

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor David Moore	Jonathan Blanton, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker	Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Ivory Craig	Alexis Hines, Human Resources Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Brian Reagan, Police Chief
Councilman Bryan Hough - Absent	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief - Absent
Councilman Kenneth Reeves	Robert Stewart, Deputy Utilities Director
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Eric Smallwood, Parks and Recreation Director
Tara Douglas, City Clerk	Michelle Wood, Finance Director
	Matt Black, Economic Development Director
	Jason Green, Public Works Director

INVOCATION

Councilman Hough 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 announced that Closed Session would be removed from the agenda. Mayor Moore entertained a motion to set the agenda as presented with the proposed change.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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 on the 2025-2026 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget and Fee Schedule for the June 9, 2025, Council Meeting.

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2. Approval of an amendment to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment Rules of Procedure, regarding a formalized process for member vacancies.
3. Letter of Intent to Order a Fire Truck
4. Budget Amendment for the TDA
5. Proclamation for the 150th Anniversary of the Mount Holly Cotton Mill Building, currently Muddy River.
6. Appointment for the Planning Commission
7. Approval of Minutes – City Council Work Session, Work Session April 28, 2025

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

Motion: Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion.

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Downtown Parking Plan Update

Steven Haynie

Mr. Haynie gave an overview of the current parking downtown specifically the parking lot pertaining to Traust Brewery, Stowe Insurance and Holdenrid Insurance Group. Mr. Haynie stated that this paving project is estimated to begin in early June 2025 weather permitting. Mr. Haynie reviewed the revised layout of the parking lot which will hold 115 parking spaces. Mr. Haynie thanked the Council and stated that he is happy to answer any questions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing for a proposed text amendment to amend Sections 153.083A & 153.084A of the Subdivision Ordinance to require water and sewer infrastructure to be installed, inspected, and approved before construction is permitted to begin. Case #TA-25-4.

Brandon Livingston

Mr. Livingston stated that this proposed text amendment has been submitted by staff and would specify the required time for underground utilities, water and sewer, to be installed for commercial and multifamily projects. Mr. Livingston explained that this amendment to Chapter 153.083A and 153.084A would require the installation of water and sewer before the foundation is poured. Mr. Livingston stated that staff would request that the City Site Inspector inspect and approve the installation before the foundation is poured. Mr. Livingston stated that the Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation of approval during their meeting on May 5, 2025 and staff supports the approval of the proposed text amendment.

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Motion: Councilman Hough made a motion to come out of the regular meeting and go into the public hearing. Councilman Craig seconded the motion.

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

With no one signed up to speak at this public hearing, Mayor Moore entertained a motion to come out of the public hearing and go back into the regular meeting.

Motion: Councilman Meadows made a motion to come out of the public hearing and go back into the regular meeting. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion.

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

Motion: Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the proposed text amendment to amend Sections 153.083A & 153.084A of the Subdivision Ordinance to require water and sewer infrastructure to be installed, inspected, and approved before construction is permitted to begin. Case #TA-25-4. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion.

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

2. Public Hearing for a proposed text amendment to amend 153.031-F & 153.086 of the City's Subdivision Ordinance to Update the Process for Receiving As-Builts. Case#TA-25-3
Paul Lowe

Mr. Lowe stated that this proposed text amendment has been submitted by staff and would provide clarification for the process of As-Built material submissions within Sections 153.031-F & 153.086 of the City's Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. Lowe stated that As- Builts are water and sewer plans that are submitted to the Planning Department and the Public Works department after a project is completed and provides locations for water lines and other infrastructure. Mr. Lowe stated that currently, the outlined process and terminology detailed in Sections 153.031-F & 153.086 of the City's Subdivision Ordinance references out of date technology and systems that are no longer utilized by the City. Mr. Lowe stated that the proposed ordinance amendment would clarify the process and expectations of the As-Built plan submittal procedures so that City staff and developers are in accord.

Mr. Lowe stated that the Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation of approval during their meeting on May 5, 2025 and staff supports the approval of the proposed text amendment.

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Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Shoemaker made a motion to come out of the regular meeting and go into the public hearing. Councilman Hough seconded the motion.

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

With no one signed up to speak at this public hearing, Mayor Moore entertained a motion to come out of the public hearing and go back into the regular meeting.

Motion: Councilman Reeves made a motion to come out of the public hearing and go back into the regular meeting. Councilman Craig seconded the motion.

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

Motion: Councilman Hough made a motion to approve the proposed text amendment to amend 153.031-F & 153.086 of the City's Subdivision Ordinance to Update the Process for Receiving As-Builts Case#TA-25-3. Councilman Reeves seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Moore announced that there was no one signed up to speak for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Bids for the Upfit of the Museum at the Municipal Complex

Jonathan Blanton

Mr. Blanton stated that the bid concluded for the upfitting of the museum at the Municipal Complex last Thursday. Mr. Blanton stated that this information did not make it into the Council's agenda packet but was provided in the Council's weekly update. Mr. Blanton stated that there were four qualified bids that the City received to included Pinnix Inc., MC Moore Construction, Beam Construction, and Miles McClellan. Mr. Blanton announced that the lowest bid came in from Pinnix Inc. at \$693,335.00. Mr. Blanton stated that the Council has these bids before them tonight.

Motion: Councilman Hough made a motion to award the bid to Pinnix Inc. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion.

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

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2. City Manager Report

Jonathan Blanton

Mr. Blanton stated that the City had originally planned to have a groundbreaking ceremony at River Street Park for the new Dutchman's Creek Bridge, but this was cancelled due to the weather. Mr. Blanton stated that this will be rescheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025. Mr. Blanton stated that last week Mount Holly native David Childers was announced to be in the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame, and we are looking forward to celebrating this honor all year. Mr. Blanton gave a special thank you to the City's Police Department, Fire Department, Streets and Solid Waste Department and our Special Events Team for a very successful Springfest 2025 and a wonderful kickoff to our Mount Holly Nights event on Friday night. Mr. Blanton stated that the City offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2025. Mr. Blanton stated that the City Council Work Session will be moved up to next Monday, May 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM to review the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. Mr. Blanton stated that the next Mount Holly Nights will be held on June 6, 2025. Mr. Blanton announced that the YMCA will be having a ribbon cutting on May 21, 2025 at 5:15 PM to open their pool to the public. Mr. Blanton stated that the City's Strategic Vision Plan videos concluded on social media and that he is pleased to share they received 626,146 views. Mr. Blanton stated that this was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the great things that are happening in Mount Holly.

Motion: Councilman Craig made a motion to adjourn the May 12, 2025 City Council Meeting at 7:14 PM. Councilman Hough seconded the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.