



## TOWN OF LAUREL PARK

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION "LGCCA"  
Historic Courthouse | 1 Historic Courthouse Square | Hendersonville, NC 28792  
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

Town of Laurel Park Mayor, Carey O’Cain, called the Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action (LGCCA) meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Henderson County Commissioners’ Meeting Room/Courtroom of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, downtown Hendersonville.

The following were present:

Henderson County: County Commissioner William Lapsley, County Clerk Denisa Lauffer

Hendersonville: None

Laurel Park: Mayor Carey O’Cain, Town Clerk Tamara Amin

Flat Rock: Mayor Nick Weedman, Vice Mayor Anne Coletta

Fletcher: Mayor Preston Blakely, Council Member Keith Reed

Mills River: Mayor Shanon Gonce, Council Member Sandra Goode

*Mayor O’Cain opened the Regular Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor O’Cain asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor of Flat Rock Weedman asked to add an update from all the municipalities on ARP Funding. Mayor of Flat Rock Weedman moved to approve the amended agenda. Mayor O’Cain asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor of Mills River Gonce moved to approve the Minutes of April 19, 2022, seconded by Mayor of Flat Rock Weedman. Mayor O’Cain of Laurel Park asked for discussion; there was none. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

## **UPDATES**

### **TOWN OF LAUREL PARK**

Mayor O’Cain said the Town of Laurel Park has passed their Fiscal Year budget with no tax increase. The Town will spend all their ARP funds and other funds close to a million dollars on Stormwater management and road improvements. Mayor O’Cain introduced Town Manager Alex Carmichael and welcomed Jordan Jones, Assistant to the Town Manager, who focuses on Zoning.

### **HENDERSON COUNTY**

County Commissioner Lapsley said the County has approved the budget that is estimated to be \$186 million. There are several capital projects the County will be working on. County Commissioner Lapsley spoke about the many capital projects the County is working on such as the ribbon cutting for the Blue Ridge Community College, Hendersonville Highschool, renovation of the old VFW building, new EMS station near Fletcher Elementary School, communications towers in Mills River, as well as two towers in Fletcher, and the Ecusta Trail phases 1 and 2.

County Commissioner Lapsley also discussed future projects like Broadband expansion, the Clear Creek Sewer project, Ecusta Trail phase 3, a new Soccer Field Complex, Courthouse Jail expansion, and an opportunity to take over 3 tracts of land near Mills River and Asheville Airport.

County Commissioner Lapsley continued talking about VAYA Health, a regional board that helps with mental health by paying providers for services. Henderson County pays \$525,000 in yearly dues and appoints 2 board members, one of which is County Commissioner Lapsley.

### **TOWN OF MILLS RIVER**

Mayor Gonce said the Town of Mills River will not be increasing taxes, they will maintain the Sheriff’s contract, and will begin building the new firehouse. The Town of Mills River will use the ARP money to fund the Double SNAP Program at the farmer’s market. In closing, Mayor Gonce shared that the Town of Mills River will be working on a new cellular tower with the County.

Council Member Goode said the SNAP Program is a great blessing and has been a success with doubling from \$500 to \$1,000.

## **CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE**

No representation

## **VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK**

Mayor Weedman said the Village of Flat Rock almost collected 100% of their taxes. There was just one foreclosed property.

There will be a Public Relations opportunity ice cream social and pill drop.

Mayor Weedman shared that the Village of Flat Rock has passed their Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The Village will be working on the North Highland Lake Project that was costing the Village \$2.6 million but now is estimated \$10 million.

In closing, Mayor Weedman said the village received a little over one million dollars in ARP money that they will use to improve drainage in creek and stormwater project.

Vice Mayor Coletta said there is no tax increase, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan was just an update to the current plan.

## **TOWN OF FLETCHER**

Mayor Blakely said the budget was approved for \$8.5 million and includes the Town Center Project, and the addition of tennis courts and a basketball court at Bill Moore Community Park.

The Flashback Band played this month with an attendance of over 400 people. They will be showing Encanto for movie night next month.

Mayor Blakely said the Town received \$2.6 million in ARP funding and has yet to determine where they will be spending it.

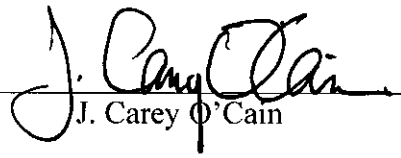
Mayor Blakely introduced Council Member Keith Reed.

## **REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING**

Mayor O’Cain reminded members the next meeting will be held on October 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. and hosted by the Town of Mills River.

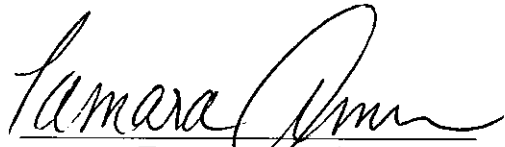
## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Flat Rock Mayor Weedman moved to adjourn at 3:44 p.m. Mayor O’Cain asked for discussion; there was none. The motion carried unanimously.



J. Carey O' Cain  
Mayor of Laurel Park

ATTEST:



Tamara M. Amin  
Town Clerk of Laurel Park

10/18/2022

Date