

**City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2012
Council Chambers
7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem David Moore	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Ed Smith, Recreation Director

Call to Order by Mayor Hough

Mayor Hough called the Mount Holly City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Reverend Scott Anderson, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set Agenda

Mayor Hough added *Item #2 New Business, Discussion of Merchandising the Branding Logo*. With no other changes to the agenda, Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Infrastructure for Stonewater Bay, Phase 4 for Maintenance Purposes
2. Approval of the minutes for the January 23, 2012 work session meeting
3. Approval of the minutes for the February 13, 2012 Council meeting
4. Approval of the minutes for the February 27, 2012 work session meeting

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Bob Lillian
Charlotte, NC

Mr. Lillian came before Council to comment in favor of the Mountain Island Charter School locating on Horse Shoe Bend Road. He advised that he is representing the three (3) owners of the property and feels the Charter School has found the perfect location. He further advised that the owners of the property would continue to own the 260 acres that adjoin the property and as of now the property would remain undeveloped.

Chris Lutz
101 Buffalo Court
Mount Holly, NC

Ms. Lutz advised that she is a teacher at Pinewood Elementary School and she feels that a Charter School in Mount Holly would have a detrimental effect on the city. She advised that enrollment at home schools were down at the beginning of the school year and teaching positions were lost. After Christmas break a number of these students have re-enrolled in public schools therefore over-crowding the class room size.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Award Bid for Sandy Ford Road Sanitary Sewer Project

Ms. Hagood came before Council to seek approval of the low bid for the Sandy Ford Road Sewer project. She advised that Pioneer Utilities and Plumbing Company came in with the low bid at \$499,185. Council Toomey made a motion to approve the bid of Pioneer Utilities and Plumbing Company in the amount of \$499,185. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. Recently had public bid opening for sewer project low bid was pioneer. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Downtown Banners and Signage

Mr. Beal advised that as part of the Mount Holly Brand Initiative he needs approval from Council to move forward with banners that would display the recently adopted branding logo. He advised that these banners would be displayed on the decorative poles and utility poles on Main Street. There was discussion regarding the quality of the banners and the need to purchase additional banners to place on the poles in the Linear Park. Mayor Pro Tem Moore suggested ordering a few additional banners as replacements for wear and tear purposes. Councilman Gowen made a motion to order 24 banners using funds from the preauthorized budgeted amount. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Discussion of Merchandising the Branding Logo

Mr. Beal advised that after the official launch of the logo, staff started working on a form and a general policy that would authorized approved vendors to use the logo. Mr. Michael clarified that the City would know who wants to use the logo and for what purpose. Mr. Beal added that staff is also working with the City attorney on copyright information for the logo. It was the consensus of Council to continue to move forward with the process.

3. Call for a Public Hearing to Consider Rezoning the Property Located at 219 East Catawba Avenue from B-1 Downtown Business to RD-Residential Downtown

Councilman Bishop made a motion to deny the request to call for a public hearing to consider rezoning the property located at 219 East Catawba Avenue. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

At this time, Mayor Hough took the opportunity to congratulate the Chiefs on the fantastic job they did welcoming President Obama to Mount Holly.

Mr. Jackson advised that he is going to send thank you letters to all the entities involved with President Obama's visit.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn the March 12, 2012 Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.