

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, January 10, 2021
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	Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris	Michelle Wood, Finance Director
Councilman Ivory Craig	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
Councilman Moore	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	David Johnson, City Engineer/Director of Utilities
Miles Braswell, City Manager	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Greg Beal, Planning Director

Invocation

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Ivory Craig led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that Closed Session would be removed from the agenda. With no additional changes to the agenda Councilman Moore made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment
 - 410 East Central Avenue Broker's Commission
 - River Hawk Greenway Branding Project
2. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the North Carolina Records Retention Schedule as Updated and Amended October, 2021
3. Resolution for Intent to Close Park Avenue and Call for Public Hearing
4. Call for a public hearing to consider rezoning a 0.41-acre tract of land, Gaston County Parcel ID # 227246, located to rear and adjacent to Mount Holly Farm Supply, from R-12 SF to B-2 Neighborhood Business.
5. Approval of a Relief Operator Position for the Utilities Department and Associated Budget Amendment
6. Municipal Concurrence for Speed Limit Reduction on a portion of W. Catawba Avenue (SR 2040) maintained by NCDOT
7. Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Council Meeting
8. Approval of Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Special Meeting

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of a Donation from South State Bank for the MHPD Memorial Plaza

Janet Sarn and Lance Kirkland from South State Bank came before City Council and the Mount Holly Memorial Plaza Fundraising Committee to present a donation in the amount of \$15,000 to the Mount Holly Police Foundation. Members of the fundraising committee were present to accept the check.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to Consider a Resolution Closing Portions of S. Lee Street, E. Catawba Avenue and S. Alexander Street

Mr. Beal advised that the petition came to the planning department in June from Clariant Corporation to close portions of the proposed streets that are on their property. He advised that proper posting has been done and all the statutory requirements have been met. While Duke Energy is not an adjacent property owner their property could be affected by the proposed closure and has therefore requested that the decision in regard to the street closing be postponed until the February 14th Council Meeting to allow more time for internal review. Mr. Beal requested that the Council agree to postpone their decision until February 14th to receive further input from Duke Energy.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to open the public hearing to Consider a Resolution Closing Portions of S. Lee Street, E. Catawba Avenue and S. Alexander Street. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) With no one signed up to speak Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to come out of the public hearing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to continue the public hearing at the February 14th Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Public Hearing for a Traffic Control Device on North Hawthorne Ave

Mr. Walker advised that a petition was received signed by the residence in the Madison Park neighborhood to reduce the speed on North Hawthorne Avenue from 35mph to 25mph. The citizens in this area believe the speed is too high to be less than ¼ mile from a school. The Mount Holly Police Department conducted a study. Chief Roper presented the study stating that on average 1330 vehicles travel the area in one day with the average speed being 29.98 mph. He advised that the top speed recorded as 50mph.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to open the public hearing to Consider a Traffic Control Device on North Hawthorne Ave. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Harper Johnson

203 North Hawthorne

Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Harper commented that Officer McManus collected data and reported that the average speed was 40mph. The fact that Madison Park neighborhood is 35mph is too fast for the community that has small children and close to a school. He further commented that reducing the speed will not combat all the speeding on their street but it is a starting point.

With no one else signed up to speak Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to come out of the public hearing. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

It was the consensus of Council for Staff to bring back a recommendation at the Work Session for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Kissi Summitt
504 Cherry Street
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Summitt came before the City Council to remind them of the City Logo “Connecting Community with Nature.” She advised that she has received over 350 signatures in support of sidewalks on Cherry Street. She commented that when she moved to the neighborhood on Cherry Street it was promised that sidewalks would be installed however that has never happened. She further commented that Cherry Street is also used as a cut through and is nearly impossible for her to go on a family walk or walk her children to the nearby school. How does the City claim a logo of “Connecting Community with Nature” when you have to drive to all the community functions because of safety concerns for your family? The property is city owned and it is the City’s responsibility to install the sidewalks as promised. It’s been too long and overdue. Petition with signatures is attached.

Jerry Flora
501 Cherry Street
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Mr. Flora commented that he agrees with the comments made by Ms. Summitt and would like to see sidewalks installed in Cherry Street. He added that he is a recovering heart attack patient and he has to get in his car and drive to the park to go for a walk because of the safety hazards on his road.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Bid for Old Hickory Grove Road Waterline Improvements and Approval of a Budget Amendment to Allocate Funding the Project *Jonathan Wilson*

Mr. Wilson advised that the Old Hickory Grove Waterline Improvements were advertised and put out to bid and the City received 6 bids. Classical City Mechanical Inc was the low bidder with a 15% contingency added to the bid. The bid amount is \$1,796,845.57. Mr. Wilson advised that this project was not budgeted and if Council decides to move forward funding will need to be approved for allocation as well. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the Bid for Old Hickory Grove Road Waterline Improvements and Approval of a Budget Amendment to Allocate Funding the Project. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution to Enter into Contract to Sell the Property Located at 129 South Main Street and Advertise the Contract for Upset Bids.

Mrs. Anders advised that the City has received an offer from RTR Property Management to purchase the property located at 129 South Main Street. The offer is \$200,000 and the terms of the offer include a 5% contingency and a 60-day due diligence period. She advised that there is a statutory process that will have to be met that includes a 10-day upset bid process for anyone that can meet the minimum criteria. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve a Resolution to Enter into Contract to Sell the Property Located at 129 South Main Street and Advertise the Contract for Upset Bids. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-2 with Mayor Pro Tem Harris and Councilman Moore voting in opposition.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3 and 5)—*Removed*

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Craig made the motion to adjourn the January 10, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Kissi Summit

1-10-22

By signing this petition, we are advocating Cherry Street in Mount Holly needs a sidewalk. We further advocate the construction of this sidewalk should precede any updating of established sidewalks/trails, should precede other new walkway construction, and should certainly precede projects that are purely aesthetic. We agree the sidewalk is of utmost importance due to the serious safety concerns, the disconnect to Catwba Heights Elementary, and the disconnect to Linford Park. Cherry Street residents, Mount Holly residents, and Cherry Street commuters are also signing to remind City Council, and all involved in this decision, of our Mount Holly motto, "Connecting Community & Nature."

1 Ronald K. Lee

2 Bob Lee

3 Spandora

4 John B. Baskette

5 Virginia Pennington

6 Ivody Lewis

7 Rusty Gandy

8 Mablea Cherry

9 Ellen Maitis

10 Donna Ballen

11 Peggy Bailey

12 Keri Scott

13 Margaret Casper

14 Scott Little

15 Guelle Nelson

16 Adam Moore

17 Jean Pickman

18 Anne Field

19 Ruby Olsen

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33 Moses Newman

34 Nancy Mandy

35 Hope Meadows

36 M. Petersen

37 Paul Rootman

38 Michele Dorcas

39 Morgan Wright

40 Paul J. Miller

41 Julie Peterson

42 Kimberly Bellin

43 Judith Boyd

44 Byron Shipps

45 Katelyn Heston

46 Paul Heston

47 Lauren Berger

48 Aimee Hansen

49 Elizabeth Lee

50 Golda Grier

51 Cynthia Keefen

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321	Jordan Hunt	353	385	417	449
322	Bradley Seagle	354	386	418	450
323	James P. Ingram	355	387	419	451
324	Robert Flowers	356	388	420	452
325	Michael Rowland	357	389	421	453
326	Wanda Arnold	358	390	422	454
327	Bob Chapman	359	391	423	455
328	Kevin Chapman	360	392	424	456
329	Allen Hoggins	361	393	425	457
330	Tob Haggins	362	394	426	458
331		363	395	427	459
332	NARMOGIN	364	396	428	460
333	Frank Keenel	365	397	429	461
334	Daniel Powell	366	398	430	462
335	Paula Powell	367	399	431	463
336	Patricia Browne	368	400	432	464
337	Doug Haggins	369	401	433	465
338	Tony Dunbar	370	402	434	466
339	ROY Wiggins	371	403	435	467
340	James Petrea	372	404	436	468
341	Jackie N. Ginn	373	405	437	469
342	Jason Sheridan	374	406	438	470
343	Tieria N. Day	375	407	439	471
344		376	408	440	472
345	Chelsea Mitchell	377	409	441	473
346	Danielle Diggins	378	410	442	474
347	Pivign Tate	379	411	443	475
348	Libby Powell	380	412	444	476
349		381	413	445	477
350	Lucy Powell	382	414	446	478
351		383	415	447	479
352	Charles Powell	384	416	448	480