



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2021

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, held a special called meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021 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 Town Council is to discuss Elevate Black Mountain, the comprehensive plan.

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
Council Member Archie Pertiller
Council Member Doug Hay
Council Member Pam King
Council Member Tim Raines

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney
Anna Stearns, Attorney
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director

Mayor Larry B. Harris read a letter in support of Galen School of Nursing.

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to approve the letter of support for Galen School of Nursing. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Nate Baker, from Clarion Associates, joined the council meeting via Zoom to present the final draft of Elevate Black Mountain to the Town Council. The presentation is included and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Baker explained to the council that the purpose of the comprehensive plan is to answer the following three questions:

1. Where are we?
2. Where are we going?
3. How do we get there?

Mr. Baker shared certain themes that emerged during the public input portion of the development of Elevate Black Mountain. The plan is meant to be citizen-input driven, which the input forming the foundation.

- Protect open space and address environmental sustainability
- Protect, enhance, and replicate Black Mountain's downtown pattern
- Address housing affordability and cost of living
- Invest in parks and community spaces and programming
- Expand safe local and regional transportation options
- Support local businesses
- Bolster opportunities for citizen involvement

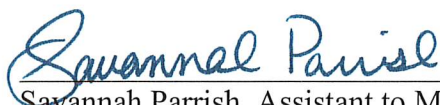
Mr. Baker briefly presented each chapter of the proposed plan to the Town Council. Mayor Larry Harris inquired as to the annexation requirements. Manager Harrold clarified that should a developer or property owner desire water from the Town of Black Mountain, they are required by ordinance to submit a voluntary annexation application. There was some discussion concerning Avadim Business Park.

Council Member King thanked staff for their work on the comprehensive plan, and stated that the council should consider the town's current staffing levels and ability to implement the plan.

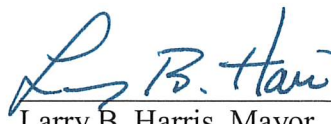
The Town Council will vote on the adoption of Elevate Black Mountain in a public hearing during the regular session meeting on June 14, 2021.

There being no further discussion Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

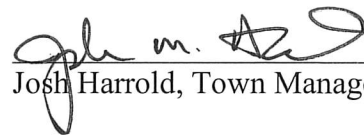
ATTEST:



Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk



Larry B. Harris, Mayor



Josh Harrold, Town Manager