

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, February 13, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Mayor Bryan Hough	Miles Braswell, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris	Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Ivory Craig	Brian Reagan, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Jonathan Wilson, Director of Utilities
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Invocation

Reverend Mark Massey, Pastor at True Light Tabernacle, led staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that there are no changes to the agenda. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendments
 - Police-Flock Camera's—License Plate Reader Project
 - Statues for the Memorial Plaza
 - 410 E. Central Ave. - Broker Commission Payment
2. Approval of Liens for Trash, Junk and Debris
 - 302 Cherry Street
3. Approval of a Capital Project Ordinance for the Powell Bill Project approved by the LGC in December
4. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing March 3, 2023 as National Employee Appreciation Day
5. Call for a public hearing to amend the development agreement for Olde Mecklenburg Brewery.
6. Approval of a Resolution Designating Sergeant Bryan Kale to make recommendations to the North Carolina ABC Commission on ABC Permit Applications
7. Approval of a Resolution to Approve the Lease of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado for the Police Department
8. Approval of Charlotte Pump Station Property:
 - Minor Subdivision of City owned property located at 165 Broome Street (PID 124524)
 - Access Easement to Pump Station
 - Utility Easement for force mains
9. Approval of Final Plat for Mooreland Oaks Phase 1
10. Call for a public hearing for review and recommendation to City Council, to consider an application, submitted by Finial Construction, for a proposed rezoning for a 12.59- acre tract, Parcel ID # 179662, located off of Hwy 27 and Craig Street, from Conditional District Single Family, approved on July 20, 2020, to Conditional District Single Family
11. Approval of Minutes of the January 23, 2023 Council Meeting

12. Approval of the January 23, 2023 Closed Session Minutes

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of a Resolution Honoring Former Mayor Bobby Black for his Service

Mayor Hough presented former Mayor Bobby Black with a resolution honoring him for years served as Mayor for the City. Former Mayor Black's son, Joe Black spoke and talked to his Dad's dedication to Mount Holly and his love of serving the City.

2. Promotional Swearing In of Captains Patrick Craig, Tim Treece, and Chris Riddle

Mayor Hough administered the oath of office to Patrick Craig, Tim Treece and Chris Riddle. These 3 officers were promoted to Captain positions in the Fire Department. Friends and family were present for the pinning ceremony.

3. Promotional Swearing In of Deputy Chief David Sisk

Chief Brian Reagan recognized the past Chiefs that were able to attend the reception and swearing in for Deputy Chief David Sisk. Chief Reagan recognized David's family and emphasized the importance of the family support system. Mayor Hough administered the oath of office to Deputy Chief David Sisk upon his promotion. Deputy Chief Sisk's son Braxton pinned him.

4. Presentation of SHARP Awards

Debbie Rodgers Lowery, Safety Coordinator for the city, explained the SHARP award process and then introduced Josh Dobson the NC Commissioner of Labor. Commissioner Dobson commented that employees make the organization and in Mount Holly work force safety is just part of the culture. He thanked the city for putting safety first and being an example to the rest of the state. He presented the Police Department with the safety award and advised that only 5% of the organizations across NC receive this award for public safety.

5. Presentation and Introduction from Miss Mount Holly

Miss Mount Holly, Jamie Logan came before the Council to introduce herself and talk about her platform. She advised that she will compete in the Miss North Carolina pageant in June. Ms. Logan advised that she is very much an advocate of sports and her platform revolves around giving back to the community and the Parks and Recreation Department. She advised that she is collecting tennis shoes that can be refurbished or older tennis shoes that can be ground and used for ground cover at playgrounds. She advised that any funds received from her project will be donated to the Parks and Recreation Department.

6. Presentation on Gaston County Vision 2040

Leslie Lee and Gina Shell came before the City Council to explain the Gaston County Vision 2040 process. They advised that they are undertaking a county wide visioning plan that will include rounds of community engagement that will lead up to one Gaston County 2040 visioning plan. They advised that they would like to set up focus area teams that would help rally the troops and get people excited about the upcoming meetings.

7. Presentation of the 2023 Events Schedule

Communications and Events Coordinator Abbey Miller, presented the 2023 Events Schedule to the City Council. The dates and the bands were reported by Mrs. Miller as follows:

Friday, May 12 – Blue Monday

Friday, June 3 – Thurston Howell

Thursday, June 29 – Coming Up Brass

Friday, August 11 – Liquid Pleasure

Friday, September 8 – 20 Ride

Friday, October 13 – On The Border

Ms. Miller advised that after receiving feedback from participants, spectators and staff, we have decided to move the Electric Christmas Parade to Saturday, December 16th to avoid rush hour traffic and make the event safer and more enjoyable for everyone. There was no opposition from the City Council regarding any of the scheduled events.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Stacie Plesz, 201 Rose Street—Ms. Plesz came before the City Council to request a change to the animal ordinance to allow for laying hens within the city limits. She proposed a scaled back version that would allow a certain number of hens with an annual permit and renewal process.

Kendle Starcner, 117 North Main Street, Ms. Starcner came before the City Council to asking for a reprieve or a discounted rate for the use of the Grand Hall for the Merry Market event. She advised that the event is a community event that brings people from the outside into the city. She asked that the City Council consider the nonprofit rate and wave the \$650 early set up fee.

Ayla, 504 Cherry Street, Ayla came before the City Council and advised that she just rescued a dog and he has a hurt foot needs sidewalks on her street so she can walk him.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Funding a Portion of Exit 27 Landscaping Enhancements for the I-85 Widening Project

Mr. DuPont advised that staff has been coordinating with the Gaston Cleveland Lincoln MPO and other jurisdictions along the I85 corridor effected by the future widening project. The project is set to begin in March 2024 with an estimated completion date in 2030. Mr. DuPont explained that NCDOT allows for certain aesthetics and betterments be funded by local agencies. Even though the widening project is not within the jurisdiction of Mount Holly, exit 27 is considered part of the Gateway into the city. He advised that if Council agrees to help fund the enhancements that Belmont would be the lead agency since the exit is technically in their jurisdiction.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve Funding a Portion of Exit 27 Landscaping Enhancements for the I-85 Widening Project. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Shoemaker made the motion to adjourn the February 13, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.