



BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 11, 2024 | Special Called Meeting | Time: 8:30 A.M.

Town Hall Council Chambers | 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

The Black Mountain Town Council held a meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711. The purpose of this meeting was to hold a FY 2024-25 Budget Work Session.

Mayor C. Michael Sobol called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. with the following members in attendance: Mayor C. Michael Sobol, Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller, Council Member Alice Berry, Council Member Doug Hay, Council Member Pam King, and Council Member Ryan Stone.

The following staff members were present: Josh Harrold, Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Tammy Holland, Finance Director; Josh Henderson, Recreation & Parks Director; John Coffey, Fire Chief; Jamey Matthews, Public Works Director; Steve Parker, Police Chief. Several other staff members were also present.

1. Consideration of Budget Amendments- Recycle Carts Grant

Finance Director Tammy Holland presented this item to the Council. The purpose of this budget amendment was to appropriate additional funding (\$48,880) required for expenditures with the recycling carts grant program. This includes costs for shipping, delivery, assembly, and purchase of 200 remaining carts. Discussion ensued among Council members.

Adjustment Number	Summary	Description	Account Number	Account Name	Account Type	Total Amount
BA0000189	Appropriated Fund Balance for remainder of Recycle Containers and Receiving, Assembly, and Delivery of Residential Recycle Containers	BADJ - Residential Recycle Carts	100-0000-48900	Appropriated Fund Balance	Revenue	-\$48,800.00
			100-7000-59510	Transfer Out	Expense	\$48,800.00
			260-8804-52020	Contract Services	Expense	\$31,650.00
			260-8804-52420	Specialty Operating Supplies	Expense	\$13,250.00
			260-8804-55023	Community Outreach/Public Relations Expense	Expense	\$3,900.00
		BADJ- Waste Reduction Recycle Cart Grant Match	260-8804-48590	Transfers In	Revenue	-\$48,800.00

Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. A vote of 5-0 in favor.

2. Consideration of Voting Delegate to Cast Vote for NC League of Municipalities (NCLM) Board of Directors

The purpose of this item is for Town Council to delegate a voting delegate on behalf of the Town Council for the 2024-25 NCLM Board of Directors ballot. Town Clerk Wesley Barker explained that because the Town is a NCLM member, the Town can have one vote for the nominated board of directors slate. Typically, the Town Clerk is the designated voting delegate and coordinates with the Council to obtain the consensus before casting the Town's ballot. The voting submittal deadline is April 19, 2024. ***Council Member Ryan Stone made a motion to designate the Town***

Clerk to be the voting delegate on behalf of the Town Council for the 2024-25 NCLM Board of Directors and to coordinate with the Council on the vote to be cast. A vote of 5-0 in favor.

3. FY 2024-25 Budget Work Session.

This budget work session is a continuation of presentations from town departments with their budget requests. This includes a proposed 5% cost of living increase for town employee salaries across all departments. The budget requests of the following departments were reviewed during this work session:

• Planning & Development Services	• Stormwater
• Golf Operations	• Golf Pro Shop
• Water Finance	• Water Operations

Noteworthy items discussed during these presentations are included below:

Planning & Development Services

- The proposed hiring of a new Planning Director after this position is split out from the Assistant Town Manager position will have a lower salary line item.
- A significant decrease in the professional and technical services line item is because in this budget year, a one-time master plan for feasibility of donated properties was budgeted.

Water Operations

- The Town currently purchases thirty percent (30%) of its water from the City of Asheville, and it was stated that the City of Asheville will be increasing the wholesale purchase of water thirty percent (30%) for the next three years, including this year. Discussion ensued about Town water needs and drilling new wells compared to purchasing water from the City of Asheville.

Water Finance

- A proposed increase in salaries as there is a proposed new accounting manager position.
- A proposed decrease in printing and binding services.
- A proposed decrease in technology and software licenses as last budget year encompassed the new financial software launch.

Stormwater

- A portion of the proposed salary for the Assistant Town Manager is added into the salaries line item in this department because they will be supervising the stormwater employee.
- Community outreach expenses include hosting special workshops and distribution of communication materials which are required as part of the Town's stormwater permit.

Golf Operations

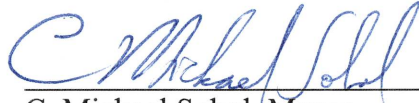
- Proposed funds are included in the capital outlay line item for a bridge replacement on the golf course.

Mayor Sobol discussed proposals for needed renovations at the Cherry Street public restrooms

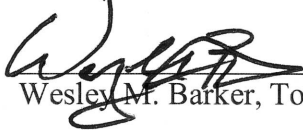
facility, stating proposals were approximately \$24,000 which would include new lights, floors, and decorative murals. Town Manager Josh Harrold stated there were no funds currently budgeted for these renovations, but the figures could be added into the FY 24-25 budget, or the Council could go ahead and approve a budget amendment in this year's budget to proceed with the restroom renovations. Some discussion ensued.

Town Manager Josh Harrold stated the next budget meeting would focus on revenues for departments and capital project discussions could begin. The next FY 2024-25 budget workshop will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

There being no further business, Mayor C. Michael Sobol adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.


C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

ATTEST:


Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk