

**City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2019
Council Chambers
7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Assistant Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

Reverend Jonathan Schnibben the Pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Mount Holly gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Toomey mad a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the 2019 Council Meeting Calendar
2. Approval of Amended Audit Contract
3. Approval of Surplus Property
4. Approval of Budget Amendment (Police Department)
5. Approval of an Amendment to the Fee Schedule
6. Approval of Reappointment of Planning Commission Members
7. Approval of Plat for Water's Edge Subdivision
8. Approval of the Statement of Qualification for Raftelis for the Utility Rate Study
9. Call for a public hearing, regarding a request by Eric Lanier, for a rezoning of Tax Parcel ID #'s 221751 from R-1 Gaston County to Single Family Conditional District Single Family.
10. Approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2018 Council Meeting

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Special Recognition

Mayor Hough presented Miles Biggerstaf with a resolution that was written for him several years ago after he served on the City Council. Mr. Biggerstaff had moved to Greensboro and was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore the Mayor and City Council took the opportunity to present the resolution.

Mayor Hough presented the City Attorney, Mr. Michael with a resolution honoring his 45 years of service as the City Attorney.

2. Presentation of Employee Service Awards
Mayor Hough presented City Employees that have met 5, 10, 15 etc year milestones with the City their Service Awards.
3. Swearing In of Fire Fighters Blake Nance and Ashton Chaney
Mayor Hough administered the Oath of Office to Fire Fighters Blake Nance and Ashton Chaney. Both fire fighters were pinned by pinned by their dad's
4. New Employee Introductions
Department Heads introduced newly hired employees to the City Council,
5. Recognition of Officers for Exemplary Service
Chief Roper came before the City Council to present some of his officers with the Commanders Coin. Chief Roper explained the incident that occurred and involved quick thinking and response by the Officers. The Officers were Captain's Harris and Sisk, Major Reagan and Sergeant Monroe.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the Strategic Visioning Plan *Greg Beal*
Mr. Beal advised that the Strategic Visioning Plan has been a long process. Mr. Muldrow has presented to the Council on six (6) different occasions over the past couple of years regarding the Plan. Mr. Muldrow was present and took the opportunity to once again review a few of the highlights of the plan and recognize the time and hard work the Planning Staff have put in during the process.
At this time, Councilman Meadows made a motion to open the public hearing on the Strategic Visioning Plan. Councilwoman Shumaker seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried. With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.
Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the Strategic Visioning Plan. (Resolution #01142019A) Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.
2. Public hearing to consider an application, submitted by the City of Mount Holly, to rezone a 2.06 acre tract of land and a 0.02 acre tract of land, Parcel ID #'s 222554 and 123513, located at 725 Elm Street, from H-1 Heavy Industrial and Residential Downtown, respectively, to Conditional District Commercial-Multifamily.
Mr. Beal advised that this public hearing is continued form the October Work Session. HE advised that all operations have vacated the property. Staff is here to seeking direction on moving forward.
At this time, Councilman Meadows made a motion to reopen the public hearing to consider an application, submitted by the City of Mount Holly, to rezone a 2.06 acre tract of land and a 0.02 acre tract of land, Parcel ID #'s 222554 and 123513, located at 725 Elm Street, from H-1 Heavy Industrial and Residential Downtown, respectively, to Conditional District Commercial-Multifamily. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried. With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Meadows made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.
Councilman Meadows commented that this rezoning accomplishes what Council was looking for as it relates to the use of the property and he is excited to be moving forward. Councilman Meadows then made a motion to approve the application, submitted by the City of Mount Holly, to rezone a 2.06 acre tract of land and a 0.02 acre tract of land, Parcel ID #'s 222554 and 123513, located at 725 Elm Street, from H-1 Heavy Industrial and Residential Downtown, respectively, to Conditional District Commercial-Multifamily. (Resolution #01142019B) Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.
3. Public Hearing on an amendment to the Downtown Development Manual for limiting the types of colors for painting commercial buildings
Mr. DuPont advised that Council approved at the October Meeting specific steps for painting and maintaining existing painted buildings in the Downtown Overlay District. At that time Staff was

directed to provide Council with specifications which are included in the agenda packet and before the Council tonight.

At this time, Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to open the public hearing to amend the Downtown Development Manual for limiting the types of colors for painting commercial buildings. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried. With no one signed up to speak, Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the amendment to the Downtown Development Manual for limiting the types of colors for painting commercial buildings. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

JL Thompson with JL Thompson Construction came before the Council to represent his employee of 20 years on a parking issue. He stated that his employee could not get up her driveway because it is so narrow and the footing to the house are too close. Therefore she should be allowed to park on the street.

Karen Bradshaw-113 Rose Street came before Council to ask for consideration of sidewalks on Rose Street. She advised that she has a disabled dog and can only go out in a pet buggy and with the construction going on down the street it has made it very dangerous and difficult to get out and walk.

Steve Guinn-110 Rose Street. Mr. Guinn advised that he has lived on Rose Street for 25 years and watched the road construction and increase in traffic. He advised that there is a lot of people that use the road as a cut through and it has become unsafe and needs attention. .

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Previous Discussion of a Naming Rights Application

Mr. Jackson advised that a couple months ago he brought forth an application to the Council for naming rights for the old gym. The applicant was contacted and the response was included in the packet. Council agreed to table the discussion until something additional is received from the Nantz family.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Grant Application with the Carolina Thread Trail

Mr. DuPont advised that Staff is seeking Council support to process a Grant Application with the Carolina Thread Trail. The grant is non-matching for up to \$50,000 to go toward the design process. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to move forward with the application. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Consideration and Approval of the Scope of Work for a Business Incentive Grant

Mr. Beal advised that Mr. Todd, the owner of the Bottle Shop and Tap Room applied for the Business Incentive Grant. He advised that the Committee met and approved and he is now asking Council to approve the scope of work and the incentive grant. Mr. Todd advised that his Uncle owns the building but he (Mr. Todd) is responsible for the up fit and the business. Councilman Moore made a motion to approved the scope of work for a Business Incentive Grant for the Bottle shop and Tap Room. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5). Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 8:56 p.m. Closed session begins 9:00 pm after 5 minute break.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 9:34 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Shoemaker made the motion to adjourn the January 14, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.