

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
January 8, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Black. The following were present:

Mayor Bobby Black	City Manager David Kraus
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hope	Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey
Councilman Michael Helms	Interim Public Utilities Director Jeff Fritts
Councilman Frank McLean	Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	Fire Chief John Ekiatis
Councilman Bryan Hough	Parks & Recreation Director Zip Stowe
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Police Chief Ricky Davis
City Attorney Kemp Michael	Streets and Solid Waste Director Mike Santmire

The Invocation was lead by Councilwoman Hubbard.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – Glendale.

Pastor Bowan of the church on Glendale spoke to Council about the road being too narrow near the church. He stated that the road gets blocked and no emergency vehicles can get up the road. City Manager Kraus stated that the problem is getting the Right-of-Way in that area. City Attorney Michael stated that some of the property owners would be willing to allow the City to widen the road. Staff will start to work on the project.

Item # 2 on the Agenda – Purchase of City Seal for Courthouse.

City Manager Kraus stated that at the Gaston County Court House, four cities have their seals on the wall. Mount Holly can also have their seal if we purchase the seal. He stated that the cost of the seal would be \$1,000. Councilman Hough asked what purchasing the seal would do for the City. City Manager Kraus stated that the only thing to be gained from purchasing the seal would be image. Council decided not to pursue the purchase at this time.

Item #3 on the agenda – Development Charges.

City Manager Kraus stated that Mike Wolfe should get the changes that Council had asked for in the development fee soon. Since staff has not received those changes, the discussion should be tabled until they are sent.

Item #4 on the agenda – Department Reports.

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Councilwoman Harris **MOVED** that the Council come out of executive session and go back into regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helms and passed with no objections.

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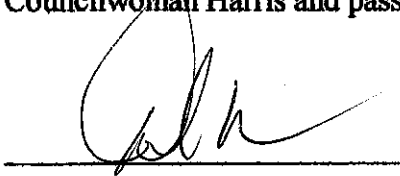
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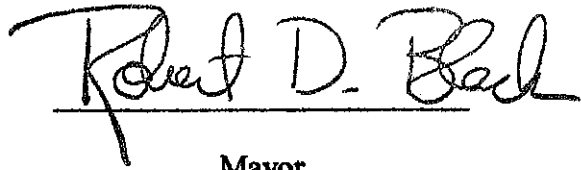
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Councilman Helms **MOVED** for adjournment at 9:44. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with no objections.



City Clerk



Mayor