

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING  
ASSEMBLY ROOM  
MARCH 8, 2018  
9:30 A.M.**

Mayor Staton presided over the March 8, 2018, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Brown, Dockendorf, Gooch, Jamerson and Posey, Village Clerk Parker and Administrator Boleman.

**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**

*Item #8, Updated Park Master Site Plan* was added under *New Business*. With no further changes to the agenda, Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Public Comments** – Dr. Ted Owen, co-owner of WNC Regional Animal Hospital, spoke in opposition to the proposed Highland Lake Road project, but stated he would be in favor of a sidewalk on his side of the road, if it did not affect signage, sewage, water and power. Stephanie Dunn spoke in opposition. Ms. Bay Chamberlain spoke in opposition, but also asked that council consider the size of signs and the number of signs permitted in residential developments. Rhett Carson spoke in opposition to the proposed Highland Lake Road project.

Mayor Staton recognized Will Sheehan, Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief, and introduced Matt Hossley, of Valley Hill Fire & Rescue, who will be attending our monthly council meetings.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- January 29, 2018 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- February 8, 2018 – Council Meeting Minutes
- 2017 Tax Releases

Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman and carried on a unanimous vote.

**Special Reports**

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Village Administrator Boleman reviewed the February 2018 zoning report dated March 7, 2018, and the Village Administrator report dated March 8, 2018 (see attached reports).

Ms. Boleman mentioned that she has received an inquiry about village regulations on tiny houses on foundations and air b&bs, of which there are none. She suggested that Council should discuss the subject and determine if regulations on those and other short-term rentals in the village are needed. She also mentioned that a craft brewery relay from Asheville to Greenville on April 14, 2018, will pass through Flat Rock.

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of March 7, 2018, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 99.43%, with \$935,022.36 total collected (see attached report dated March 7, 2018).

4. Park Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch and Administrator Boleman will meet with the park volunteers next week to discuss finding a volunteer coordinator replacement for Carole Yardley.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown reported the Foundation has two events scheduled: dedication of the new trails and the Eppler Overlook on June 23, 2018, and Feast & Frolic at Kenmure Country Club, August 4, 2018.

Duncan Fraser will present the Foundation's quarterly financial reports next month.

6. Transportation Update – Council Member Dockendorf

Council Member Dockendorf reported the Bike Pedestrian committee will meet tomorrow to select the consulting finalist for the greenway feasibility study to connect Carl Sandburg and the Village Hall to the Park. The two finalist consulting firms are Vaughn & Melton and Alta Greenways.

He mentioned he has spoken with Mr. Reese Shuler, Vaughn & Melton engineer, regarding the Highland Lake Road project, who stated they are going back and forth with NCDOT on minimal design standards allowed for the plan.

Mr. Dockendorf mentioned the proposed Highland Lake Road improvement project is one of seven major NCDOT projects within Henderson County.

Vice Mayor Weedman stated he encourages Council Member Dockendorf to have the consulting firm overseeing the greenway feasibility study to speak with the owners of all properties along alternate greenway paths being considered.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

7. FY 2017/2018 Budget Amendment - Budget Officer Jamerson

Budget Officer Jamerson reviewed the proposed budget amendment. After review and discussions, Ms. Jamerson made a motion to amend the FY 2017/2018 budget to add an additional appropriation from Fund Balance of \$236,200.00, seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

8. Updated Park Master Site Plan – Don Farr, Chairman of Park Commission

Mr. Don Farr presented and reviewed an updated park master site plan, showing concept drawings and pictures of a tot lot, Eppler Overlook, and a color legend of various trails. Council commended Mr. Farr and Steve Jamerson on their work in preparing the updated master site plan.

After review and discussions, Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the updated master site plan, seconded by Council Member Brown. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Other Business**

9. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Posey reported the Planning Board continues to review the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Implementation Plan. In reviewing the plans, it was mentioned the surveys done in 2004 and 2010 are out of date. She asked Council if there were any plans in the future to launch having another survey done. Mayor Staton reported the Council has not discussed a survey. Administrator Boleman suggested having the Planning Board make their recommendation to Council after their review of the CLUP implementation plan.

Council Member Brown reported she and Village Clerk Parker met with Tammie Drake, Clerk for the City of Hendersonville, to review the city's recording system, with the possibility of upgrading our recording system. Ms. Brown has contacted the representative, and when she receives all the information she will request the inclusion of an upgrade in next year's budget.

Council Member Brown asked Council and residents not to congregate in the foyer after meetings to minimize the noise for staff.

Council Member Dockendorf commented that, from his review of the capital project fund, it appears we have not touched the contingency fund for the park. He commended Don Farr and Steve Jamerson for their park projects management.

Council Member Jamerson mentioned America in Bloom representatives will visit Flat Rock again this year, and she will be looking for volunteers for the ice rink, an America in Bloom fundraiser.

**Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial appointment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.**

Council Member Gooch made a motion to go into a closed session, seconded by Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

At 10:37 a.m., a break was taken, to hold the closed session in the Highlander Room.

At 11:26 a.m., Council Member Jamerson made a motion to adjourn the closed session and to return to an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brown and carried on a unanimous vote.

With no further discussions, at 11:27 a.m., Council Member Jamerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Robert V. Staton  
Mayor