

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
FEBRUARY 29, 2016
9:30 AM

Mayor Staton presided over the Agenda Workshop meeting on February 29, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Brown, Coletta, Dockendorf, Gooch and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Staton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Guest: Coty Ferguson – candidate for North Carolina House's 113th District seat currently occupied by Chris Whitmire. Coty is seeking the Republican nomination for that seat in the upcoming primary.

Mr. Ferguson –

- is a real estate agent in Brevard
- is a member of the Brevard planning board, an appointee of the Transylvania County board of commissioners and who lives in a Brevard ETJ area
- is a US Army reservist
- has been in New Hampshire on the presidential campaign trail for a PAC supporting Ohio Gov. John Kasich
- has returned home to campaign for himself for the NC House

Mayor Staton welcomed Coty Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson spoke briefly on the following topics that he felt were important: economic development, education, eliminating business franchise taxes, workforce development and training, the Ecusta trail, and the bond issue (which he opposes).

2. Agenda

A draft agenda for the March 10, 2016, Council Meeting was presented. With no changes, Mayor Staton reported the agenda has been set.

3. Electric vehicle charging station

Vice Mayor Weedman met with Mr. Stan Cross and Mr. Matthew Johnson of Brightfield Transportation, who are working with Land of Sky in applying for a grant from NCDOT for installation of an electric vehicle charging station, to determine if the village hall, behind rainbow row, or the park would be the best location in Flat Rock for a charging station. It was agreed that, if Council decides to proceed, the village hall would be the ideal location. They discussed Duke Power's running a line from the electric pole in the back corner of the property

to the edge of the parking lot for two charging stations, one for Tesla and one for other electric vehicles. The cost to the Village would be for the installation of the power line and meter, and construction of concrete pads for the charging stations. Two dedicated parking spaces would be required for the stations.

Vice Mayor Weedman made the following motion:

It is moved that the Village Council request Brightfield Transportation Solutions and the Land of Sky Regional Council of Governments to include Flat Rock in its grant application for the installation of an electric car charging station (EVS). The EVS would be located on the grounds of the Village Hall. If the grant is approved, the Council agrees to appropriate funds for the installation of electrical and concrete pad facilities.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Dockendorf and carried on a unanimous vote.

4. Compassionate communities

Mayor Staton reported that he and Vice Mayor Weedman had met with residents Pam and Charley Rogers, who are actively involved in the Charter for Compassion project and who asked that the Village Council adopt the Charter for Compassion and the Village become a 'compassionate community.' After discussion, by consensus, it was agreed that the Council would not adopt the Charter for Compassion or otherwise take any official action for the Village to assume a designation as a compassionate community. Mayor Staton will advise the Rogers of the Council's action.

Mayor/council comments

Council Member Coletta reported the annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2016; rain date June 5, 2016.

Vice Mayor Weedman reported the current fiscal year tax collections are at 99.6%, with approximately \$4,800.00 remaining to be collected.

Council Member Gooch reminded Council to turn in staff evaluations.

Council Member Dockendorf reported the playground expenses are on budget. Landscaping and drainage improvements remain to be done, plans for which are to be ready in two weeks.

Council Member Jamerson will prepare a FY 2015/2016 budget amendment and will email to Council.

Administrator Boleman suggested the possibility of installing a mailbox at the Village Hall for delivery of mail addressed to 110 Village Center Drive. She will discuss the issue with the postal service.

Mayor Staton, Administrator Boleman, and Ron Davis are currently working on amendments to the Land Development Ordinance, which will be brought before Council at a later date.

With no further discussions, at 10:38 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor