

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**APRIL 3, 2017**  
**9:30 A.M.**

Mayor Staton presided over the Agenda Workshop meeting on April 3, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Brown, Coletta, Dockendorf, Gooch and Jamerson, Village Administrator Boleman and Village Clerk Parker.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Staton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A draft agenda for the April 13, 2017, council meeting was presented. Under *Old Business – Item #7, Budget Amendment FY 16/17*, was added to the agenda. With no further changes, Mayor Staton stated an agenda has been set.

**Discussions:**

Mr. Don Farr reported in preparing a budget proposal for the FY 17/18, the contract renewal with FitzSimons to start April 1, 2017, is complete. In the contract is a proposed increase of \$12,000.00 for pond maintenance by a certified contractor recommended by Dunkin FitzSimons. Mr. Farr is seeking concurrence from Council for FitzSimons to proceed with the pond maintenance, which will consist of a series of treatments every two months with the priority being treatment of duckweed. Council Member Dockendorf suggested comparing such annual maintenance costs with those of Foster Pond & Lake Management in Gastonia, a company he uses for pond maintenance at Camp Pinnacle. After discussions, Mayor Staton suggested that Council approve Dunkin's proposed contract, subject to change on the basis of any lower estimate that Mr. Farr may obtain from Foster Pond & Lake Management. Council agreed.

Don Farr stated he and Council Member Jamerson have reviewed the figures for the budget amendment for the park and are in agreement.

Mayor Staton stated we have a signed contract with Mill Creek for the Nature Center, which is for an amount within the budget. He stated we have a proposed trails engineering contract with an engineering firm for a total of \$65,500.00, but it included work tasks that will not be undertaken. Council previously approved an expenditure of \$68,000.00 for all trails engineering work, so the cost of that work to be done now is well within that approved by Council.

Mayor Staton stated that dedication of the perimeter trail in memory of Ed Lastein had previously been discussed, but we have no record of any formal action taken by the Council to approve that dedication. Council Member Brown made a motion to dedicate and rename the perimeter trail in memory of Ed Lastein, seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mayor Staton mentioned he will be out of town April 18, 2017 for the LGCCA meeting, April 20, 2017 for the Vision Henderson County class scheduled to visit the Village Hall, and the May 1, 2017 Agenda meeting.

Mayor Staton mentioned for the 2017 Council election, filing starts July 7 at 12:00 noon, and ends July 21, 2017, at 12:00 noon. Current terms of Council Members Anne Coletta, Albert Gooch, and Sheryl Jamerson end in December 2017, and all were encouraged to file for election for a second term in their respective seats.

Mayor Staton stated there are a couple of issues on which Council needs to take action or have a position that are scheduled for discussion at the LGCCA meeting to be held April 18, 2017.

1. Off year municipal elections – This issue had been discussed by the Council in an earlier meeting, which discussion resulted from an inquiry from Senator Chuck Edwards as to our position on pending legislation that would move municipal elections from off years to even years. After discussion, Council agreed that it had no objection to even-year municipal elections, and that municipal elections should remain nonpartisan.

2. Hendersonville water system – After a discussion of the county's efforts to force the City of Hendersonville to relinquish control of its water system to a regional water authority or to subject it to control by the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Council agreed that the county's effort was "a solution in search of a problem" and that there is no valid reason to remove control of the water system from Hendersonville. Council Member Gooch made a motion to oppose the county's position and to support the city's continued operation of its water system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletta and carried on a unanimous vote. Mayor Staton will have a draft letter to our legislative representatives and supporting resolution available by the next Council meeting.

Mayor Staton reminded Council of the lunch and meeting with senior staff at Flat Rock Playhouse for a tour of the campus, 11:00 am, April 4, 2017.

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of March 31, 2017, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 99.66%, with \$928,703.43 total collected (see attached report dated March 31, 2017).

Council Member Brown mentioned that, at the county commissioner's meeting scheduled for that evening, the controversial issue of the proposed training center for the sheriff's department will be discussed.

Council Member Gooch reported the April Village Record newsletter will soon be mailed.

Maureen Adams presented a handout of the Flat Rock Park Foundation logo. She stated the 2015-2016 annual report will be inserted in the newsletter.

Council Member Dockendorf gave an update on the following;

**Kanuga Road** – funding for improvements has been approved.

**Boyd Bridge** – new information from NCDOT will soon be available.

**Highland Lake Road improvements** – NCDOT has been asked to come to Council with proposed improvements before holding any public input meetings. Vice Mayor Weedman expressed opposition to any proposed improvements.

**Proposed new entrance** - Mr. Dockendorf is continuing to work with NCDOT for approval of the newly proposed alternative entrance to the park from Highland Lake Road. Don Farr has forwarded to NCDOT the drawing depicting such alternative entrance.

Council Member Dockendorf reported a Bike Pedestrian Plan public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 5 – 7 pm. He reported an application has been submitted to the FBRMPO for STBG funding for a feasibility study for a path from the Village Center to Pinecrest Presbyterian Church, which trail would connect with that of an improved Highland Lake Road to the park.

Council Member Jamerson presented and reviewed a worksheet for the FY16/17 budget amendment. She stated the budget amendment will be available next week.

Village Administrator Boleman reported the current zoning activity fee schedule is to be reviewed by herself, Council Members Jamerson and Coletta, and Village Clerk Parker. The fee schedule will be presented to Council for approval at a later date.

Ms. Boleman mentioned Mr. Mansouri is considering developing the two lots behind the Wrinkled Egg, which is zoned commercial. She has not received an official application to date, but is working with Mr. Bill O'Cain, the architect Mr. Mansouri has engaged for the project.

Village Administrator Boleman asked Council about discussing or taking action on the wireless communication infrastructure bill that is before the General Assembly. After discussions, Council feels they don't have enough information.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Robert V. Staton  
Mayor