



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

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

Date: August 8, 2022 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 Bill Christy
Council Member Doug Hay
Council Member Pam King

The following staff members were present:

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

Mayor Harris welcomed the public and led the room in a moment of silence. Mayor Harris then read the ethics statement and reminded the public of the Council's duty to vote, save a conflict of interest.

2. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Mayor Harris and the Town Council honored the Black Mountain Stingrays swim team for their first ever Tarheel Swim League Championship win. The swim team is led by Black Mountain Pool manager, Beth Rathbone.

Local elementary school student, Ella Millwood was honored for "Ella's Clean Air Project". Ella won a statewide art contest that raises awareness about air pollution, she then sold yard signs with her artwork to raise money to plant trees locally. Six trees were planted in Black Mountain as a result of Ella's project.

Police Chief Steve Parker recognized Police Cadet Daniel Averette who received a scholarship through the Criminal Justice Fellowship Program.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marian Kaminitz of 360 Genesis Circle spoke in support of the Black Mountain Community Garden and advocated for the Garden Manager's position to be made full-time.

Shawn Slome of 115 3rd Street requested the Town Council consider making Garden Manager's position to be made full-time.

Phil Bisesi of 15 Highview Drive requested that the Town Council recognize International Day of Peace with a proclamation. He also requested that a crosswalk be added on Broadway Ave.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS & AGENCIES

Jennifer Billstrom made a presentation as a representative of Better with Bonds: Buncombe Says Yes. This is a campaign that supports passage of two bonds on the ballot this November in Buncombe County - a \$30 million bond for land protection and greenways/trails, and a \$40 million bond for workforce and affordable housing. These are general obligation, twenty-year bonds. Ms. Billstrom's presentation will be included as an addendum to these minutes.

Planning Director Jessica Trotman presented the Development Services Annual Report. Director Trotman noted several projects which contribute to downtown redevelopment. Director Trotman observed a significant uptick in residential remodel, addition, and trade permits in FY20-21. 100 residential units were permitted in this last fiscal year. Building inspections and permit fees have also been rising.

There are 24 permitted accessory dwelling units in town (total). Of those 87.5% are on the same property as the owner. 4.1% are owned by people who do not live in North Carolina. There have been a few condo projects and one triplex project over the last 20 years. There have been no apartments since 1986.

Director Trotman also noted that all rezoning applications made since 2017 have been made to increase the allowable residential density for a project. No rezonings have been pursued in effort to utilize a different use. Conditional zoning adopted in 2021 but has not been utilized to date. The Unified Development Ordinance will explore opportunities for lot size flexibility and other development regulations to achieve/incentivize desirable types of development without needing to seek a rezoning.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Harrold presented the consent agenda to the Town Council. There was no discussion of the items.

A. Adoption of Minutes

Motion: *To approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Session Meeting, the July 11, 2022 Closed Session Meeting, the July 7, 2022 Agenda Meeting, the June 28, 2022 Public Hearing.*

B. Call for Public Hearing to Amend Text for Residential Uses in the Central Business District #O-22-07

Council Member Archie Pertiller moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Art in the Afternoon Lease

There was discussion of the Art in the Afternoon Lease. Attorney Sneed presented a proposed lease for an additional year at the same terms.

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to approve the Art in the Afternoon Lease as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

B. Public Parking Space Discussion

The Town Manager received a request to close a parking space in a Town owned parking lot located off of Broadway Street. The parking space affronts a business owned by John Richardson, who is making the request to make access to the business easier. Manager Harrold presented a list of suggestions which he proposed bringing back to the Town Council in a policy format at the next regular meeting.

C. Revised Charles D. Owen Babe Ruth Memorandum of Understanding

Charles D Owen Babe Ruth uses fields at Veteran's Park for their spring and fall youth baseball/softball leagues. This MOU is a revision of the approved version from 2021. Mayor Harris suggested two changes. The first being that background checks must be preformed by a town

approved vendor. The other change suggested was that the amount of liability insurance required be added to the memorandum.

Council Member Archie Pertiller moved to approve the memorandum of understanding as amended. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

D. Bike Boulevard

Council Member Pam King moved to approve the name of Grey Eagle Bike Boulevard. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

E. Board Appointments

Active Mobility Commission – (2) 3-year terms ending June 30, 2025

The Active Mobility Commission reviewed three applications for two vacant seats – Michelle Knight, Kyle Cole, and Kevin Bates. The Active Mobility Commission voted 4-0 to recommend Michelle Knight and Kyle Cole for appointment to the vacant seats.

The Town Council appointed Michelle Knight and Kyle Cole to fill two 3-year terms ending June 30, 2025 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

ABC Board – Appointment of Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board Chair

The Town Council is responsible for appointing a Chair for the ABC Board. Current members, in order of time of service, are Sam Hobson, Sharon Tabor and Amanda Nichols

Council Member Bill Christy moved to appoint Sam Hobson as Chair of the ABC Board. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

The chair will recognize individuals requesting to address the Council 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

Town Manager Josh Harrold updated the Town Council on several ongoing projects. Town Clerk Savannah Parrish encouraged the public to apply for Citizen Academy.

11. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Council Member King reminded the public that the Sourwood Festival takes place on August 13th and 14th.

Council Member Hay thank Chief Parker for the National Night Out event.

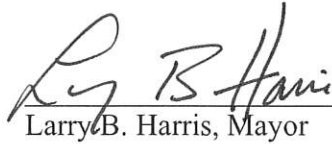
12. CLOSED SESSION - None

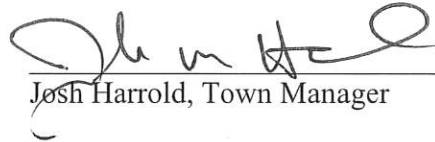
13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah M. Parrish Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor


Josh Harrold, Town Manager