



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2022

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL, held a special called meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain NC. The purpose of this meeting is for the Town Council to hold a public hearing for the 22-23 Budget and CIP.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the special meeting to order at 5:00 ap.m. with the following members present:

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

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/Town Clerk

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the meeting to order and read the ethics statement.

Manager Harrold began the discussion of the budget by requesting that the Town Council approve a retention bonus of \$2500 for all full-time employees.

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone move to approve the \$2500 retention bonus for full-time employees. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Archie Pertiller moved to open the public hearing for Budget Ordinance O-22-15. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

The total budget for FY 2022-23 is **\$16,895,990**, an increase of **15.23%** from the previous fiscal year. Personnel, capital, debt, and operating costs show increases from the FY21-22 adopted budget. The increase in personnel costs is due to a 6% COLA adjustment for all employees, three new police department positions, two new administration positions, one new water customer service position, and an increase in LGERS contribution to the retirement system.

The Town of Black Mountain stays committed to the continuation of all its existing services for the upcoming fiscal year to include recreation and parks, finance, administration, planning and

zoning, building inspections, public services, residential garbage and recycling, police, fire, and stormwater. All services are proposed to continue at current service delivery levels for the upcoming fiscal year.

Public Comment

- Bob Pauley cited concerns over the tax rate.
- Kristen Janes requested the Council consider funding for new tennis courts in the budget and adding restrooms to the existing courts
- Cheryl King also spoke in favor of funding for tennis courts.
- Kevin Keough requested that the Town Council fund both repairs to existing tennis courts and add funding for additional courts.
- Carl Mills requested maintenance on the croquet courts.
- Rick Early requested assistance from the Town Manager to locate and understand the total revenues for the Town.
- Weston Hall asked that the Town Council consider an additional bonus for emergency service workers, citing an increased risk in their duties during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Town Manager read a comment from James Full in support of the budget and thanking the Council for their continued fiscal responsibility.

Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to close the public hearing. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

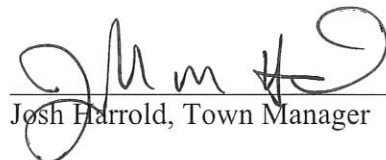
Vice Mayor Ryan Stone moved to approve Ordinance O-22-05 – The Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget and CIP. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

There being no further business, Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 6:03 a.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor


Josh Harrold, Town Manager