City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2011
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order
Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Shannon Harris, Police Captian
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brooke Lopez with Kemp Michaels Office	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

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

Set the Agenda
Mayor Hough asked Council for any changes to the January 24, 2011 work session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. With all Council Members present, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

1. Presentation of Downtown Development

   David Kiser with the Eden Group came before the mayor and City Council to request they look into some public parking for the Downtown area. He advised that as one of the Developers of the newly renovated spa that is located downtown, they are having a huge problem with parking. Mr. Kiser shared a video with the Council that provided them with some visual examples of a good downtown parking plan. Mr. Kiser asked the Council if they could set up a time to meet in closed session to discuss the matter further with the Eden Group. Mayor Hough advised that Council would discuss this issue further at the Retreat and possibly with the Economic Development Committee.

2. Consideration and Approval of Mount Holly Nights

   Mayor Hough advised that he received a call from Dr. Beatty and did not know anything about Mount Holly Nights using the parking area at his office. Ms. Featherstone advised that she tried to contact Mr. Beatty several times and he would not return her call therefore she went to the higher ups at CMC. Council asked additional question regarding the number of people that they anticipate attending, funding of the event and the possibility of the event being able to stand on its own without funds from the City. After the discussion, Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the Mount Holly Nights events not to exceed 8 events for the 2011 season. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. Councilman Hope asked for an amendment to the motion to have the City's name is completely left out of the event, to include the advertising. Councilman Moore seconded the amendment to the motion. A final vote was taken Councilman Bishop voted against the motion with the rest of the Council voting for the motion. (Motion carried)

3. Discussion of Huitt Street Water Pressure

   Mr. Friday reported that that after the Huitt Street tank was put into service, the homes in the area showed a drop in water pressure. He advised that the State requires 30 psi and the average in the area is 42 psi therefore all the houses in the area meet the requirements set forth by the State. Mr. Friday reported that he contacted a plumber and got a price of $600 per household to increase their own pressure. Mayor Hough asked if there were other homes in the City with the same psi or less. Mr. Friday replied that there are approximately 1000 homes with the same or less psi. It was the consensus of Council that nothing would be done to increase the water pressure for the people on Huitt Street. Council directed Mr. Jackson to send letters to the people that signed the petition.

4. Discussion of the Use of the Old Gym

   Mr. Smith advised that he reviewed the costs associated with using the old gym. He reported on the cost of heating the gym as well as the costs associated with heating the Tuck Center. He reported on some research that he conducted regarding infrared gaas heaters and the expense associated with them. Mayor Hough directed him to meet with the Construction Committee and let them review the options. Councilman Hope advised that as Chair of the Construction Committee he will get with Mr. Smith and review the options but is confused as to why this is being discussed because the Old Gym will have to be heated during the winter time so the pipes will not freeze. Mr. Jackson advised that staff would continue to look into the feasibility of the old gym.

5. Discussion of Wayfinding Signage

   Mr. Beal conducted a short presentation regarding wayfinding signage. He gave several examples from other Cities. He also gave examples that he designed for the City of Mount Holly using the City Seal as them emblem on the sign. Council was very pleased with the examples given by Mr. Beal. Councilman Moore made a motion to move forward with the wayfinding signage a designed and presented to them tonight. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

6. Discussion of Performance Measures

   Mr. Guffey explained that performance measure will help Management measure and track the city departments as to how they are performing. He further advised that this will be a valuable tool during the budget process to see where services need to be paired down or increased. There was some discussion regarding cost effectiveness. Council agreed that staff should move forward with the implementation process of the performance measures.

7. Discussion of the Strategic Vision Plan

   Mr. Jackson presented the list of things that were part of the Strategic Visioning Plan that were considered immediate priorities when it was originally adopted by the City

Council. He advised the notation of the check is what has been completed by Staff at this time. Mayor Hough advised that Council could review this further and continue the discussion at the Retreat.

8. Discussion of Catawba Heights Zip Code Issue

Mr. Jackson reported that the Catawba Height zip code issue has been ongoing since the area was annexed by the City of Mount Holly in 1988. He advised Council that they have received all the historical background information in their packets regarding the attempts that have been made to try to resolve the issue. Mr. Jackson advised that Staff is looking for direction from Council as to whether or not to continue to pursue the issue. It was the consensus of the Council that the Catawba Heights area should reflect a Mount Holly zip code and therefore the issue should continue to be pursued.

At this time, Mayor Hough asked for any additional comments from Council. Councilman Brookshire requested that staff look at First Avenue. The pavement is eroding.

Councilman Bishop commented that there seems to be an increase of graffiti around town. He asked for an update from the Chief of Police regarding the enforcement.

Councilman Hope reported that the Construction Committee met with Cox and Schepp regarding the panels in the Council Chambers. He advised that Cox and Schepp agreed to repair the panels. Mr. Hope further advised that mobilization began today at the Catawba Heights Fire Station.

Mr. Jackson reminded the Council about the event at Freightliner, Thursday morning at 9:30. Mayor Hough commented that he will not be able to make it.

Mr. Jackson reported that Cindy Michael is doing well after her surgery.

Mayor Hough reported that he received a call for Eddie Womack regarding a new water meter that was installed at his property. Apparently Mr. Womack thinks there is a problem with the meter and asked the Utility Department to go out and take a look at it.

Mayor Hough asked for an update on the Cedar Lane speeding issue as part of this week's update.

Mayor Hough reminded Council of the Reventure Park Presentation that is scheduled for February 1st.

9. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the January 24, 2011 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.