

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
HIGHLANDER ROOM
MARCH 8, 2018
11:05 A.M.

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.

Mayor Staton presided over the March 8, 2018, closed session at 11:05 a.m.

Council Member Gooch reported that he, Vice Mayor Weedman, and Council Member Brown, constituting a Village Administrator search committee, considered five applicants for the position of Village Administrator to replace Judy Boleman upon her retirement from employment with the village government at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2018. The two finalists among the applicants were Ms. Patricia Christie and Mr. Steve Orr. On a vote of 3 to 2, the committee recommended to the council that Ms. Christie be hired for the position.

Mr. Gooch advised that Ms. Christie, an employee of the Town of Mills River since July 2013, has served the town as Zoning Enforcement Officer and Parks and Recreation Coordinator, and she currently serves as the town's Parks and Recreation Director. She is a Certified Zoning Officer and a Certified Arborist. In the view of a majority of the committee members, her skills, training and experience make her a well-qualified selection for the position, and one who would best serve the needs of the village.

After discussions, Council Member Gooch made a motion that the council hire Ms. Christie as Village Administrator with an initial salary of \$65,000.00 per annum, plus the insurance, leave and retirement benefits described in the village's personnel policy, with a hire date of June 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brown and carried on a 5-yes to 1-no vote.

Council Member Jamerson made a motion to close the closed session, seconded by Council Member Dockendorf. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mr. Gooch advised the council that, as a department head, Ms. Christie is required to give her present employer one month's notice of her intention to leave the town's employment. In order to accommodate that notice requirement, as well as the requirement that the official hire must be done in an open council meeting, Mayor Staton stated the approval of Ms. Christie's offer and terms of employment will be made at council's agenda meeting to be held on April 30, 2018.

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With no further discussions, Council Member Jamerson made a motion to adjourn the closed session and to return to the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dockendorf and carried on a unanimous vote.

The closed session was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor