

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023
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 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

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

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that as part of the Consent Agenda add #5 Approval of the City Manager's Contract. With no additional changes Councilwoman Shoemaker made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Mini Brooks Waiver for McAdams
2. Approval of Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for funding of Air Packs
3. Approval of minutes from the January 9, 2023 Council Meeting
4. Approval of minutes from the January 9, 2023 Closed Session
5. Approval of the City Manager's Contract

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

AGENDA

1. Discussion of River Street Park Schedule Outline

Mr. DuPont advised that at the November Council Meeting staff was directed to look into a public-private partnership for the development of River Street Park. He advised that there is funding in the current budget to cover the cost of a property appraisal. Mr. DuPont commented that if Council agrees to move forward with the appraisal, advertisement for the REP for a public-private partnership could take place in the fall and staff would have a recommendation ready to present to Council. Councilman Meadows suggested that on the appraisal, he

encourages staff to split the area out into separate parcels and have two appraisals for a more accurate assessment.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the River Street Park Schedule as submitted. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Veteran's Park Schedule Outline and Consideration of Budget Amendment

Mr. DuPont advised that in November direction was given to staff to research a public-private partnership for Veterans Park for the properties that have been acquired. Mr. DuPont further advised that the initial step would be to contract with McAdams for a concept design to be presented to Council in March at the Retreat. Staff would then work toward clearing the structures from the properties and coordinating the preferred option chosen by the City Council, in hopes this could be done in the fall 2023. Mr. DuPont added that if Council chooses to move forward with the timeline it would require approval of a budget amendment to enter into an agreement with McAdams for a concept design of Veterans Park. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the budget amendment and move forward with McAdams. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3, 5 and 6)

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3, 4 and 6). Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The time was 6:35 pm.

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to return to open session. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The time was 7:23pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to enter into an agreement with Aqua Law for specialized outside counsel. Councilman Moore 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 Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the January 23, 2023 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.