City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2012
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 David Moore	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Director of Planning and Development

Invocation

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

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that a Closed Session needs to be added to the agenda. He then asked for additional changes. With none stated Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Presentation from Mountain Island Charter School

Ms. Pledger with the Mountain Island Charter School came before Council to speak on the proposed location for relocating their existing school. She advised that Mountain Island Charter School would like to formally request utility services from the City at their proposed site located off Horseshoe Bend Road at the schools expense. Ms. Pledger advised that the school plans to petition the City for annexation since the proposed property is located outside the city limits. There was discussion with the Council regarding traffic studies for the area, Police and Fire assessments and admission into the school. It was the consensus of the Council to work with the Charter School in the direction of annexation.

Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Filing and Execution of a Recreational Trails Program Grant Application and Adopt-A-Trail Grant Application for Mountain Island Park *Ed Smith*

The Recreation Director Mr. Smith came before Council to seek approval for the Adopt-A-Trail grant application. He advised that the grant proposal is to fund the paving of the walking trail at Mountain Island Park. If this grant is awarded to the City there will be a 25% match required from the City. There were questions and comments from members of Council regarding the feasibility of paving the trail due to the amount of traffic at the Mountain Island Park and the width of the proposed paving area. Councilman Bishop advised that approval of this resolution is only permission from Council to apply for the grant, the details can be worked out if the grant is awarded to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve resolution #012312A for permission to move forward with the grant application. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Recycling Program for Businesses

Mr. Santmire presented the Council with the costs associated with extending the recycling program to the city businesses. He advised that the program could be on a voluntary basis only to the businesses. The City Council directed Mr. Santmire to survey the businesses in the City to get an idea of how many of them are interested in participating in the City's recycling program.

Presentation of Paving Survey with Maintenance Projects

Steve Lander with USI came before the City Council with information regarding the condition of the roads within the City Limit of Mount Holly. He prevented several options to assist with preventative maintenance of these City streets.

Presentation of Paving Projects for 2012

Mr. DuPont advised that there are two paving project areas identified for the upcoming paving season, Hicks Circle/Bell Street and West Walnut Avenue. The total costs of these projects will be $108,141. It was the consensus of Council to add this item to the Consent Agenda for approval at the February Council Meeting.

Consideration of Nominations for the TDA

Mr. Jackson reported that Jim Guin has resigned his position from the Tourism Development Authority (TDA). Therefore Council needs to appoint a replacement for him. He advised that Wendy Foster has expressed interest in taking over the Chair position for the remainder of Jim's term. Councilman Bishop nominated Rodney Williams for the TDA vacancy. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the nomination. All Council Members voted in favor. Councilman Hope nominated Wendy Foster to serve as chairperson to the TDA. Councilman Gowen seconded the nomination. Councilman Gowen, Hope and Toomey voted for the nomination. Councilwoman Breyare, Councilman Bishop and Mayor Pro Tem Moore voted against the nomination. Mayor Hough broke the tie vote with an affirmative therefore naming Ms. Foster the Chair of the TDA.

Closed session

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5)). Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Bishop made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Mayor Hough advised that there was no action taken during closed session.

At this time Mayor Hough asked for Council comments.

Councilwoman Breyare suggested that the information regarding the cracked sealant go into the February newsletter.

Councilman Bishop commented on the rising cost of gas and the effect it can have on the current budget.

Councilman Hope reported that Waste Management dropped part of their load this afternoon in front of McDonalds.

Councilman Gowen reported that Waste Management missed his recycling pickup.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore advised that the City is trying to plan a dinner for March 12th in honor of former Mayor Broome.

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Gowen made the motion to adjourn the January 23, 2012 Council work session meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.