

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020
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	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem David Moore	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

Reverend Janet DeWater of First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that there are no changes to the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Lien for Abatement of Unlawful Conditions
 - 515 Herms Avenue
2. Release of the offsite waterline extension Letter of Credit posted by Lennar
3. Call for a Public Hearing to adopt Feasibility Study EB-5749
4. Call for a Public Hearing for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
5. Call for a Public Hearing for a text amendment to amend Article 7, Note 5 Multifamily, Mixed-use, Apartments and townhome/condominium dwellings
6. Approval of the minutes from the October 28, 2019 Work Session Meeting
7. Approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2019 Council Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Gaston County Community Foundation Grants

Reeves McGlohon came before the City Council to award the Gaston County Community Foundation Grants. He advised that there are 5 grants to present to 4 Mount Holly organizations. Mr. McGlohon presented the CRO, FROGS, the Farmer's Market and the Community Garden with grants for proposed projects.
2. Presentation of Retirement Resolutions

Mayor Hough and he City Council presented Ray Clemmer and Susan Willocks with retirement resolutions. Mr. Clemmer with 30 years of service and Ms. Willocks with 20 years of service.
3. Special Recognition Resolution

Mayor Hough presented the Senator John Torbett with a resolution in honor of his dedicated service representing Mount Holly. Mr. Jackson took the opportunity to honor his wife. Ms. Torbett was presented with a plaque as a token of appreciation.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing, regarding a request by Eastwood Homes, for a rezoning of Tax Parcel ID #'s 202122, 181227, 202690, 181214, 225889, 199264 and 180092 from R-1 and RS-12 Gaston County to Conditional District Residential. (Hunter's Ridge)

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to postpone the public hearing, regarding a request by Eastwood Homes, for a rezoning of Tax Parcel ID #'s 202122, 181227, 202690, 181214, 225889, 199264 and 180092 from R-1 and RS-12 Gaston County to Conditional District Residential. (Hunter's Ridge) to the March 9, 2020 meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Public Hearing, regarding a request by Eastwood Homes, for Annexation into the City Limits of Mount Holly for Tax Parcel ID #'s 202122, 181227, 202690, 181214, 225889, 199264 and 180092 (Hunter's Ridge)

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to postpone the public hearing, regarding a request by Eastwood Homes, for Annexation into the City Limits of Mount Holly for Tax Parcel ID #'s 202122, 181227, 202690, 181214, 225889, 199264 and 180092 (Hunter's Ridge) until the March 9, 2020 meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on the Land Use Plan

Mr. Whitehurst from Kimley Horne came before Council to provide an update on the land use plan. He advised that the words growth and infrastructure keep surfacing while trying to stay within the core values outlined in the Strategic Visioning Plan. He advised that the Steering Committee is scheduled to meet next Wednesday and then a public work shop in March. The goal will be to have all the information compiled and come back in June to present the final document and ask for approval from the Council.

2. Consideration and Approval of WiFi in Downtown and Tuck Park and Approval of a Budget Amendment for Appropriation of Funds

Mr. Braswell came before Council to recommend moving forward with the wifi in downtown and Tuck Park. He advised that after the wifi is up and running the city will make efforts to let the public know via social media outlets, the city website and stickers downtown. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the installation of wifi in downtown and Tuck Park and appropriate the funding. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Explore Mount Holly Logo

Mr. McGinnis came before Council to offer the new explore Mount Holly logo. He asked presented the logo to the Council and asked that the provide feedback at anytime.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5). Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Meadows made the motion to adjourn the February 10, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.