



**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 21, 2021**

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**THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL**, held a special called meeting on Monday, June 21, 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 hold a public hearing for the FY21-22 Budget.

**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

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager  
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/Town Clerk  
Jessica Trotman, Planning Director  
Shawn Freeman, Police Chief  
Scottie Harris, Fire Chief  
Jamey Matthews, Public Services Director  
Joshua Henderson, Recreation Services Director

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the meeting to order and asked Manager Harrold to review the recruitment process for the new Police Chief, as Chief Freeman will be retiring on July 31, 2021. Manager Harrold stated that the job has been posted to the North Carolina League of Municipalities Website, the North Carolina Chiefs of Police Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Internally, Manager Harrold intends to form a diverse interview panel, which will include Council Member Archie Pertiller.

Mayor Harris called for a motion to open to the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

*Council Member Archie Pertiller moved to open the public hearing. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.*

Manger Harrold reviewed the budget message. The budget message is included and made part of these minutes.

Black Mountain's tax rate is currently 33.25 cents. The revenue neutral tax rate, which includes the 7.13% growth rate, is 30.60 cents. The Town of Black Mountain will stay at a revenue neutral tax rate for FY21-22.

Black Mountain's total budget for FY 2021-22 is **\$14,322,248**, an increase of **26.57%** from the previous fiscal year. Personnel, capital, debt and operating costs show increases from the FY20-21 adopted budget. The increase in personnel costs is due to a 3% COLA adjustment for all employees, three new fire department positions, one stormwater field technician, one new accounts payable position, converting two part time police officer positions to one full time position, and an increase in LGERS contribution to the retirement system.

The total fund balance for the Town of Black Mountain General Fund is **estimated** to be \$4,503,679 or 47% of **projected** General Fund expenditures at 06/30/2021. The FY 21-22 recommended General Fund budget is \$10,809,048 a 19.94% increase from FY 20-21.

The Town is currently budgeted to expend \$751,027 on debt service in FY 21-22.

It is estimated that the Capital Reserve Fund for the General Fund will have a balance of \$530,000 at June 30, 2021.

Capital Project Funds have been set up for the Swannanoa Watershed Restoration, Riverwalk Greenway Phase II, Tomahawk Stream, Veterans Park, automated meter infrastructure, and Lake Tomahawk Dam repair because the Town anticipates expending funds on these projects in FY 21-22 and future years.

Manager Harrold reviewed other items in the budget message and answered questions from the Mayor and Council Members.

Manager Harrold thanked the staff for their work on the budget.

There were no public comments.

*Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to close the public hearing. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.*

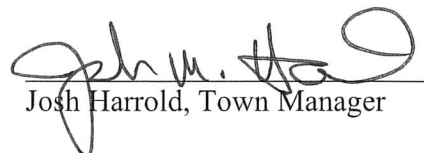
*Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.*

*There being no further business, Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.*

ATTEST:

  
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk

  
Larry B. Harris, Mayor

  
Josh Harrold, Town Manager