

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP**  
**RUDNICK ROOM**  
**MARCH 2, 2020**  
**9:30 AM**

Mayor Weedman presided over the March 2, 2020, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Jamerson, Council Members Carpenter, Coletta, Dethero, Gooch, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie. Council Member Posey was not present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Weedman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A draft agenda for the March 12, 2020, council meeting was presented. Under *New Business*, the following item was added: *Item #9 – Virus Update*. Council Member Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

**Discussions:**

Council Member Coletta asked for clarification from Council for the non-acceptance of the donation of a grandfather clock from Ted Etherington. By consensus, Council agreed.

The FBRMPO (French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization) is holding a public workshop today at the Henderson County Library, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045.

Council Member Coletta, Mayor Weedman, and Council Member Carpenter met with NCDOT representatives on February 17, 2020, and are waiting for NCDOT's final information from questions asked. Once the information is received, Council Member Coletta will forward to council and include in the transportation update at the March 12, 2020, regular council meeting.

Council Member Coletta, Village Administrator Christie, and Council Member Carpenter will meet Thursday, March 5, 2020, with Roger Ayers, HCDOT head maintenance engineer. The meeting is to receive information and get an overview of how road maintenance works in the Village, who to address if a citizen has a concern, and how the concern is handled.

Council Member Coletta mentioned the NC Public Records Law states that on the municipality's website and social media presence, any posts or comments are considered public record.

Council Member Coletta mentioned at the last council meeting, page 16 – Planned Trails, Paths and Sidewalks of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. She met with Dennis Maloy, Bruce Holliday and Council Member Posey to ask the Planning Board to review the transportation section of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which will be reviewed at a later date. She stated the plan is still a document that other municipalities and jurisdictions review.

Council Member Coletta made the following motion: That the Flat Rock Village Council amend the village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, adopted by the Council on July 11, 2013, to designate page 16, a map titled *Planned Trails, Paths and Sidewalks*, as suspended until further notification in order to give the village community at large an opportunity to participate in decision-making on transportation and recreation issues. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dethero. With no further discussions, the vote was a 4-yes, 1-no vote, and the motion carried.

Council Member Carpenter gave an update on the Park Commission meeting held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, with the following;

- A group of dog owners spoke during the public comments period to request the Village Council consider building a dog park within the Park at Flat Rock. A brief overview of their proposal was given. This will be discussed further at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Park Workshop meeting.
- Update on the Kids in Parks Track Trail
  - The Village needs to complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and Pardee. This will be handled by the Flat Rock Park Foundation.
  - The trail has been approved to go forward by the Kids in Parks organization.
  - The grants for trail signage and maintenance have been applied for.
  - Actual work on creating the trail will begin sometime in May 2020.
- Discussed items for the upcoming Park Workshop meeting.
- Pinecrest Church has submitted a request to be allowed to host an Easter Egg Hunt in the Park for our community on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Village will request that they fill out and submit an event application and work with Pat and John to set this up.
- Partnering with Hands-On Museum to hold a children's event at the Park every Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. These events are very popular with home schoolers.
- Pardee Hospital will be hosting Yoga in the Park every Thursday (5:30 p.m.) and Saturday (10:00 a.m.) from April through October 2020.
- Volunteers will resume the monthly nature walks in the Park that we used to have in 2014 and 2015. These will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.



- The Park at Flat Rock Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- The Friends of the Park organization being set up by the Park Foundation is expected to raise between \$75,000 - \$90,000 per year for park maintenance and education.
- Following the meeting, Council Member Coletta lead a tour of the Park showing the impacts that the upcoming NHLR project will have on the Park.

The next Park Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

On February 24, 2020, Vice Mayor Jamerson and Mayor Weedman attended a meeting of the Complete Count Committee of the 2020 Census of Henderson County. Attending were stakeholders from all the municipalities as well as Henderson County, IAM, El Centro, and the League of Women Voters. In 2010, 78% of the county residents filled in their census forms. The goal is to count as many of our residents as possible in the 2020 Census. The census count determines the number of representatives for our state and county and decides the share of federal and state funds apportioned to our region and how the funds are distributed. The task of the Committee is to discuss ways to reach as many of our residents as possible. Citizens should receive a census mailing in March, and the census is running from April 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020.

Council Member Gooch reported the Park Foundation's annual report based on the 2018/2019 audit will be going to the printers soon, to be included in the Village Record newsletter.

Mr. Dennis Flanagan reported the Foundation has placed a lot of emphasis on programing within the park. Having different relationships with Pardee, Yam, and Hands On, the Foundation can have free yoga in the Park, a kids museum, and other educational activities within the park. The Kids in Parks educational trail to be installed will begin in the playground area and go to the Nature Center. There are more Spring Fling participants this year than last year, and there will be an adult area dealing with physical fitness and health. At the March 12, 2020, Park Workshop meeting the marketing materials will be available for the launching of the Friends of the Park at Flat Rock fundraiser. The fundraiser will have three different membership levels that are on an annualized basis, with a goal to achieve \$75,000 - \$90,000 for sustainability and educational purposes.

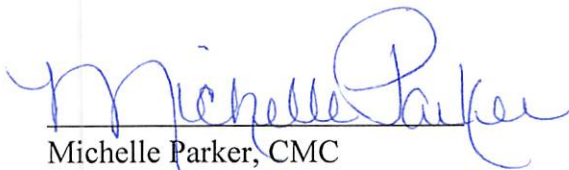
Mr. Flanagan mentioned with the N. Highland Lake Road project, there are opportunities within the Foundation for targeted fundraising efforts related to trees, entrance, parking, etc. The Foundation is ready to begin fundraising once the needs are defined.

Council Member Dethero reported the City of Hendersonville Water & Sewer Technical Advisory Committee will be meeting March 5, 2020, to discuss in further detail the sewer system of the Halfway Tree Mobile Home Park. The new route is west of Hood Heights and only affects two to three property owners of the nine property owners. The annual Ice Cream Social is progressing forward.

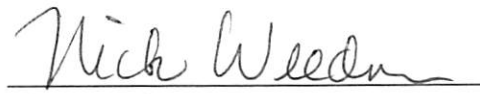
Mayor Weedman reported that, as of February 28, 2020, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 98.7 percent with \$1,221,511.61 total collected (see attached report).

**Public Comments - None**

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



Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk



Nick Weedman  
Mayor



## **Tax Collection Report**

February 28, 2020

### **2019/20 Tax Year**

Total billed with adjustments	<b>\$1,237,340.00</b>
Total collected as of 2/28/2020	<b>\$1,221,511.61 (98.7%)</b>
Remaining to collect – real property and personal	<b>\$15,828.39</b>

Another notice was mailed to delinquent property owners in February and the response was good but less than expected. At this point, we don't anticipate problems with particular accounts

As on this date last year, collections were 99.5% with 24 properties still delinquent. Special efforts will be made in March to catch up.

Nick Weedman  
Finance Officer