BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 25, 2026 | Special Called Meeting | Time: 3:00 PM

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

Black Mountain Town Council held their special meeting agenda on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor C. Michael Sobol called the special meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mayor C. Michael Sobol, Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller, Council Member Alice Berry, Council Member Pam King, Council Member Ryan Stone. *Council Member Doug Hay was absent.*

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.A. Consideration of Budget Amendment- Police Department.

This budget amendment is for the BMPD donation contribution line. The original approved budget amount was $42,000. Due to additional donations received throughout the year, the department requests to increase this line, 235-4510-55023, by $30,308.18 (from line 235-0000-47070), bringing the total budget to $72,308.18. This adjustment will be used to cover fees related to the Tactical Mindset conference and other community outreach projects.

Council Member Ryan Stone made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Doug Hay was absent.

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 BUDGET FOR BMPD DONATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-14

WHEREAS, the Black Mountain Police Department has received donations totaling $30,308.18; and

WHEREAS, the donations received are recommended to be moved to the Community Outreach/Public Relations Expense line item; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget should be amended to recognize and appropriate the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain, North Carolina, that the following amendments be made to the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026:

Section 1. Budget Amendments

The following accounts are hereby amended as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
235-0000-47070	Contributions/Donations	-	$30,308.18
235-4510-55023	Community Outreach/Public Relations Expense	$30,308.18	-

Section 2. Effective Date

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this the 25th day of February 2026.

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2.B. Short-Term Repairs of Concession Stand at Veterans Park for Baseball Season.

Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks stated short-term repairs to the existing concession stand need to be performed in order to be ready for the upcoming baseball season games at Veterans Park. Mr. Hicks explained that staff should be able to complete most of the short-term repairs to get the concession stand operational for the baseball season. If work remains that would be of cost to the Town, it would be brought back before Council to authorize those repairs.

Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller made a motion to authorize staff to make these short-term repairs to the concession stand at Veterans Park, and for any additional repairs that staff cannot complete, that would incur costs, to be brought back before Council for authorization. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Doug Hay was absent.

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3. CLOSED SESSION - § NCGS 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 OR EMPLOYEE OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; OR TO HEAR OR INVESTIGATE A COMPLAINT, CHARGE, OR GRIEVANCE BY OR AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.

Town Council would enter into Closed Session, pursuant to NCGS 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 or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss the Town Manager/Finance Director recruitment process with the selected consulting firm, Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

Town Council Member Alice Berry made a motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Doug Hay was absent. The time was 3:05 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Council returned from closed session at 4:55 p.m.

Town Council Member Pam King made a motion to go back into open session. A vote of 4-0 in favor. Council Member Doug Hay was absent.

With no further business to be discussed, Mayor C. Michael Sobol adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk