

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

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| Mayor David Moore | Jonathan Blanton, City Manager |
| Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris | Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager |
| Councilman Ivory Craig | Alexis Hines, Human Resources Director |
| Councilman Jeff Meadows | Brian Reagan, Police Chief |
| Councilman Bryan Hough | Greg Beal, Planning Director |
| Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker | Ryan Baker, Fire Chief |
| Councilman Kenneth Reeves | Ken Kennedy, IT Director |
| Councilman William T. Brooks | Eric Smallwood, P&R Director |
| Marie M. Anders, City Attorney | Becky Conder, Interim Finance Director |
| Tara Douglas, City Clerk | Matt Black, Economic Development Director |
| | Jason Green, Public Works Director |

INVOCATION

Fire Chief Baker led the Council, Staff, and attendees in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 59 led the Council, Staff, and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Moore made the following changes to the February 9, 2026 agenda:

1. Removed Closed Session.
2. Removed the Call for a Public Hearing to consider a Development Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Mount Holly and StreetLights Residential to item #2 under New Business.
3. Added to the Consent Agenda the adoption of the Resolution directing the Clerk to certify the sufficiency of the annexation petition of SJS of North Carolina, LLC, acceptance of the Clerk certificate of sufficiency and adoption of a Public Hearing on the Holly Heights annexation for the March 9, 2026 meeting at 7 pm based on information provided Friday afternoon by the City Attorney. This postponement is

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due to a cancelled Planning Commission meeting from inclement weather on February 2, 2026.

4. Added Discussion of a 3rd Amendment to the Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of 131 South Main Street and an update on the closing of the property as item #3 under New Business.

Mayor Moore entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed changes.

MOTION: Councilman Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Reeves seconded the motion.

All Council members present and voting, voted in favor 6-0. (Motion Carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

- ~~1. Call for a Public Hearing to consider a Development Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Mount Holly and StreetLights Residential.~~
2. Approval of Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission
3. Adoption of the Resolution directing the Clerk to certify the sufficiency of the annexation petition of SJS of North Carolina, LLC, acceptance of the Clerk certificate of sufficiency and adoption of a Public Hearing on the Holly Heights annexation for the March 9, 2026.
4. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2026

Mayor Moore entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION: Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion.

All Council members present and voting, voted in favor 6-0. (Motion Carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Approval of the Works Associated with the Creative Spaces Program for FY 25-26.

Paul Lowe

Mr. Beal presented on behalf of Mr. Lowe. Mr. Beal stated that this presentation is a further advancement of the City's core value number four in the Strategic Vision Plan Update which is to increase vibrancy through art and placemaking. Mr. Beal stated that the approval would include two new six-by-six feet pad locations at the YMCA and Woodlawn Park, eight works for rental for a period of one year, and two proposed purchases at Ransom Hunter Park.

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MOTION: Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the works associated with the Creative Spaces Program for FY 25-26. Councilman Reeves seconded the motion.

All Council members present and voting, voted in favor 6-0. (Motion Carried)

2. Approval of Wind Screen Design at Tuckaseege Park

Paul Lowe

Mr. Beal presented on behalf of Mr. Lowe. Mr. Beal stated that the approval includes the design for the proposed wind screen at the Tuckaseege Park community center, which will help to screen maintenance equipment utilized by the Parks and Recreation Department that was formerly housed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Beal stated that the turtle design was derived from the Cherokee word “Daksiyi” for Tuckaseege which translates to “Place of the Turtle”. Mr. Beal stated that upon the Council’s approval, this work should be installed by May 30, 2026.

MOTION: Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Wind Screen Design at Tuckaseege Park. Councilman Brooks seconded the motion.

All Council members present and voting, voted in favor 6-0. (Motion Carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT- (3-minute limit)

1. Jimmy Wilson- 205 Palm Springs Drive: Mr. Wilson is speaking on behalf of the Black Forum Foundation. Mr. Wilson stated that their program was rescheduled for March 14, 2026 at 3pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the City Council Code of Conduct

Jonathan Blanton

Mr. Blanton reviewed the code of conduct adopted by the City Council on March 1, 2024. Mr. Blanton stated that this code of conduct was based on NCGS 160A-86. Mr. Blanton stated that this code of conduct went above and beyond what the General Statutes require. Mr. Blanton stated that Staff would bring back an updated version of this code of conduct in the near future for the Council’s review. Mr. Blanton stated that at Mayor Moore’s request, there is a proposed

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addendum to this particular policy that addresses public decorum and public comment for the Council's input.

2. Call for a Public Hearing to consider a Development Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Mount Holly and StreetLights Residential.

Jonathan Blanton

Mr. Blanton stated this call for a public hearing needed to be removed from the consent agenda to provide further explanation for what the Council would be considering. Mr. Blanton stated that the only matter up for consideration is a call for a public hearing to be held on March 9, 2026 at which time the public can give input on the development agreement and a purchase and sale agreement. Mr. Blanton stated that if the Council calls for this public hearing, staff will work with StreetLights to bring back a final product for the public and the Council's review. Mr. Blanton stated that the only binding action currently with StreetLights is a memorandum of understanding that was approved last year which gave City Staff the authority to work with StreetLights.

MOTION: Councilman Brooks made a motion to approve the call for a Public Hearing to consider a Development Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Mount Holly and StreetLights Residential. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion.

All Council members present and voting, voted in favor 6-0. (Motion Carried)

3. Discussion of a 3rd Amendment to the Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of 131 South Main Street and an update on the closing of the property.

Jonathan Blanton

Mr. Blanton stated that before the Council tonight there is a 3rd amendment to the purchase and sale agreement of 131 S. Main Street between the City and RTR. Mr. Blanton reviewed the terms of the conveyance of 131 S. Main Street. Mr. Blanton stated that the closing date is set for on or before March 31, 2026 and RTR will pay all closing costs. Mr. Blanton reviewed the prior amendments to the agreement. Mr. Blanton explained that the reason that this amendment is before the Council tonight is due to a public parking easement that was required in the original agreement. Mr. Blanton stated that in 2022, RTR (Billy Rick) provided a public parking easement to the City. Mr. Blanton stated that in the agreement, it provided that additional public parking would be provided with the sale of 131 S. Main Street, but based on what was filed in 2022, that is not necessary because what he has agreed to convey has already been conveyed to the City. Mr. Blanton stated that we are looking to have this particular provision removed as it is

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no longer necessary. Mr. Blanton stated that if this amendment is approved tonight, we are set to close on the property Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

Motion: Councilman Reeves made a motion to approve a 3rd Amendment to the Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of 131 South Main Street and an update on the closing of the property. Councilman Brooks seconded the motion.

All Council members present and voting, voted in favor 6-0. (Motion Carried)

4. City Manager Report

Jonathan Blanton

Mr. Blanton thanked the Police, Fire, and Public Works Department for their dedication during the recent snow storms and additional departmental events. Mr. Blanton recognized David Clark, who celebrated 35 years with the City of Mount Holly. Mr. Blanton reviewed the most recent small business networking event at The Holland Restaurant and stated that this event was the largest event to date. Mr. Blanton reviewed the social media stats received to date. Mr. Blanton reminded everyone that there will not be a work session this month, but instead there will be a Council Retreat on Friday, February 27, 2026 beginning at 9:30 am.

ADJORN

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to adjourn the February 9, 2026 City Council meeting at 7:30 pm. Councilman Reeves seconded the motion.

All Council members present and voting, voted in favor 6-0. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.