

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
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	Miles Braswell, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker	Michelle Wood, Finance Director
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	David Johnson, City Engineer/Director of Utilities
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Kemp Michael, Assistant City Attorney	Greg Beal, Planning Director

Invocation

Reverend Shirley Canty from Burge Memorial Methodist Church led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Christina Pawlish led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Audit Contract
2. Approval of Low Bid for the Demolition at 219 E Catawba Ave
3. Approval of a Reimbursement Resolution for 219 E. Catawba Ave - Demolition and the purchase of 137 E. Catawba Ave.
4. Approval of NCDOT Right of Way Contract
5. Call for public hearing for a text amendment to Article 7, Note 25 Coexisting, Mobile and Temporary Uses to allow detached kitchen containers in the B-1 district
6. Call for public hearing on text amendment for NC GS 160D updates to Land Use Regulations in the Zoning Ordinance, City Code of Laws, and Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance
7. Call for a public hearing for a text amendment to Section 5.3 Site Elements for Accessory Buildings of the Manual for Development in Downtown
8. Approval of Appointments of Chair and Vice-chair for the Planning Commission.
9. Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Council Meeting
10. Approval of Minutes of the 2021 Council Retreat

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Retirement Resolution for Fire Fighter David Stevens

Mayor Hough presented David Stevens with his retirement watch and resolution for his 25 years of service to the Mount Holly Fire Department.

2. Presentation of Retirement Resolution for Fire Fighter Ricky Brown

Mayor Hough presented Ricky Brown with his retirement watch and resolution for his 10 years of service to the Mount Holly Fire Department. Mayor Hough told the story about Ricky saving his dad's life when he had a heart attack.

3. Presentation of a Memorial Resolution Honoring Officer Tyler Herndon

Mayor Hough presented Officer Herndon's parents with a resolution honoring his service with the Mount Holly Police Department. Tyler's dad spoke about Mount Holly and how Tyler loved his job and working for the Mount Holly Police Department. He also talked about Deputy Chief Reagan and all he has done for the family since Tyler's death.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on Request to Install Traffic Controlling Devices at Kendrick Farms

Mr. Walker advised that a request was received from Kendrick Farms to install two (2) additional stop signs at the intersection of Farm Springs Drive and Zander Woods Court making this a four (4) way stop to help control traffic around the area of the playground. Mr. Walker recommended approval of the request.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor (Motion carried)

Elizabeth Turneabe, 149 Brinkley Park Drive—Ms. Turneabe advised that the playground is located in the area of the request and additional playground is planned. The HOA feels the 4-way stop will slow traffic in the area and make it safer for the kids on the playground. Ms. Turneabe presented signatures of the majority of the households in Kendrick Farms Phase 2 in support of the traffic control changes.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the request to install traffic controlling devices at Kendrick Farms. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Diane Austin-603 Belmont Mount Holly Road—Ms. Austin advised that there is a Hispanic church across the road from her residence and they have decided they need base drums. Ms. Austin has tried everything to deflect the noise and nothing seems to work. She has talked to the property owner's son and he said there is nothing he can do. She asked that the City enforce the Noise Ordinance. She advised that the people are at the church every night of the week except on Monday's. Ms. Austin turned in a petition signed by all her neighbors requesting help.

Dottie Schen--Arts on the Greenway—Dottie came before the Council to thank them for supporting the arts in Mount Holly. She advised that in spite of COVID they have done very well, they are now a true coop with a secretary and treasurer. As of Friday, they are incorporated and are working on the 501C.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Design and Naming of the Mount Holly Police Memorial

Chief Roper explained the naming process of the Police Memorial. He advised that the MHPD Memorial Plaza is the top pick. He added that the space will honor Tyler but also honor the entire Police Department. Chief Roper introduced Nick Lowe from McAdams to present the design for the Memorial Plaza. Mr. Lowe advised that as you walk through the memorial, he wants it to tell a story. He talked about the statutes and the lighting. He advised that the cost of the project is approximately \$750,000. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the design of the Police Memorial. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) Councilwoman Harris made a motion to

approve the name, "The MHPD Memorial Plaza" Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough advised that the next step will be to meet with Bobby Black and Miles in regard to fund raising.

2. Consideration and Approval of the Art Advisory Committee Membership

Mr. Beal advised that he is proposing the Art Advisory Committee be made up of the following members:

Stephanie McLaughlin, Arts on the Greenway
Dottie Scher, Arts on the Greenway
Julia Benefield, Arts Mount Holly
Teresa Rench, Arts Mount Holly
Leigh Brinkley, Arts Mount Holly
Janice McRorie, MHCDF
Bae Hart, Local Artist
Emily Andress, Local Artist

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the Art Advisory Committee Membership. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Discussion or Potential Uses for the Property located at 725 Elm Street and Listing Price

Ms. Anders covered the legalities of the upset bid process. She explained an option that would allow the Council to hold the property for disposition as economic development property. She advised that Council would need to hold a public hearing and then adopt a resolution to it will allow in future to convey the property to a private developer for industrial or commercial use. Mr. Beal presented some options to the Council for potential use of the property. The RFP process was discussed and it was the consensus to move forward with the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker made a motion to hold a public hearing at the March 22, 2021 Work Session Meeting on the intent of adopting a resolution that the property owned by the City located at 725 Elm St., Mount Holly, NC, tax parcel number 123513 be held for disposition as economic development property. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Naming the Greenway

Mr. Jusko came before Council looking for direction on how they would like to proceed with the naming process of the Greenway. Council directed staff to take to the Recreation Commission for input and the next steps.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Meadows made the motion to adjourn the March 8, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.