

*****December 22, 2025*****

The Signal Mountain town Council held a work session on Monday, December 22, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Elizabeth Baker
Vice Mayor Clay Crumbliss
Councilmember Andrew Gardner
Councilmember Charles Poss

Also present were: Town Manager Matthew Justice
Town Attorney Harry Cash
See attached list for others present

Mayor Baker led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Roll Call

Councilmember Miles Jorgensen was not present.

Minutes

There were no minutes presented.

Citizens' Opportunity to Address Council

There were no requests to address Council.

Resolutions

1. R2025-68: "A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EARLY TERMINATION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY PRESERVATION FUND FOR THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER"

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

2. R2025-69: “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EARLY TERMINATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY PRESERVATION FUND FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER”

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion.

The Council discussed and agreed on a proclamation and renaming of the MACC theater as thanks to the Grahams for their stewardship of the MACC. A proclamation was agreed upon for the Hagoods, as well.

All present being in favor, the motion passed.

Ordinances

There were no ordinances presented.

Discussion

- a. Boards and Commission Reappointments, Responses to Date

The Council thanked Kerry Lansford for her many years of service as she is stepping down from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council discussed the Boards and Commissions ordinance including dissolving the Recycle Committee, Condemnation Board, and Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Mayor Baker emphasized the need for all Town Boards to follow the ordinance requiring each Board and Commission to elect officers at the beginning of the calendar year.

Town Manager Justice touched on one last board that was part of the discussion to be dissolved, the Personnel Committee.

Mayor Baker further noted that, during the Board and Commission discussions, certain language changes related to the Planning Commission ordinance should also be incorporated into the new ordinance.

- b. Communications and Reports from the Mayor/Council –

Mayor Baker thanked Police and Fire for the great job achieved in a recent incident on the mountain.

Vice Mayor Crumbliss also thanked Police and Fire for their work during the recent incident on the mountain.

Councilmember Poss thanked Town Manager Justice and staff for an amazing job in 2025.

Vice Mayor Crumbliss thanked Finance Director John Harr.

Mayor Baker thanked the Town employee Christmas Party Committee for a job well done. Vice Mayor Baker included a shout out to King's Pig BBQ for the food at the party.

- c. Manager's Report – Town Manager Justice reiterated Town closures and rescheduled services for the holidays; Wednesday, December 24th for Christmas Eve; Thursday, December 25th for Christmas Day; and Thursday, December 31st for New Year's Day.
- d. Reports from Committees and Boards – Councilmember Poss reported that he sat in for Councilmember Jorgensen at the Library Board meeting. There are three upcoming events; September 18th, a community art show; October 2nd, speaker Katarina Smith; October 21st, Community Reads with author Kevin Wilson.

Mayor Baker announced the next meeting; Monday, January 12, 2026.

With no further business, Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. All present in favor, the work session was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Elizabeth Baker, Mayor

Recorder