

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP
ASSEMBLY ROOM
JULY 2, 2018
9:30 A.M.**

Mayor Staton presided over the July 2, 2018, agenda 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 Village Administrator Christie.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Staton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 100, Approving Annexation Agreement

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

Mayor Staton stated the notice of the public hearing was timely posted in the local newspaper. He discussed the history of the annexation agreement with the City of Hendersonville.

Council Member Weedman expressed concerns and opposition to the agreement, stating if there were no agreement, there would be no constraints on either the City of Hendersonville or the Village to annex properties lying between the two municipalities. If the Village entered into the agreement, the Village would have to get permission from the City of Hendersonville to annex any property, and if the Village does not enter into the agreement, the Village could annex without permission. Mayor Staton advised that the existence of the annexation agreement enabled him at least two times in the past to reject annexation requests for properties the village would not under any circumstances wish to annex.

After closing the public hearing and resuming the meeting, Council Member Gooch made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 100 approving the annexation agreement with the City of Hendersonville and authorizing the mayor to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dockendorf and, after discussion, carried on a 5-yes to 1-no vote, with the no vote being cast by Vice Mayor Weedman.

Employment of Park Ranger – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown reported that job posting on the Village's website resulted in seven applicants for the Park Ranger position. The committee, consisting of Council Members Brown and Gooch and Village Administrator Christie, interviewed four of the seven applicants. Mr. John Wilkerson was selected by the committee and offered the job, subject to approval by the council. Council Member Brown made a motion to hire Mr. Wilkerson as the Park Ranger, a full-time position, starting July 2, 2018, with an annual salary of \$40,000.00, plus the employee benefits provided pursuant to the Village's personnel policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gooch and, following a

discussion of medical insurance benefits provided by the Village through the League's medical insurance trust as opposed to Mr. Wilkerson's continuation of coverage as retired military, which Council Member Brown will investigate, carried on a unanimous vote.

Recommendation of Planning Board appointees – Council Member Posey

Council Member Posey reported Mr. Joe Bill Sloan recently resigned as a member of the Planning Board with only a couple of months remaining in his term. The terms of Victor Behoriam and Dennis Maloy will expire on August 13, 2018. Mr. Maloy, who currently serves as the board's chairman, has agreed to accept reappointment to the board.

Council Member Posey stated two volunteer candidates, Jane Hollen and Bruce Holliday, who expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board, were interviewed and found to be highly qualified for such service.

Council Member Posey recommended the reappointment of Dennis Maloy to the Planning Board, and the appointment of Jane Hollen and Bruce Holliday to the Planning Board, each for a three-year term beginning August 13, 2018, and ending August 13, 2021. By consensus, Council agreed to make such appointments at the July 12, 2018, council meeting.

Adoption of agenda for July 12, 2018, council meeting

A draft agenda for the July 12, 2018, council meeting was presented. Under *Special Reports – Item #3 – Tax Report* was deleted from the agenda. Mayor Staton reported he will not attend the July 12 council meeting. With no further changes, Council Member Jamerson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Sign Control Ordinance discussion – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown reported the signs distributed throughout Flat Rock by the Cultural Landscape Group: Flat Rock are considered advertising signs, are in violation of the sign control ordinance, and are a blight on the community. She stated since numerous complaints have been received, we need to enforce the ordinance and require removal of the signs. In the meantime, she recommended that the Planning Board review the sign control ordinance and bring to the council recommendations for amendments they may wish to present. Council agreed.

Council Member Dockendorf suggested the signs of "no widening Kanuga Road" be left alone until the matter is settled with NCDOT.

Pinecrest Presbyterian Church wishes to put up a new sign that is currently prohibited by the sign control ordinance. Mr. Harvey, a member of the church, advised that the church proposes a 7ft ground

mounted digital sign, not a flashing sign, to replace the current sign. He stated the proposed sign would be an easier and more efficient way to advertise church events and would not detract from Flat Rock's image. This proposal would require an amendment to the sign ordinance, which will be before the Planning Board for consideration.

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

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor