

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
March 4, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Black. The meeting was held at Catawba Heights Elementary School. The following were present:

Mayor Bobby Black
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hope
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris
Councilman Michael Helms
Councilman Frank McLean
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard
Councilman Bryan Hough
City Attorney Kemp Michael

City Manager David Kraus
Assistant to City Manager Jamie Guffey
Assistant to City Manager Danny Jackson
Public Utilities Director Don Price
Police Chief Ricky Davis
Fire Chief John Ekaitis
Streets and Solid Waste Director Mike Santmire

The Invocation was lead by Mayor Pro-Tem Hope.

Item # 1 on the Agenda -- Community Discussion.

Mayor Black welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the purpose of having the meeting at Catawba Heights Elementary School instead of at City Hall was to give the citizens of the community a chance to address some of the concerns to Council. He stated that anyone who wished to talk could sign up with Chief Ekaitis.

Several members of the community spoke on the topic of the roads in the community being used as cut through and that most people speed in doing so. They also stated that school kids in the neighborhood walk to school and the speeding drivers create quite a dangerous situation for them. Mayor Black reminded everyone that a public hearing on installing stop signs in the neighborhood would be held on Monday, March 10.

Streets and Solid Waste Director Santmire informed the citizens of the community about a plan to install a sidewalk from Catawba Heights to downtown Mount Holly along Belton Avenue. Many of the citizens responded that that would be a good idea, but sidewalks were need elsewhere in community more than one on Belton. Mayor Black stated that a committee of residents could be formed to discuss the most important areas for sidewalks and that that committee could make a recommendation to Council on sidewalk placement. He stated that anyone interested in serving on this committee could sign up with Chief Ekaitis and we would contact you about setting up a meeting.

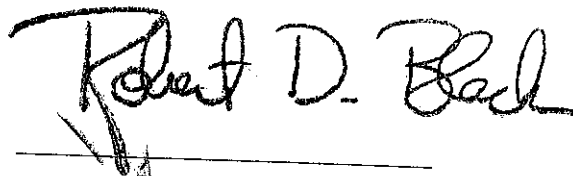
Item # 2 on the Agenda – Bond Order.

Assist to the City Manager Guffey told Council that they needed to set an amount for the bond order for the Public Hearing on March 13. He stated that the City had received revised cost estimates from Land Design. He stated that the total amount for all projects would be over \$12 million. Mayor Pro-Tem Hope stated that he did not feel that the City could afford over \$3 million. Councilman Hough stated that he wanted to see enough bond money that a significant amount of the projects could be completed. After deliberation it was the consensus of Council to have a bond order of \$5 million and the projects would include the Great Streets on South Main and West Charlotte, the Gateway

Councilwoman Hubbard **MOVED** for adjournment at 8:01. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with no objections.



City Clerk



Mayor