



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
AGENDA WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2021

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL held an agenda workshop and special call meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to review the agenda for the regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry B. Harris called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Larry B. Harris
Vice Mayor Ryan Stone
Council Member Archie Pertiller
Council Member Pam King - absent
Council Member Doug Hay
Council Member Bill Christy

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manager/ Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

Mayor Larry Harris opened the meeting. Town Manager, Josh Harrold presented the proposed agenda to the Town Council.

There will be no presentations from boards, commissions, or staff.

Manager Josh Harrold presented each **Items 5A – 5J**, the consent agenda.

Manager Harrold briefly discussed Item **8A**, the discussion of the I-40 Interchange with North Carolina Department of Transportation. The original design is no longer an option, and the Council will need to choose a new design to move forward with the project. Mike Clark with North Carolina Department of Transportation will join the meeting to review all the options.

Manager Harrold continued to present the New Business and Public Hearing items with little discussion.

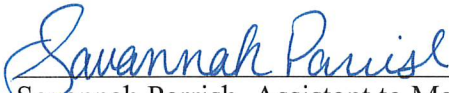
Town Attorney Ron Sneed gave an update on the Avadim bankruptcy.

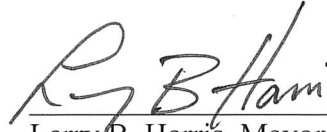
Mayor Larry Harris led a discussion on masking and other COVID-19 protocols for Town employees. Mayor Harris recommended that the Council instruct the Manager to begin collecting vaccination data on Town employees, to get a better understanding of the safety issue. Mayor Harris asked the Council to consider instructing that Town employees who have not received the vaccine be required to wear a mask. He also suggested waiting for Buncombe County to issue their mandate, so that Black Mountain could either follow suit or make changes as the Council wishes.

There was some discussion concerning how to move forward. The Town Council mandated that members of the public, council members, and staff wear masks at Town Council meetings. The Town Manager will begin collecting COVID-19 vaccination data for employees.

There being no further discussion Mayor Larry B. Harris adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah Parrish, Assistant to Manger/Town Clerk


Larry B. Harris, Mayor