CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Location: Council Chambers

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Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2018
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Councilman David Moore	Tony Walker, Asst Street and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker-absent	Don Roper, Police Chief
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Planning Director
	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

Councilwoman Breyare led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a Budget Amendment for the Administrative Office Construction Project

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

AGENDA

1. Presentation of the Audit for the year ending June 30, 2017

Meg Lou with Martin Starnes and Associates came before the City Council to their unmodified opinion on the financial statements. Ms. Lou praised the city staff for being helpful and cooperative during the audit process. She advised that there was a 24% increase in fund balance that brings the total fund balance to $10,364,241 and explained the five (5) kinds of fund balance. Ms. Lou reviewed the revenues and expenditures and the Enterprise Fund. She advised that she enjoys the opportunity to work with Mount Holly and hopes to be back next year.

2. Discussion of Transit Opportunities

Mr. DuPont advised that discussions need to start taking place in regard to future growth and transit needs for Mount Holly and surrounding areas. He advised that the Gaston Lincoln MPO will be looking into the needs of our region and conducting an Impact Study. He further advised that the last study was done in 2005 and at that time the Gaston County residents already saw a public transportation need. Councilman Meadows commented that public transportation is going to be the future and it would be of huge economic benefit to get something going sooner than later. Mayor Hough suggested to Mr. DuPont he let the MPO know that we currently have control of the Massey Building by which CSX Railroad is adjacent and if we don't move on this sooner than later Gaston County and Mount Holly could miss out.

3. Consideration and Approval of Bid for the 2018 Paving Project

Mr. Braswell advised that Tarpon Construction Inc. came in with the low bid for the 2018 paving project paving at $215,794. This amount also includes $20,000 for sidewalk repair of which a budget amendment would need to be approved to move the funds from contingency. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to award the 2018 Paving Project to Tarpon Construction Inc. in the amount of $215,794 and the approval of the budget amendment to move $20,000 from contingency. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Member present voted in favor. (Motion carried) -

4. Discussion of Proposal for a Study of the System Development Fees as it relates to HB 436

Mr. Michael advised that a year ago the Council approved a fee that would allow potential developers to buy into our waste water system. Since then, NC has passed a law that would allow future expenses to be included in the calculation. With that being said the City would need to update the study to include future expenses. The proposal to update the study is $15,000 and from the firm Raftelis. Mr. Michael also advised that a study to update the City water and sewer rates is also included in the amount not to exceed $40,600. There was discussion regarding the need of the rate study at this time versus waiting until we find out the rates from Charlotte water. Councilman Meadows made a motion to move forward with the System Development Fee study in the amount of $15,000 but hold off on the rate study. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough advised that he would like to discuss a Capital Reserve Fee for future expansion of the waste treatment facility at the March work Session.

5. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made the motion to adjourn the February 26, 2018 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.