

**City of Mount Holly**  
**Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting**  
**Monday, February 25, 2013**  
**Council Chambers**  
**6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

In the absence of Mayor Hough, Mayor Pro Tem Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

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

Councilman Toomey led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

**Set the Agenda**

Mayor Hough asked for changes to the agenda. With none stated, Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

1. Presentation and adoption of updates to MOU for the Gaston MPO

Mr. Marcantel with the Gaston County MPO came before the Council to give an update on the amendments to the MPO's Memorandum of Understanding. The presentation made the Council aware of the changes and they can either choose to adopt or decline the changes. Participating in the approval of the amendments to the MOU would mean a budgetary requirement from the City in the amount of \$4167 for the next ten years. This amount is based on the population of the City. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the adoption of the updates to the MOU for the Gaston MPO. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members with the exception of Councilman Gowen voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-1) being here ton pt motion to approve would nly pay a percentage of the processing costs. Why did you choose to go with based on population jb-2<sup>nd</sup> 4 to 1 motion carries jason against

2. Discussion of 2013 Kudzu Control

Last fall Council discussed the topic of leasing goats to control the Kudzu issues on City owned property. Mr. Horton came before the Council for direction as to move forward with

obtaining a contract to lease the goats for kudzu control. Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to move forward with obtaining a satisfactory contract for the use of goats for kudzu control. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried).

### 3. Continuation of Economic Development Discussion

Mr. Beal came before the Council to conclude the Economic Development portion of the Council Retreat. He basically advised the Council that it is time to start working with the chamber and other community organizations. He advised that everyone had the same focus which is to increase the traffic of downtown Mount Holly.

At this time, Mr. Jackson asked the Council if they would support a letter to Governor McCrory supporting the Garden Parkway. Council agreed.

### 4. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Moore entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn the February 25, 2013 Council work session meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.