

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP
ASSEMBLY ROOM – VIA ZOOM
AUGUST 3, 2020
9:30 AM

Mayor Weedman presided over the August 3, 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, Posey, 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 August 13, 2020, council meeting was presented, and the following items were added: Under *Consent Agenda – 2019/2020 Tax Settlement, 2020/2021 Tax Charge*. Under *Public Comments – Betsy Gerwig, Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District presentation*. Mayor Weedman stated an agenda has been set.

Discussions:

COVID-19 Recovery Act - Mayor Weedman reported that the State has allocated funding to all counties and municipalities, including Flat Rock, based on their population, to help local governments recover from expenses related to the coronavirus, including EMS, PPE, etc. The Village has spent a very small amount on COVID-related expenses. Mayor Weedman stated that at the LGCCA meeting he notified the Henderson County Commissioners and other local mayors that the Village will turn down the funding. He suggested that the County be formally advised that the Village of Flat Rock does not qualify and will turn the money back over to the County to use where needed. Council agreed, and Administrator Christie will advise the County.

Authorize the Engagement of Land of Sky Regional Council to handle the NC General Statute 160D revisions to our Land Development Ordinance and other ordinances – Mayor Weedman stated attempts to recruit volunteers with legal backgrounds have failed. Administrator Christie has contacted Land of Sky and they are willing to undertake the project at a cost of \$6,000 - \$9,000. The ordinances must be compliant by the July 1, 2021 deadline. Mayor Weedman made a motion to appropriate up to \$9,000 and allow Village Administrator Pat Christie to negotiate with Land of Sky for a contract to make the Land Development Ordinance and other ordinances compliant with NC General Statute 160D. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Jamerson, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Formally approve an Easement Agreement with Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue – The location of the sewer line has been staked and the contractor is getting drawings amended to show the location. The line will terminate on the Village's property and the City of Hendersonville Water & Sewer Department will go from that point under Greenville Highway to termination at the sewer manhole on the Flat Rock Post Office property. Mayor Weedman reported a formal request has been received from Chief Will Sheehan for Council's approval of an easement agreement. Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the granting of an easement to the Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue for the installation of a sewer line across the Village Town Hall property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Posey, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrator Christie will inform Chief Sheehan and the City of Hendersonville Water & Sewer Department of the approval.

Council Member Coletta mentioned she had contacted a NCDOT Division of Traffic engineer to discuss how they handle changing speed limits. The Village Council would need to send a request to NCDOT, NCDOT would then review the road, send us their recommendations, and the process could take a couple of weeks. This subject will be discussed further at the August 13, 2020, council meeting.

Council Member Dethero mentioned the City of Hendersonville Water & Sewer Department has completed 5% of the sewer line of the Halfway Tree Mobile Home Park. They are still in negotiations with Dr. Eisenhower, who owns adjoining property, and if no conclusion can be reached, the City will take the property by eminent domain.

Council Member Posey reported that the term for Board of Adjustment member Denise Cumbee Long expires August 13, 2020, and Ms. Long has agreed to serve another term. Carolyn Malloy will step down as an alternate to focus on her health, making this seat vacant. Council Member Posey was given a list of current applications on file at the Village Hall of residents who had expressed an interest in volunteering. Luke Hunter had expressed an interest in serving on the Board of Adjustment and Council Member Posey feels he is the best candidate to finish Carolyn Malloy's unfulfilled term.

Council Member Posey made a motion to appoint Denise Cumbee Long for a 3-year term to the Board of Adjustment from 8/13/2020 - 8/13/2023, and Luke Hunter into the alternate seat of the unfulfilled term of Carolyn Malloy for a term expiring 8/13/2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gooch.

Council Member Coletta suggested giving council members the opportunity to meet with nominees before a final vote is taken. Council Member Posey will contact Luke Hunter for his availability dates to meet council members before the August 13th council meeting.

Council Member Posey withdrew the motion, resubmitted a motion to appoint Denise Cumbee Long for a 3-year term to the Board of Adjustment from 8/13/2020 - 8/13/2023, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coletta mentioned the Village of Flat Rock Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan will be discussed at the August 13th council meeting. She will send the link to council members to review the plan before the meeting.

Council Member Coletta mentioned they will also be discussing the Historic Flat Rock – NCDOT Kanuga Road project. Historic Flat Rock is working on a mitigation plan to protect the historic district when NCDOT starts the project. Historic Flat Rock would like something from Council supporting their efforts. She will be working with Dennis Flanagan this week to see what he needs in writing, and will send to council members before the council meeting.

Vice Mayor Jamerson reported she has spoken with Rafe Westbrook of First Citizens Bank, Spartanburg Highway branch, to discuss whether to stay with First Citizens or go elsewhere. Mr. Westbrook mentioned for six months there would be no changes in fees for customers coming from Entegra Bank. Mr. Westbrook wishes to meet this week or next week with Mayor Weedman, Vice Mayor Jamerson, and Council Member Dethero to determine which accounts would give the Village the most services and save on fees.

There was discussion on whether or not a pre-audit meeting is needed with Carl Shaw, Auditor. Vice Mayor Jamerson will contact Mr. Shaw.

Council Member Carpenter suggested having a park workshop meeting after the regular council meeting on October 8, 2020. He asked council members to look at their calendars for availability, with a final decision to be made at the August 13, 2020, council meeting.

Any public comments for the August 13, 2020, council meeting, need to be submitted to Village Clerk Parker by email two days prior.

With no further discussions, Council Member Gooch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Nick Weedman
Mayor