

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2019
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	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

Reverend Mike Carr Pastor from First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that there are no changes to the agenda. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
 - 112 Cavin Ave
 - 201 Bolton Ave
 - 203 Lanier Ave
 - 201 Cherry St
 - 614 South Main St
2. Approval of In Rem Demolition Ordinances for 209 Howard Street
3. Approval of a Budget Amendment for the Planning Department
4. Call for a public hearing to consider amending Article 7, Special Requirement Notes to the Table of Permitted and special Uses clarifying electronic gaming operations
5. Call for a public hearing for a text amendment to Article 7, Note 13 Day care centers to conform with State requirements.
6. Reappointment of Planning Commission members and affirmation of Chair.
7. Approval of the minutes

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of SHARP Awards *Cherie Berry*

The Honorable Cherie Berry came before the City Council to present the Streets Department, Utilities Department with SHARP awards. The Mayor and City Council took the opportunity to present Ms. Berry with a Key to the City.

2. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Audit

Ko Tang Cha-Moses with Martin and Starnes came before the Council to present the 2018-2019 Audit. She touched on the highlights of the budget and advised that the available fund balance is at 91%. She advised that there was an increase of 5% unassigned fund balance. Councilman Meadows commented that he would like that statement to be entered as part of the record. Ms. Cha-Moses confirmed that the unassigned fund balance increased.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to consider amending the Downtown Development Manual for the Downtown Gateway Overlay District to allow for one-story restaurants

Mr. Beal advised that the proposed amendment would make it harder for the development of small strip malls. At this time Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Meadows made a motion to come out of the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the amendment to the Downtown Development Manual for the Downtown Gateway Overlay District to allow for one-story restaurants as proposed by staff. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Sophie Hurst

236 Dogwood Drive

Mount Holly, NC 28120—See prepared statement

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Downtown Special Events

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to keep the number of events at 17 with 3 being at Tuck Park that will in National Night Out and Trail Days. The Concert Series and Food Truck Friday's will be help on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month with Food Trucks available at both. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried by a 5-1 majority with Councilwoman Breyare opposed

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Request from Gaston County EDC in regard to Project Rodeo

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the Request from Gaston County EDC in regard to Project Rodeo. (111819A) Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of plat for Beatty Woods Subdivision, Phase 1

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the plat for Beatty Woods Subdivision, Phase 1. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CLOSED SESSION

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

Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5). Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 8:21 p.m.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Hough advised there was no action taken.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Meadows made the motion to adjourn the November 18, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.