

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris

Councilman Andy Stewart

Councilman Jim Hope

City Attorney Kemp Michael

Councilman Bryan Hough

Councilman Bobby Black

Interim City Manager Kraus and Judi Simac came at 8:00 PM.

WORKSESSION

1. City Manager Selection Process

The Committee reported that they have not met to screen the applications, and so the Council will work on this at a later meeting after the committee does that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UFB#1 To Consider Council Action on Any Worksession Topics

Council discussed when and where to hold its annual retreat. City Manager Michael offered to have it at his home. Council agreed it would be held there, and it will be held on either February 20th or 27th; a decision will be made as to which one at the next meeting.

Additional

Councilman Stewart inquired if there is any way we can designate special districts in the City to have roll-out garbage, and then the Waters Edge (if annexed) could have roll-out garbage. City Attorney Michael said that the state statute on annexation requires that the new annexed area receive the same services as the rest of the city; a lesser service is not allowed as he understands it.

Councilman Black recalled that the budget included money for a sidewalk cleaning machine, and he wondered if one was going to be bought. Councilwoman Harris said that the staff did not like the one that company brought to them to try out. She has a video from the company which she will bring to Public Works Director to review.

Councilman Stewart stated that Belmont is going to have a referendum on alcohol sales; and he believes that if they get it, Mount Holly's potential growth opportunities will go across the interstate.

WORKSESSION**#2 Annexation Report Workshop with Judi Simac**

Ms. Simac presented her report beginning with a synopsis for annexation procedures. She pointed out the new things required in the state law revised last fall. Involuntary annexation has more stringent requirements than voluntary. She reviewed the previous annexations done, and the Land Use Plan. The advantages and disadvantages of annexation were outlined. She said agreements between cities about areas they intend to annex later are acceptable. There was some discussion about whether or not Charlotte could cross the river to annex or we could cross the river to annex. The Council concurred that at this point the annexation study being done is for planning purposes. Mr. Michael asked Ms. Simac to get a copy of Charlotte's latest annexation plan. She stressed the need for accuracy and detail in the annexation plan to prevent legal challenges later. She also pointed out the possible change in demographics as a result of annexation. The study will concentrate on corridors. She asked for input if anyone has a specific area of interest. She will next do feasibility assessments for the different areas between now and May.

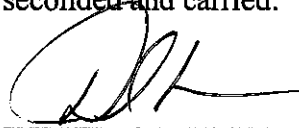
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Councilman Stewart asked if we should not have the same strict regulations for the whole Mountain Island lake shore and the Catawba River shore that we would require for Waters Edge if annexed. The Council asked the Interim City Manager to write a letter to the County zoning board to have them consider that.

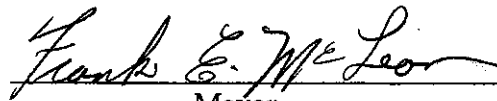
The Council concurred that Monday, January 25th, is the next meeting for consideration of the Davenport house application for historical status. Council agreed to also meet on Thursday, January 28 to consider city manager applications.

ADJOURN

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



Clerk



Mayor

cpm

9:17PM