OPEN SESSION MINUTES ABOUT CLOSED SESSION

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Date: **April 23, 2025** Time: **8:00 a.m.** **Special Called- Closed Session**

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL held a special called meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 in the Council Room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC for the purposes of Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged., and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6): to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor C. Michael Sobol called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The following Council members were in attendance: Mayor C. Michael Sobol, Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller, Council Member Alice Berry, Council Member Doug Hay *(in at 8:12 a.m.)*, Council Member Pam King, and Council Member Ryan Stone.

Mayor Sobol stated the purpose of this special meeting was for Town Council to meet in closed session prior to the budget workshop meeting scheduled immediately following.

Council Member Berry made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged., and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6): to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer. A vote of 4-0 in favor. *Council Member Hay had not yet arrived.*

The Council returned to open session at 8:34 a.m. ***Council Member Alice Berry made a motion to continue working with Craig Justus as the Town Attorney under the new firm of Wilkerson Justus PLLC for the remainder of the contract period, and then the Council would re-evaluate. A vote of 5-0 in favor.***

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the closed session meeting was adjourned. The Council would then begin the budget workshop meeting. *(These budget workshop minutes are separate.)*

_____

C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk