

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

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2021
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	Miles Braswell, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Councilman David Moore	Tony Walker, Street and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Attorney Marie Anders	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Invocation

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

SET THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment
 - Transfer funds from the NC state drug excise tax account to the Police Department budget for professional services
 - Transfer funds from the NC state drug excise tax account to the Police Department budget for contract services
 - Transfer from the General Fund for the purchase of the property located at 137 East Catawba
2. Approval of the Belmont/Mount Holly Water Interconnect Agreement
3. Approval of the Annexation Agreement and Annexation Ordinance for Leacroft (formly Riverbend) (Resolution #01252021A)
4. Approval of an Exemption from General Statutes relating to the hiring of Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors under the requirements of the Mini-Brooks Act for the design

of the Police Memorial being considered by the Officer Tyler A. Herndon Memorial Committee

5. Approval of Minutes

November 7, 2019

June 4, 2020

August 10, 2020

August 24, 2020

September 14, 2020

October 12, 2020

October 26, 2020

November 9, 2020

December 14, 2020

January 11, 2021

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Employees Service Awards

Mayor Hough presented Zach King with his 5 year certificate and Travis Collier with his 20 years plaque. Both gentlemen work for the Fire Department.

2. Presentation of the Financial Mid Year Review

Finance Director Michelle Wood presented the 2020-2021 Mid Year Financial Update. She reviewed the budget approach for revenues and expenditures as it relates to how the budget numbers were determined. Then Ms. Wood reported on the actual numbers as of December 31st in both the General and Enterprise Funds. She advised that in the General Fund 74% of the budgeted amount of revenues have been collected thus far. Expenditure are at 46% of the budgeted amount. The Enterprise Fund 54% of the budgeted amount of revenues have need collected and 54% of expenditures. Mayor Hough advised that during the budget process Council agreed to look into doing something for employees at midyear if financially stable at the point and he feels that Council should look at a COLA raise or a 1 time payout bonus. Mr. Braswell advised that staff is in the midst of a salary study and will bring it to Council as part of the 2021/2022 budget. Mr. Braswell explained the process with the study and compression issues. Council directed Staff to bring back options for a 1 time bonus at the next Council meeting.

AGENDA

1. Consideration and Approval of the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Application (through FEMA for new replacement air packs)

Chief Baker came before Council to request approval to apply for a FEMA grant to purchase replacement air packs for the Fire Department. He advised that if the grant was awarded the City would have to pay 5% match out of the Fire Department budget. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Application process through FEMA for the replacement of air packs. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Update on Friends of the Greenway System (FROGS)

Councilwoman Harris reported that Friends of the Greenway (FROGS) want to place benches at different locations on the greenway. She presented a picture of what the benches will look like and advised they would have granite tops and be very sturdy and low maintenance. FROGS will be paying for the benches with grant funds received from community grant organizations. She advised there will be no expense to the City. Councilwoman Harris advised that she will take this to the Recreation Commission tomorrow night for their input. There was discussion among the Council in regard to a Mount Holly Greenway Map and a Trail Marking System and Council directed staff to look into these options for further review.

3. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to adjourn the January 25, 2020 Work Session Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The time was 7:18p.m.