

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

Mayor Staton presided over the October 30, 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 November 9, 2017, council meeting was presented. Under *Agenda Approval/Changes, FY 2016/2017 Audit Review – Carl E. Shaw, CPA* was added to the agenda. With no further changes, Mayor Staton stated an agenda has been set.

Discussions:

Council Member Coletta reported the audit committee met with Carl Shaw last week, and a draft report of the FY 2016/2017 audit was given to the committee.

Council Member Brown reported that, at a joint meeting to discuss an application for a PARTF grant in 2018, the Park Commission and the Park Foundation decided not to apply, but to complete the master plan and work with the Foundation to sustain the future of the Park by completing the 2018-2020 projects and plan for ongoing park sustainability.

Council Member Gooch mentioned the Henderson County Water & Sewer Commission will hold their first meeting tonight.

Council Member Dockendorf reported he has been unsuccessful in contacting Sargent Fairchild, who is in charge of highway patrol's monitoring of trucks traveling overweight and through Flat Rock. He will continue his efforts to contact Sgt. Fairchild.

Council Member Dockendorf reported that, when the public comments on the Kanuga Road widening project have been compiled, he, City of Hendersonville Mayor Pro Tem Steve Caraker, and Henderson County Commissioner Bill Lapsley will meet with Mr. Bryan Burch, of NCDOT Division 14, to discuss the best options for the project.

Council Member Jamerson reported she attended an America in Bloom meeting and Flat Rock received the highest ranking. She mentioned the ice skating rink will be open downtown again this year, and they will be looking for sponsors and volunteers to help with the rink.

Administrator Boleman distributed folders containing the Kerry Lindsey SUP application for “The Farm” at Highland Lake and stated Council will formally review this application in a quasi-judicial hearing on November 16, 2017.

She reported that, at the December 14 Council meeting, Council will review Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue’s rezoning application for the property located adjacent to the Village Hall. The property is currently zoned residential, and the application is to rezone the property GCPS (Government, Civic and Public Service) to give the fire department the ability to expand its facilities in the future.

Mayor Staton reported he and Vice Mayor Weedman attended the Buncombe Turnpike Dedication on October 26, 2017, for a portion of the old Buncombe Turnpike in the Dunroy subdivision.

Public comments on the Highland Lake Road improvement project:

Mr. Luke Hunter expressed opposition by stating he believes the current proposal is dangerous to our citizens and guests, and also harmful to the environment. The benefit is not worth the impact, the construction will only encourage an extension in the future, and asked council to reconsider the vote for support of the improvements to Highland Lake Road.

Mr. Thomas Carpenter of Pinecrest Presbyterian Church spoke in opposition to the project and discussed how the improvements will impact the covered handicapped/bus entrance, septic system, and tree buffering. Because of these impacts on the church he recommended:
(1) installing the multi-use path on the other side of the road into the historic district, or
(2) cancelling the project; the residents do not want the proposed improvements, and with the cost of the project the funds can be better used elsewhere.

Mr. Rick Merrill spoke in opposition to the project stating it's harmful to the historic designation, and there are historic preservation easements on two properties at the corner of Highland Lake Road and Greenville Highway.

Mr. Travis Rockey asked council who initiated the project, and Council Member Dockendorf explained it had been on the books for ten years. We otherwise do not know its origin.

Mr. Victor Behoriam stated that the main benefit for the improvements was for a multi-use path for bikes and pedestrians. He asked Council to reconsider support of this project. He stated he was in favor of walkways if it did not involve widening of the road, removal of trees, etc.

Mr. Dennis Flanagan stated council needs to look at the main goal, which he opined is access to the park.

Mr. Ted Etherington spoke in opposition to the project. He talked about greenways through Flat Rock and stated there is no need for sidewalks along Greenville Highway.

Mrs. Linda Fitzpatrick spoke in opposition stating there is no need for a sidewalk to the park, no need for straightening Highland Lake Road, which will increase speed.

Mr. Cam Boyd spoke in opposition stating the project is unnecessary, and asked council to reconsider their vote for support of this project.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor