

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP
ASSEMBLY ROOM – VIA ZOOM
MARCH 29, 2021
9:30 AM

Mayor Weedman presided over the March 29, 2021, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Coletta, Council Members Carpenter, Dethero, Gooch, Gregory, Tiles, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weedman led the group in a moment of silent meditation. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

A draft agenda for the April 8, 2021, council meeting was presented. Under *Old Business, Item #7 – 2021/2022 Budget, New Business, Item #8 – American Rescue Plan, Item #9 – FR Transportation Advisory Committee*, and after Public Comments, *Flat Rock Playhouse - Lisa Bryant and Kim Hinkelman* were added to the agenda. With no further changes, Mayor Weedman stated an agenda has been set.

Discussions:

Mayor Weedman asked for council members to have their 2021/2022 budget worksheets completed and turned in to Village Clerk Parker by April 16, 2021. Meetings with individual council members will be set up between April 19th – April 29th to review the proposed budget with Mayor Weedman and Paul de Chalain.

Mayor Weedman reported the Village of Flat Rock will receive \$495,000.00 by May 15, 2021, from the American Rescue Plan, and about one year later, will receive an additional \$495,000.00. He and Village Administrator Christie have attended two meetings via Zoom with NC League of Municipalities, and National League of Cities. The Department of Treasury will prepare guidelines on how the money can be spent. Mayor Weedman has suggested that Henderson County set up a coordinating group, to include one person from each municipality and the County, to coordinate what will be done with the money. County Commissioner William Lapsley thought this was a good idea and will discuss with the commissioners on April 4, 2021. Mayor Weedman has also spoken with City of Hendersonville City Manager John Connet who also thought this was a good idea.

Vice Mayor Coletta posted Shred Day information on the Village's Facebook page, and a link of weather station information on the Village's website.

Vice Mayor Coletta asked for consensus from Council for the Village to provide lunch to the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, and by consensus Council agreed. Vice Mayor Coletta will contact Captain Staton for procedures in organizing.

Vice Mayor Coletta mentioned Litter Sweep is April 10 – 24, 2021, and NCDOT provides all the supplies. If there are any council members interested in participating, please let her know. Mayor Weedman, Vice Mayor Coletta, Council Members Dethero, Gregory, and Tiles expressed interest in participating.

Council Member Gregory expressed appreciation to Administrator Christie for her efforts in the near completion of the 160D revisions requirement. The Planning Board is moving forward with rewriting the Comprehensive Land Use Plan with plans to hire a facilitator.

Council Member Dethero reported that work on the sewer system at Halfway Tree Mobile Home Park continues and is supposed to be completed by the end of the month. He will contact Mr. Connet to get an update.

Council Member Dethero asked for guidance on whether to plan on having an Ice Cream Social in 2021. It will be discussed at the April 8, 2021, Council meeting.

Administrator Christie gave the following Park Foundation update:

- **Pardee in the Park** – official 2021 kick-off event starts Saturday, 4/24
 - Free Yoga twice a week (Thursday 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - new time is an hour later)
 - Fourth Saturday of the month – health and wellness talks
- **Kids in Parks**
 - Sign and brochures have arrived; goal is to have sign installed the week after Easter
 - Informal ribbon cutting will be held on 4/24 to coordinate with Pardee kick-off
 - Tracey's press release for Kids in Parks will go out the end of this week

- **Arbor Day Celebration** – May 1, 2021 – Tracey helped the Park Commission and Village with promotional materials (press release, fliers, etc).
Press release sent out March 29, 2021, to local press and event calendars
- **Friends of the Park** – first “anniversary” of giving society’s launch is in April; marketing push and additional outreach will be included in the Village newsletter
 - please spread the good work, information on Foundation website
 - 145 members of Friends of the Park

All events and yoga will have mask and social distancing requirements.

Council Member Carpenter mentioned Park Ranger Wilkerson has resigned and will be leaving the end of June, so the Council needs to start looking for a new park ranger.

Mayor Weedman reported on the following:

- Fire department payments need to be made by March 31, 2021.
- John Wilkerson has submitted a resignation letter; Mayor Weedman expressed appreciation for all of his hard work and that he will be hard to replace.
- Martha Orr has officially submitted a letter stating she wants to retire in October 2021 but would like to continue working part-time.
- Tax collections are progressing. Martha has had communications with Mr. Mansouri’s son, who wants to get on a payment plan to have taxes paid in full in a couple of months.
- At the April council meeting, Mayor Weedman will ask Council to direct the Tax Collector to start foreclosure proceedings on an account that has been delinquent two years.

With no further discussions, Council Member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Tiles. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Nick Weedman, Mayor