be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Board Room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue.*

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to approve consent items A-E as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Michael Neder, 608 8th Street – addressed the Town Council concerning stormwater control and Lake Tomahawk.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Appointments

Greenways Commission – (1) 3-year terms ending June 30, 2024

Motion: To appoint _____ to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of _____ for and _____ against.

The Commission voted unanimously to recommended Mr. Sobel to fill the current vacancy. The day after the Commission's meeting an application from Leanne Cunningham was received by the Town Clerk. The Chair of the Commission was provided a copy of the application and a policy for appointing new members. The Chair decided not to review the application either by special meeting or by holding their recommendation until the next regular meeting. Ms. Cunningham withdrew her application just prior to the meeting; however a third application was received by the Town Clerk on the morning on November 8th, 2021 from Pete Peery.

The Town Council tabled the Greenways Commission appointment until the application from Mr. Peery can be reviewed by Greenways Commission.

Recreation Commission – (1) vacancies/ 3-yr terms ending June 30, 2024

Motion: To appoint Nathan West to fill a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024 by a vote of 3 for and 2 against. The ballots are included and made part of these minutes.

- B.** Resolution and Budget Amendment for Police Department Community Outreach Special Revenue Fund **#R-21-24**

Council Member Archie Pertiller moved to approve the Resolution #R-21-24 and budget amendment as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

- C.** Approval of ABC Board stipend increase

Council Member Bill Christy moved to approve a stipend increase of \$100 per month for the ABC Board. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Christy thanked Rick Harwood for his years of service to the ABC Board in light of his anticipated resignation from the board.

- D.** Discussion of the Town Manager's 2021-2022 work plan

Mayor Harris stated that the manager's work plan is a guiding document to inform the public of the manager's focus for the 2022 year. Council made no additional comment. No action was taken.

- E.** Oath of Office for Police Chief Steve Parker

Mayor Harris administered the Oath of Office to Chief Parker.

9. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

10. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Town Manager Josh Harrold reminded the public of the meet and green for Chief Parker, taking place at Town Square at 10 a.m. on November 9, 2021. He also gave brief updates on the status of FEMA assistance, the CVS sidewalk, and thanked Kiersten Hall for her work to earn Bear Wise status for her neighborhood.

11. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Council Member King announced to the public that Buncombe County Board of Commissioners voted to maintain the Buncombe County Libraries in their current facilities, including Black Mountain. The Board of Commissioners also directed staff to explore enhancements at the current locations.

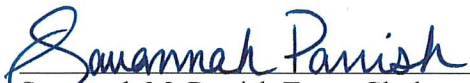
Council Member King reminded the public of the volume of garbage being taken each month to the landfill and encouraged composting.

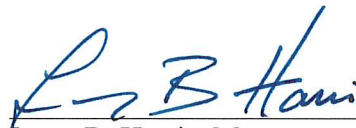
Mayor Harris thanked all Veterans for their service.

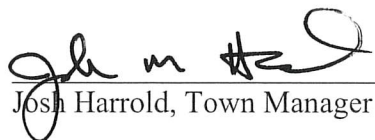
12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah M. Parrish Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor


Josh Harrold, Town Manager