

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP MINUTES
ASSEMBLY ROOM
DECEMBER 4, 2017
9:30 A.M.

Mayor Staton presided over the December 4, 2017, agenda meeting 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 Clerk Parker and Administrator Boleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Staton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A draft agenda of the December 14, 2017, council meeting was presented. With no changes to the agenda, Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. Mayor Staton stated an agenda has been set.

Discussions

Council Member Coletta expressed appreciation to Mayor Staton and Council Members for her serving four years on the Council, and personally thanked Mayor Staton for his leadership. She stated Chris McDonnell has agreed to be involved with the annual ice cream social. She also stated the proposed Highland Lake Road project is unnecessary, is not compatible with Flat Rock, and will be damaging to the village.

Council Member Dockendorf thanked Council Member Coletta for her service and hard work on Council. He stated he feels the Highland Lake Road project would be hard not to proceed with, and after meeting with NCDOT, he feels we can come up with a compromise; we need to see what revised plans NCDOT presents. Council Member Jamerson stated she has to decide what is best for Flat Rock, not who initiated the project. Council Member Dockendorf stated he sent out to council members a report of the meeting with Bryan Burch of NCDOT. Council Member Coletta feels the sooner the better for Council to decide on this project. Council feels it would be best to wait and see the plans NCDOT presents and whether or not they address the concerns of the residents.

Council Member Brown recommended that a park workshop be held in January to discuss, among other things, the hiring of a park manager. Administrator Boleman will pole council members and determine a date for a workshop. The Park Foundation is holding a retreat on January 25, 2018, to decide what the next phase will be, and a workshop before the retreat may be helpful to the foundation.

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of December 4, 2017, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 60.3%, with \$566,155.08 total collected (see attached report dated December 4, 2017). He reported a memorial service for Terry Hicks is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2017, at 10:30 a.m, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Kanuga Road.

Council Member Dockendorf mentioned the \$40,000.00 grant for a feasibility study for a potential greenway connecting Carl Sandburg and the Village Hall to the Park at Flat Rock. The French Broad River MPO is administering the grant for the Village, and they are seeking proposals from potential consulting firms.

Council Member Dockendorf reported he met with Bryan Burch, Steve Caraker, and Bill Lapsley to discuss the compromises on the Kanuga Road widening project. He stated the Henderson County Commissioners will be voting today to seek a grant for a feasibility study for a greenway along Mud Creek.

He mentioned that work on the traffic circle at Greenville Highway, Erkwood Drive and Shepherd Street has begun with the removal of some structures. He suggested Council look at the finalized Bike Pedestrian Plan for approval soon in the coming year.

Mayor Staton mentioned that the Council and staff holiday luncheon is scheduled for December 12, 2017, at noon, at the Hendersonville Country Club.

Administrator Boleman reminded Council the orange notebook each has been given is the information packet for the Blue Ridge Fire Department rezoning application, a public hearing for which has been scheduled for the December 14 council meeting. She has ordered replacement lights for above the conference table in the Highlander Room. The leaking water heater in the Welcome Center at the park will be replaced.

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor