

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
OCTOBER 12, 2017

Vice Mayor Weedman presided over the October 12, 2017, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Vice Mayor Weedman were Council Members Brown, Coletta, Dockendorf, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Administrator Boleman. Mayor Staton was not present.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Weedman led the group in a moment of silent meditation. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA/APPROVAL CHANGES

Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Chris Battista, President of Historic Flat Rock, Inc., read a letter from the Board of Trustees opposing the Highland Lake Road project, and indicated that he hopes Council will support Historic Flat Rock's position.

Ms. Bay Chamberlain expressed concerns about different elements of NCDOT's proposed plan.

Mr. Rick Merrill expressed opposition to the project as the largest widening project in Flat Rock.

Mr. Bill Stanley, President of Pinecrest Presbyterian Church, talked about the adverse impact the project will have on the church's septic system, the handicapped/bus entrance, and the trees along the road that act as a sound barrier for the church.

Pastor of Pinecrest Presbyterian Church expressed disappointment with the process with NCDOT and the noncommunication with the church.

Ms. Jane Hollen asked Council where it is the process, and who has the final decision on the project. Council Member Dockendorf stated the Village has no power with NCDOT, which has the ultimate decision. He stated he has passed on to NCDOT the significant amount of opposition of this project. He encouraged residents to express their written comments to NCDOT.

Mr. Clyde Allen stated the purpose of the project is insufficient and that he wrote a letter to the project manager expressing his various concerns.

Ms. Lori Smythe expressed concerns about the precedent this project will set for Flat Rock.

Mr. Marvin Seibold stated he shares the concerns of these other residents; the plan lacks a lot of study; and he hopes Council will take action and vote against the project. He also talked about the lack of safety along Little River Road.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- September 5, 2017 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- September 14, 2017 – Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Jamerson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletta and carried on a unanimous vote.

Special Reports

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Village Administrator Boleman reviewed the September 2017 zoning report dated October 9, 2017, and the Village Administrator report dated October 12, 2017 (see attached reports).

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of October 11, 2017, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 28%, with \$262,584.43 total collected (see attached report dated October 11, 2017).

4. Park Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown reported that trail construction is currently stalled because Trace and Company is tied up on another project.

Ms. Brown mentioned she has met with Council Member Gooch and Council Member Jamerson to discuss the possibility of hiring a park manager. She will present to Council comments and suggestions on the matter at a later date.

Council Member Brown stated she has met with some homeowners of Highland Golf Villas regarding installing screening trees between the playground and the homes adjacent to the park.

She reported Mrs. Christine Hicks has resigned from the Park Commission, and we should find a replacement member.

Council Member Dockendorf mentioned Beanstalk Builders is putting together a proposal for installing a tiny tots section at the playground.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

In Duncan Fraser's absence, Ms. Myra Grant reviewed the Foundation's financial report dated October 12, 2017, as of September 30, 2017, and the Foundation's Donations Received Three Months ending September 30, 2017, report.

6. Transportation Update – Council Member Dockendorf

Council Member Dockendorf reported Kanuga Road residents plan to meet with NCDOT to discuss possibilities of a compromise with this project.

There were discussions of weight limits and speeding of semi-trucks on NC 225 and Little River Road. The Village will ask State Troopers and the Sheriff's Office to give special attention to speed control on NC 225 and Little River Road.

Other Business – None

New Business - None

Other Business

7. Mayor - Council Reports

Council Member Jamerson reported the new accounting software with Edmunds & Associates is in place. She mentioned in starting the new fiscal year budget, we need to have a better process of preparation.

Council Member Brown mentioned Shred Day is scheduled for October 14, 2017, 10:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m. Unwanted and outdated prescription drugs will be collected at that time, as will the canned goods for IAM.

Vice Mayor Weedman reported the usage of the electric vehicle charging stations for August (4), September (18), and October (7).

Public Comments

Mr. Steve Jamerson expressed concerns of noncommunication between the Park Commission and its Long-Term Planning Committee on the one hand and the Council on the other with respect to park issues.

Adjournment

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Nick Weedman
Vice Mayor