BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

January 23, 2026 | Special Meeting Agenda | Time: 4:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers | 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Black Mountain Town Council held their special meeting agenda on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller, Town Council Member Alice Berry, Town Council Member Pam King, Town Council Member Ryan Stone. Mayor C. Michael Sobol and Council Member Doug Hay were absent.

The following staff members were present: Josh Harrold, Town Manager; Richard Hicks; incoming Interim Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.A. Appointment of Interim Finance Director.

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to formally appoint an interim finance director. Currently, outgoing Town Manager Josh Harrold is serving as the interim Finance Director due to the Finance Director's position being vacant. Josh Harrold's last day is January 26th, 2026, and there must be someone appointed into the Finance Director role to ensure there is no lapse. Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks has agreed to take on this role, and Council will just need to formally appoint him to this interim Finance Director role. ***Town Council Member Alice Berry made a motion to appoint Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks as the Interim Finance Director. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Doug Hay was absent.***

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

Resolution No. R-26-09

WHEREAS, the Town is in the process of recruiting and hiring a new Finance Director; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §159-24 states each local government shall, at all times, have a finance officer/director, appointed by the local government, public authority, or designated official to hold office at the pleasure of the appointing official.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure continuity of financial oversight, administration, and statutory responsibilities during the period of vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain that:

1. Richard Hicks, Interim Town Manager, is hereby appointed to serve as the Interim Finance Director for the Town of Black Mountain, effective immediately.

2. The Interim Town Manager shall serve in this capacity until such time as a new Finance Director is duly hired and appointed by the Interim Town Manager.

3. During this interim period, the Interim Town Manager shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities vested in the Finance Director pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, the Town Charter, and Town ordinances.

Adopted this the 23rd day of January 2026.

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3. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be discussed, Vice Mayor Pertiller adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

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Archie Pertiller, Vice Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk

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