

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Call to Order

Mayor Staton presided over the Council meeting on September 8, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Brown, Coletta, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman. Council Member Dockendorf was not present.

Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Approval/Changes

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

Public Comments – None

Consent Agenda

1. The consent agenda consisted of the following:
 - August 1, 2016 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
 - August 11, 2016 – Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Gooch 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 August 2016 zoning report dated September 6, 2016, and the Village Administrator report dated September 8, 2016 (see attached reports).

She reported the new citizen ceremony will be held Friday, September 16, 2016, at the Carl Sandburg Home and will be hosted by the Village. The village office has a new RICOH copier. A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016, for consideration of approval of the park master plan, and a park workshop is scheduled to follow the agenda workshop. She asked that Council members send agenda items to her.

Ms. Boleman presented a proposed draft organizational chart. Mayor Staton reviewed the chart and stated there are corrections to be made. One purpose of the organizational chart is to satisfy park grant application requirements.

3. Park Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown reported the Park Commission has a vacant seat to fill. To serve Fred Roane's remaining term, the Commission recommends Wendy Beville. Council Member Brown made a motion to appoint Wendy Beville to the Park Commission, seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Council Member Brown gave an update on the following;

The park entrance gate is still in process. We are awaiting information from the manufacturer in order to begin the concrete and electrical work. An October installation is anticipated.

Four new benches were delivered and placed in the park. FitzSimons will start reseeding to the left of the playground, and behind the Welcome Center.

She has not received any feedback from the residents of Highland Golf Villas regarding the tunnel being blocked for two weeks to see if it helped with the noise control from the playground.

Steve Jamerson presented and reviewed the cost estimate spreadsheet showing costs for trail segments, and ask Council to consider moving forward on the perimeter trail extension “A” and the secondary trail “D” connecting the perimeter trail to the nature center with the \$65,000.00 already in the budget. Matt Laughter, of Trace and Company, spoke about the construction of the trail. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to give Steve Jamerson authorization to move forward with Trace and Company on the trail work discussed, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Jamerson reported that fencing around the dumpster will cost approximately \$3,200.00, which is not budgeted. Council Member Brown made a motion to proceed with the fencing, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch reported the Pavilion dedication is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016. The Foundation Board is holding a retreat at Duncan Fraser’s house from 1 – 6 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2016.

5. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of September 6, 2016, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 14.75%, with \$134,387.43 total collected (see attached report dated September 6, 2016).

6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning – Council Member Dockendorf

In Council Member Dockendorf's absence, Administrator Boleman reported that she and Mr. Dockendorf have been in communication with NCDOT regarding the bike and pedestrian planning grant. A steering committee made up of community residents and stakeholders has been formed. The first informal meeting of the steering committee will take place on September 20, 2016. The professional planning group, Kimley-Horn has been assigned by NCDOT to work with both Flat Rock and Laurel Park as part of the planning process. The primary reason Kimley-Horn was chosen was because that group is currently working with the City of Hendersonville on its bike and pedestrian planning grant. Having the same professional planning group work with all three municipalities will provide the larger community with a more coordinated plan and an overall better product.

Old Business – Council Member Gooch reported Ken Jones and Carolyn Maloy have agreed to serve on the Board of Adjustment as alternate members. Mr. Gooch made a motion to appoint Ken Jones and Carolyn Maloy to serve three year terms, seconded by Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

New Business – None

Other Business

7. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Coletta reported the quarterly e-bulletin has been sent to the homeowner associations. At the last Land of Sky meeting, attendees received a legislative update that there is potential legislation currently with a study group to conform our municipal elections to even years instead of odd years.

Council Member Brown reported Carole Yardley will have a catered luncheon for park volunteers on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, in the pavilion. Shred Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at which time we will collect food for IAM.

Vice Mayor Weedman mentioned two village volunteers, Van Bell and Clyde Allen, have recently undergone heart surgeries.

Public Comments – None

Adjournment

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor