

Town of Fletcher
Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
July 3, 2023

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 pm

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakely
Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy
Councilman Keith Reed
Councilman Trevor Lance
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin did not attend this meeting.

Moment of Silence:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments

None at this time.

Approval of minutes-corrections, additions or deletions.
(6/5, 6/12 & 6/29)

No comment was made on the minutes at this time.

Council Updates

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy gave an update on the road projects from his recent Henderson County Transportation Advisory Meeting. He has asked council to review the document on current projects and let him know next week if there was anything that needed to be added to the list due to DOT having limited funding.
(see attached)

Councilman Keith Reed stated that he went to the recent job fair at the AG Center and suggested that the Fletcher Police Department set up a booth there in the future to help recruit new officers for the department.

Consent Agenda

Reappointment and charge Tax Collector Cynthia Broome to collect property taxes for 2023-2024 for the Town of Fletcher

Approval of Budget Amendment #1 to the FY 23/24 Budget Ordinance # 0-23-07

Presentation of year-end tax collectors report for 22-23- Cynthia Broome, Tax Collector.

Tax Collector Cynthia Broome went over the year end tax collector's report and answered questions that council had.

2022

Original Levy	\$ 4,426,857.82
Discoveries	\$ 99,610.14
Releases	\$ (17,457.82)
Total Levy	\$ 4,509,010.14
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Total Payments	\$(4,499,700.68)
Balance	\$ 9,309.46

Public hearing and consideration of amendments to the Land Development Code:

- Article 2 & 18 regarding the use of "Cryptocurrency Mining Operations"
- Article 4 regarding RV's & Campers
- Article 2 regarding a reference to residential uses in C-1 and C-2.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the proposed changes and stated that Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa will be here next week to give more detail on these changes.

Discussion Followed:

Update on the Town Center project- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that since last month with Lewis Real Estate officially backing out as the result of the traffic impact analysis Eric and I have been meeting with other developer interests. We did contact Martin Lewis with Lewis Real Estate to kind of debrief with them. He explained the market right now as things are slowing down.

Discussion Followed:

Update on development of performance measures – Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the performance measures in the agenda packet for the different departments.

Discussion Followed:

Comments from the Town Manager Mark Biberdorf.

The courts project in Bill Moore Community Park is moving along fine and it seems kind of slow right now and they have to let it cure. There is about 2 months of work left. We are still about 60 to 65 days out to completion.

On the DOT meeting we had on June 12 about the sound walls, you have a copy of the map and DOT did a decent job explaining what they are going to do. There is still an important step before they get to the construction phase which is they need to get a sign off from certain property owners. On the map, the purple line is the purposed wall and it starts above the rest stop and will end there right before Boling Springs Baptist church. The blue dots, green dots and one red dot, are the homeowners who will get contacted in August and they have to vote or give indication that they support the wall being constructed.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely commented on a letter received concerning a tower going in.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that as of right now there is no specific tower that we are aware of. There is in the general statutes an allowance for shorter devices that can go on a telephone pole.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely asked for any other business from council and if not do we have a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Trevor Lance stated that he would make a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Keith Reed.

Motion carries all in favor

Adjourned: 06:57 pm

Approved:

8-14-23
Date

Preston Blakely
Mayor Preston Blakley

Attached to

Fletcher Town Council,

3 July 2023

The Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee is in the process of prioritizing projects that we would like to be considered for funding. This cycle, we can prioritize seven road projects and seven Pedestrian/Bike Path projects. Funding is very tight now so it is likely that only a few projects will actually get funding. Projects that were on last year's list and sized but didn't receive funding will automatically roll over for this year and HCTAC can add seven more.

Road Projects

The road projects that were already approved last year but are awaiting funding are listed below: (Are there any of these projects that we would like to remove to free up monies for other projects?) (Also note, HCTAC and the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization has already suggested switching the last project, TIP R-5748, for the I-26 and US-64 bridge modernization project in Hendersonville.)

SPOT ID	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT
H090019-A	I-4400A	Statewide Mobility	I-26	US 25	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$116,899,000
H191202	-	Regional Impact	NC 280 (Airport Road)	SR 3568 (Rockwood Road)	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	11 - Access Management	\$27,500,000
H090155-A	R-2588A	Regional Impact	NC 191	US 25 (Asheville Highway)	SR 1381 (Mountain Road)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$42,500,000
H090394-A	U-3403A	Regional Impact	NC 191 (Brevard Road / Old Haywood Road)	NC 280	South of Avery Creek Road/Glenn Bridge Road SE/Southwicks Drive	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$75,100,000
-	U-6124	Regional Impact	NC 280 (Boylston Highway)	NC 191 (Haywood Road)	NC 191 (Brevard Road)	11 - Access Management	\$28,100,000
H192727	-	Division Needs	SR 1508 (Signal Hill Road), SR 1519 (Thompson Street), SR 1508 (Berkeley Road), SR 1511 (Berkeley Road)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$14,400,000
H192735	-	Division Needs	SR 1525 (Duncan Hill Road)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	Signal Hill Road	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$5,700,000
-	R-5748	Division Needs	SR 1127 (Kanuga Road)	US 25 Business (Church Street)	SR 1123 (Little River Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$52,200,000

The road projects that have been suggested as the seven new projects to add for the upcoming cycle are:

SPOT ID	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Statewide Mobility Quantitative Score (Out of 100)	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)	Division Needs Quantitative Score (Out of 50)
H193018	US 25 (Asheville Highway)	SR 1345 (Butler Bridge Road)		10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 3,400,000	N/A	49.02	36.20
H191812	US 25 Business	North Main Street, North Church Street		10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 3,800,000	N/A	40.99	30.86
H172235	SR 2162 (Blythe Street)	NC 191 (Haywood Road)	US 64 (6th Avenue West)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 12,000,000	N/A	N/A	24.07
H172242	SR 1173 (White Pine Drive)	US 64 (Brevard Road)	Kanuga Road	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 21,600,000	N/A	N/A	22.51
H192006	SR 1345 (Butler Bridge Road)	NC 280	US 25	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 8,200,000	N/A	N/A	15.79
H172228	SR 1358 (Fanning Bridge Road)	US 25	NC 280	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 28,000,000	N/A	N/A	8.09
New Project?								

HCTAC wants to know if we agree with the six new projects to add to the list and do we have any other proposed projects we would like to have considered. I'm OK with these projects and I can't think of any other projects for the Fletcher area that should be added at this time. I hope that when DOT rescores

these projects that the one for modernization of Fanning Bridge Road scores higher so it will be more competitive for the limited amount of funds that will be available.

Bike/Ped Projects

Following is similar information for the Bike/Ped Projects: (One important thing to remember here is that when a project gets approved and DOT allocates funding, municipalities are required to add a 20% match.)

SPOT ID	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Division Needs Quantitative Score (Out of 50)
B193031	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard/Chimney Rock Road)	Orrs Camp Road	Howard Gap Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,391,000	32.81
B193099	Ecusta Trail	Kanuga Road	Transylvania County Line	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 12,668,516	30.66
B193054	Allen Branch Greenway	US 64	I-26	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,408,000	30.34
B192990	Brooklyn Avenue	NC 225 (Greenville Highway)	US 176 (Spartanburg Highway)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,014,000	28.35
B193034	Fanning Bridge Road	US 25	Underwood Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,956,000	25.77
B142111	Greenway-Jackson Park to Blue Ridge CC	Jackson Park	Blue Ridge Community College	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,870,000	23.08
B193057	Mills River Valley Trail	French Broad River	NC 191	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 3,516,000	14.94

Does Fletcher have any additional Bike/Ped projects we would like to add other than these that were carry-overs from last year?

If Fletcher Council has any suggested changes or additions to the proposed road or bike/ped projects, I need to know about them by our regular council meeting on July 10th.

Thanks for taking the time to review these projects,

Bob Davy

Henderson County Transportation Advisory Council Representative from Fletcher

Town of Fletcher
Town Council Meeting
July 10, 2023
Minutes

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 pm

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakely
Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy
Councilman Keith Reed
Councilwoman Sheila Franklin
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa

Councilman Trevor Lance did not attend this meeting.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Blakely asked for a moment of silence.
Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Blakely led the group in the pledge.

Public Comments
None at this time

Approval of minutes-corrections, additions or deletions.
(6/5, 6/12 & 6/29)

Mayor Blakely asked if there were there any corrections, additions, deletions to the minutes presented? If not do I have a motion to approve the minutes presented?

Councilman Keith Reed stated that he would make the motion and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Motion carries all in favor.

Council Updates

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy went over the DOT project list that he had provided at the agenda review meeting.

He stated that the projects that they have for Fletcher are Fanning Bridge Road all the way over to the Airport modernization and it is on the list but that last time it was on the list it scored low. Hopefully with the increased traffic in the area that it will

score higher this time. The other one was a Bike ped project for Fanning Bridge Road for linking the subdivisions.

Discussion Followed:

Council is ok with these items on the list for consideration by DOT.

Councilman Keith Reed suggested that the Fletcher Police Department participate in the next job fair at the AG Center to help with recruiting new officers.

Consent Agenda

Reappointment and charge Tax Collector Cynthia Broome to collect property taxes for 2023-2024 for the Town of Fletcher.

Approval of Budget Amendment #1 to the FY 23/24 Budget Ordinance # 0-23-07

Approval of Year-end tax collector's report for 22-23

Mayor Blakely asked for any comments questions on the items on the consent agenda and if not do we have a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy stated so moved and it was seconded by Councilman Keith Reed.

Motion carries all in favor.

Public hearing and consideration of amendments to the Land Development Code:

- **Article 2 & 18 regarding the use of "Cryptocurrency Mining Operations"**
- **Article 4 regarding RV's & Campers**
- **Article 2 regarding a reference to residential uses in C-1 and C-2.**

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa went over the suggested amendments to the Land Development Code that that has a unanimous recommendation from Planning & Board.

Discussion Followed:

Council has some issues with the amendments in Article 4 regarding RV's & Campers and prefers to leave the current language as is. It has been decided to

leave it as is for the time being and to do further review/investigation and bring this issue back in September to planning board and in October to council.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to enter into public hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy stated so moved and it was seconded by Councilman Keith Reed.

Motion carries all in favor.

Mayor Blakely asked if anyone would like to speak during the public hearing.

There was no one who wanted to speak at this time.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to close public hearing.

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin stated that she makes a motion to close public hearing and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy.

Motion carries all in favor.

Mayor Blakely asked a motion to amend the Land Development Code Article 2 & 18 regarding the use of Cryptocurrency mining operations and Article 2 regarding a reference to residential uses in C-1 and C-2 and to exclude Article 4 regarding RV's & Campers.

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin stated that she would like to make a motion to approve Article 2 & 18 (Cryptocurrency mining) and Article 2 regarding residential uses and exclude Article 4 on RV's & Campers and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy.

Motion carries all in favor.

Update on the Town Center project- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he had been talking to you about coming back and discussing different options since the Waddell's and Lewis Real Estate group officially stepped away from the project. Of course, the reason the team pulled out of this project was because of the restricted left turn movement into the site that has been imposed into DOT's traffic impact analysis (TIA).

Discussion Followed:

Council agrees to keep moving forward with seeking interested parties for this project.

Update on development of performance measures – Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the performance measures relative to town services. He said that he has been meeting with staff and his goal is to hopefully have this in place by the end of August.

Discussion Followed:

Comments from the Town Manager Mark Biberdorf.

The courts project is moving along and we have 2 months left of work on it.

You know that we had the meeting with DOT officials and with Representative Balkcom on June 12th. It was well attended and we invited the public which was mostly the residents of Wildwood that is directly impacted by the noise. It has been funded. I showed you a map that is coded with different colored dots and the ones with the blue, green and red dots. These property owners will have to respond if they are in favor of the sound wall going in as they will be getting a letter in the mail. (August)

It has been suggested that the owners be contacted to make them aware that this letter will be coming and that they need to be looking for it so that they can respond in favor of the sound wall.

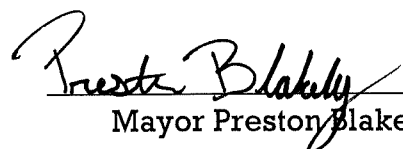
Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn and it was so moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy and seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Motion carries all in favor.

Adjourned: 7:11 pm

Approved:

8-14-23
Date


Mayor Preston Blakely