

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
1MONDAY, December 13, 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 Lauren Shoemaker	Michelle Wood, Finance Director
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	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 Charles McCorkle led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Christina Pawlish led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that New Business item #1 Consideration and Approval of Bid for Old Hickory Grove Road Waterline Improvements, will be removed from the agenda and revisited at a future meeting. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Hough recognized Councilman Charles McCorkle for the past 4 years he has served on Council and presented him with a resolution. Councilman McCorkle was the first African American to serve on the City Council.

SWEARING –IN CEREMONY

1. Oath of Office for Councilman Ivory Craig

The Honorable David Phillips administered the oath of office to Ivory Craig for City Councilman. Councilman Craig was accompanied by his wife and son for the ceremony.

2. Oath of Office for Councilman David Moore

The Honorable David Phillips administered the oath of office to David Moore for City Councilman. Councilman Moore was accompanied by his son and daughter for the ceremony.

3. Oath of Office for Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker

The Honorable David Phillips administered the oath of office to Lauren Shoemaker for City Councilwoman. Councilwoman Shoemaker was accompanied by her husband and children for the ceremony.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the 2022 Meeting Schedule
2. Approval of Exemption from General Statutes relating to the hiring of Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors under the requirements of the Mini-Brooks Act for the professional services required to complete the construction drawings and bid documents for the South Gateway Connector Road project
3. Approval of Budget Amendment
 - South Gateway Connector Road Design
4. Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing January 9, 2022 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
5. Approval of a Resolution to close a portion Alexander Street and Catawba Avenue and Call for a Public Hearing at the January 10, 2022 Council Meeting
6. Approval of a Resolution to Include the City of Mount Holly in the National Opioids Settlement
7. Approval of the Design firm for the Mount Holly River Hawk Greenway Brand Creation Project
8. Approval of Planning Commission Reappointments
9. Approval of Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application for Airpacks
10. Approval of Minutes from the November 8, 2021 Council Meeting

Councilwoman Pawlish 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 Gaston Community Foundation Grant

Mr. Ernest Sumner presented the Mount Holly Farmers Market with a \$15,000 grant from the Gaston Community Foundation.
2. New Employee Introductions

New Employee Introductions are made periodically. Department Heads are asked to introduce new employees to the City Council.
3. Presentation of Retirement Resolution for Melinda Lail *Mayor Bryan Hough*

Mayor Hough presented Melinda Lail with her retirement resolution and watch. Mrs. Lail was an employee of the Police Department for 20 years.
4. Presentation of Employee Service Awards

Mayor Hough presented Employee Service Awards to those employees that have hit numerical milestones in their careers. (5,10, 15, 20, 25, 30 etc).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to amend Section 5.2 in the Manual for Development in Downtown Mount Holly, an appendix to the Zoning Ordinance, to clarify language on approved materials for a defined primary façade.

Mr. Livingston advised that the Planning Commission agreed unanimously to support the proposed changes to clarify the language on approved materials for a defined primary façade.

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to open the public hearing to amend Section 5.2 in the Manual for Development in Downtown Mount Holly, an appendix to the Zoning Ordinance, to clarify language on approved materials for a defined primary façade Councilwoman Shoemaker 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)

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion approve the proposed amendment to Section 5.2 in the Manual for Development in Downtown Mount Holly, an appendix to the Zoning Ordinance, to

clarify language on approved materials for a defined primary façade. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

No one signed up to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the Lease Agreement with Kasey Peterson for the property located at 410 East Central Avenue

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Kasey Peterson for the property located at 410 East Central Avenue. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Bid for Old Hickory Grove Road Waterline Improvements—*postponed until next monthly meeting---Jonathan Wilson*

OTHER

1. Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Hough advised that Councilman Craig has agreed to take over the Committee Appointments held by Councilman McCorkle.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3, 5 and 6)

Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3, 5 and 6) at 8:00 pm. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session at 9:14 pm. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

After returning to open session, Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to Call for a Public Hearing for a conditional rezoning plan for Mooreland Oaks Subdivision at the February 14, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the December 13, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.