

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 1999**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The special meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor McLean. The following were present:

Mayor Frank McLean	Interim City Manager David Kraus
Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris	Councilman Bryan Hough
Councilman Michael Helms	Councilman Robert Black
Councilman Jim Hope	City Attorney Kemp Michael

INVOCATION

The Invocation was lead by Councilman Robert Black

PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR THE DAVENPORT HOME

Mayor Frank McLean opened the public hearing.

Ms. Lucy Penegar spoke, thanking City Council for calling the meeting. She explained that the Gaston County Commissioners would consider the issue on January 28, 1999. She also stated that Ms. Nancy Davenport Macintosh needed the approval by January 31, 1999 to qualify for the tax deferral for the current year.

Ms. Penegar introduced the members of the Davenport family and presented a brief history of the House. She stated that William Davenport, who fought in the battle of Kings Mountain, acquired the property in 1825. She added that he willed the home to two sons, both of whom became State Legislators. She stated that one of the sons, Richard Kelly Davenport, added the front section to the house in the 1890's. Ms. Penegar stated that the large rooms were used for entertaining and local meetings.

Ms. Penegar explained the benefits of the designation. She stated that the family would receive a 50% tax deferral but would need a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission for any changes to the house.

Mayor McLean asked for other people who would like to speak on the issue. There being none, Mayor McLean closed the public hearing.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris **MOVED** to designate the home a local historical site and recommend approval of the tax deferral to the Gaston County Commissioners, seconded by Councilman Robert Black. Councilman Michael Helms asked if a reference to placing "suitable sign" in the materials conformed with the sign ordinance. City Attorney Kemp Michael stated that he believed the sign was exempt.

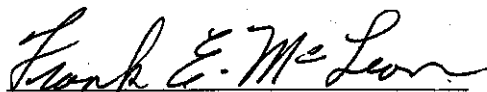
Vote: five ayes, zero nays. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.



CLERK



MAYOR

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