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**Town of Blowing Rock**

**Town Council**

**Budget Work Session**

**May 18, 2015**

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council began their annual budget work sessions on Monday, May 18, 2015. The work sessions were held at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Mayor Pro tem Albert Yount, Council Members Dan Phillips, Sue Sweeting, Doug Matheson, and Ray Pickett. Others in attendance were Town Manager Scott Fogleman, Town Engineer Doug Chapman, Finance Director Nicole Norman and Town Clerk Sharon Greene.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**DISCUSSION**

Town Manager Fogleman began reviewing the list of items for discussion; the first item being a resolution in support of the TIGER grant application due June 5, 2015. He advised the grant application was for the Middle Fork Greenway in the amount of \$2 million dollars. If approved, the resolution would be in support of the concept of applying for federal grant funding for this project. Council Member Sweeting made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Council Member Pickett. Unanimously approved. **Resolution Supporting TIGER Grant Application – Attachment A**

Town Manager Fogleman advised that Town Engineer Doug Chapman was present to answer any questions Council might have regarding the capital improvements. He explained the General Obligation Bond Referendum was approved in November of 2014 and would remain valid for the following 7 years and could possibly be extended for another 3-year period if needed. He spoke in depth regarding the process and projected phasing of improvements that would be completed with the bond referendum. Mr. Fogleman stated the first phase was to include road and ditch line repairs, Greenway Court drainage repairs, and the repaving of Town streets according to the Town's paving schedule. Town Manager Fogleman continued by saying that Phase 5 and 6 of the Main Street Streetscape and an underground utility study for Main Street and Sunset Drive would be completed as well. Sidewalk repairs and extensions were also planned in various areas of Town.

Council discussed a drainage issue on Greenway Court and decided that affected property owners should share responsibility with the Town for any improvements made to help remedy the problem. Council requested that Town staff contact the property owners to see if they were willing to participate in the cost sharing for this project.

Town Manager Fogleman reviewed the time-phasing schedule for the Parks and Recreation and water/sewer projects for the upcoming fiscal year to be included in the bond referendum improvements. Several members of Council had questions regarding the Club House (formally known as the Ruritan Building) located on Clark Street and the amount of revenue generated by that building.

Town Engineer Chapman discussed water and sewer capital improvements and advised plans were to focus on the worst areas for inflow & infiltration (I&I).

Town Manager Fogleman reviewed other capital project possibilities such as the Gateway Program. A power point presentation was shown, with examples of gateway signage being used in other historic towns in the surrounding area. Also shown were examples of signage that could be used at the entrances to Town in order to get Council's preference as to what they thought would be best. It was the consensus of Council to continue work on signage possibilities for the entrances to Town.

**ADHOURN**

At 8:12 p.m., Council recessed the work session to the following day beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**MAYOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_

**J.B. Lawrence Sharon Greene, Town Clerk**

**ATTACHMENTS** (05-18-2015)

[Resolution Supporting TIGER Grant Application – Attachment A](#)

SEE BELOW



# TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK

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## RESOLUTION No. 2015-10

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANTS BY THE TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK FOR SECTION 1 OF THE MIDDLE FORK GREENWAY

WHEREAS, the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants are federal funds available through the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock intends to apply for grant funding as an eligible local government to assist in the construction of Section One of the Middle Fork Greenway project, being that portion between the designated trailhead near Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway and the northern end of the Appalachian Regional Healthcare Services (ARHS) Appalachian Place at Chestnut Ridge Post-Acute Care Facility property; and

WHEREAS, the TIGER Discretionary Grants may fund up to 80% of the anticipated construction costs of \$2,060,688, or just over \$1.8 million; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Fork Greenway Association is committed to raising the \$250,000 of non-federal dollars as matching funds needed to complete the project and satisfy the 80/20 funding requirement; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update identifies the Middle Fork Greenway project as a pedestrian and bicycle transportation connection of high priority; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Fork Greenway will provide residents and visitors a safe means to walk or bike from Blowing Rock to the Mountains to Sea trail, the Blue Ridge Parkway, the ARHS Post-Acute Care facility, and ultimately to Boone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blowing Rock Town Council hereby fully supports the Town of Blowing Rock applying for TIGER Discretionary Grant funds to support the construction of Section One of the Middle Fork Greenway.

Adopted this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Town of Blowing Rock

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
J.B. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon H. Greene, Town Clerk