BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

October 8, 2026 | Agenda Review & Special Meeting Agenda | Time: 5:00 PM

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

Black Mountain Town Council held their agenda review & special meeting agenda on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 5:00 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 meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Town Council Member Alice Berry, Council Member Lawrence Lytle , Town Council Member Ryan Stone. Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller and Council Member Larry Harris were absent.

The following staff members were present: Richard Hicks, Interim Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Matt Begley, Recovery & Capital Programs Director; John Coffey, Fire Chief; Chris Kuhn, Deputy Police Chief; and several members of the Black Mountain Fire Department.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.A. Resolution Authorizing a Budget Amendment for the Purchase of Maintenance Vehicles Funded through the United States Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Disaster Assistance Fund Grant Program.

Matt Begley, Recovery and Capital Programs Director, presented this item. The Town Council will consider a budget amendment resolution to direct funding to purchase seven (7) maintenance vehicles under the scope of the Town's grant award from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities (CF) Disaster Assistance Fund (DAF) grant program. This resolution is intended to direct funds from the Helene Fund to the capital project set up for this grant project to provide cash flow and refund the Helene fund once the reimbursement from USDA has been received.

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Town Council Member Alice Berry made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the budget amendment as presented. A vote of 3-0 in favor. Vice Mayor Pertiller and Council Member Harris were absent.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE VEHICLES FUNDED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. # R-26-84

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain (the "Town") has been awarded grant funding for the purpose of purchasing maintenance vehicles through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities (CF) Disaster Assistance Fund (DAF) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Town is in the process of purchasing these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates the purchase of these vehicles to be reimbursed within 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council authorized the purchase of these vehicles on September 14, 2026 (Resolution No. # R-26-74); and

WHEREAS, Town staff recommends using funds in the Helene Fund to purchase the vehicles in anticipation of reimbursement and refund the Helene Fund once the Town is in receipt of funds from the USDA CF DAF program; and

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates the purchase price for these vehicles to be $548,400.00.

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

1. The Interim Town Manager (or his designee) is authorized to make an amendment to the Town budget to allocate $548,400.00 to the USDA Vehicles Capital Project from the Helene Fund.
2. The Interim Town Manager (or his designee) is authorized to make an amendment to the Town budget to refund the Helene Fund with reimbursements received from the grant program when the Town is reimbursed for the purchase of the vehicles.
3. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Interim Town Manager to execute any necessary budget amendments, contracts, or related documents required to implement this allocation.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2026.

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2.B. A Resolution Authorizing a Budget Amendment for the Purchase of Recycling Trucks Funded through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure Grant Program.

Matt Begley, Recovery & Capital Programs Director, presented this item stating that the Town Council will consider a budget amendment to direct funding to purchase two (2) recycling trucks under the scope of the Town's grant award from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure (HRRI) grant program. This resolution intends to direct funds from the Helene Fund to the capital project set up for this grant project to provide cash flow and refund the Helene fund once the reimbursement from NCDEQ has been received.

Council Member Alice Berry made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of 3-0 in favor. Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller and Council Member Larry Harris were absent.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECYCLING TRUCKS FUNDED THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HELENE RECOVERY RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. # R-26-85

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain (the "Town") has been awarded grant funding for the purpose of purchasing recycling trucks through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure (HRRI) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Town is in the process of ordering these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates the purchase of these vehicles to be reimbursed within 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council authorized the purchase of these vehicles on September 14, 2026 (Resolution No. # R-26-73); and

WHEREAS, Town staff recommends using funds in the Helene Fund to purchase the vehicles in anticipation of reimbursement and refund the Helene Fund once the Town is in receipt of funds from the NC DEQ HRRI program; and

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates the purchase price for these vehicles to be $390,993.73.

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

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1. The Interim Town Manager (or his designee) is authorized to make an amendment to the Town budget to allocate $390,993.73 to the NC DEQ Recycling Trucks Capital Project from the Helene Fund.
2. The Interim Town Manager (or his designee) is authorized to make an amendment to the Town budget to refund the Helene Fund with reimbursements received from the grant program when the Town is reimbursed for the purchase of the vehicles.
3. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Interim Town Manager to execute any necessary budget amendments, contracts, or related documents required to implement this allocation.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2026.

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3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2026 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

3.A. October 12, 2026 Regular Meeting - Draft Agenda.

Interim Town Manager Richard Hicks then reviewed the proposed agenda for the October 12, 2026 monthly council meeting. Mayor Sobol asked that a Closed Session be added to the agenda to discuss personnel. With no other amendments, ***Town Council Member Ryan Stone made a motion to approve the October 12, 2026 meeting agenda as amended. A vote of 3-0 in favor. Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller and Council Member Larry Harris were absent.***

4. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL. None.

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5. ADJOURNMENT. With no further business to be discussed, Mayor C. Michael Sobol adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

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