

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014
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	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Ryan Baker, Interim Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman David Moore	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste

Invocation

Reverend Angela Hollar of Ebenezer Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that the Veteran's Day Proclamation needs to be moved to #2 under Presentations and a Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation needs to be added to Presentations #3. With no other changes, Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Call for a Public Hearing for Designating the Lentz-Springs House as an Historic Property
2. Approval of an Ordinance to abate housing code at 225 Forney Avenue
3. Approval of Lien for Weeds and Grass
4. Approval of a Budget Amendment (Hawthorne Property and Business Incentive Grant)
5. Approval of a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property
6. Approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2014 Council Meeting

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Financial Audit

Ko Tang Cha-Moses from Martin and Starnes (City Auditors) came before the City Council to present the 2013-2014 Financial Audit. She reviewed the audit and advised that the City continues to maintain its financial stability. A copy of the 2013-2014 will be on file in the City Clerk's office.

2. Approval of a Veteran's Day Proclamation

Mayor Hough read the proclamation honoring all Veterans for the upcoming Veteran's Day Holiday.

3. Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation

Mayor Hough read the proclamation regarding pancreatic cancer awareness.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone 143 acres of land, located in the River Park Subdivision, Parcel ID #180026, #216452, # 180033 and #203453 from PUD R-10 Single Family and R-12 Single Family to Conditional Use Single Family Residential as detached and attached structures and associated uses

Mr. Wilson advised that an application was received requesting that the above property be rezoned to R-12 Single Family to Conditional Use Single Family Residential as detached and attached (multi-family duplex or townhome) structures and associated uses. Mr. Wilson further advised that the Planning Commission heard the case at their meeting last week and tabled their decision until the final site plan can be presented.

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into the public hearing to consider a request to rezone 143 acres of land, located in the River Park Subdivision, Parcel ID #180026, #216452, # 180033 and #203453 from PUD R-10 Single Family and R-12 Single Family to Conditional Use Single Family Residential as detached and attached structures and associated uses. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Laurie Swarr
202 Forest Drive
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Swarr commented that her concerns are regarding the extension of forest Drive but it now looks like the Developers are revising the plan.

With no one else signed up to speak Councilman Moore made a motion to return to regular session. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The Developers came before Council and explained that the purpose of this request is to introduce the community to the general public without a negative impact on the current owners. They explained that detached and attached is not intended to bring in apartments but will introduce townhomes in the community. Councilman Hope commented that this is one of the last properties close to downtown and the Council needs to know the architectural design. Council agreed they need more information regarding this request as when the development was first approved it was approved as an upscale neighborhood. Councilman Hope made a motion to table the decision on the request until the next meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Angela Kruszka
121 Sella Ridge
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Kruszka came before Council to request help with the speeding problem in Runny Meade Subdivision. She requested that City look into 4 way stops or speed bumps

Christina Beaty
516 Belmont Mount Holly Road
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Beaty came before Council to express concerns regarding a sewer easement that joins her property that is used by neighbors for access to their house. She advised that there is constant drug traffic on the easement and she and other neighbors would like the easement blocked off. She advised that the Police have been working on the problem but additional help is needed to clean up the neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the CMAQ Application

Mr. DuPont identified the two proposed projects have been identified through local plans as eligible for potential funding through NCDOT. These plans are the Tuckasee Road Project and the Belmont Mount Holly Road Project. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the CMAQ application. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. (Resolution #111014A) All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of Residential and Business Recycle Collection Services

Mr. Braswell advised that the low bid for residential and business recycle collection services came in at \$1.72 biweekly per customer. He advised that the City can do it for \$1.70. He explained all the costs that he figured into the estimate plus an additional 10 cents per customer for any expenses that could have been overlooked. He made a recommendation that the City Council allow the City to take over the recycle services. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve that the City take over all the residential and business recycle services. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-2 vote. Councilman Gowen and Councilwoman Breyare were opposed.

3. Discussion of Revised Collection Routes for Solid Waste and Recycling

Mr. Braswell presented the revised collection routes for solid waste and recycling pick up. He advised that the revised daily routes will be more equal and timely. He further advised that the notification process of the revisions will begin after tonight's meeting.

4. Discussion of System Development Fees

Mr. Johnson advised that the system development fee analysis has not been updated since 2007. There have been two recent requests for development that have proven it is time for possible update to our system development fees. After further discussion, Councilman Hope made a motion to direct the City Manager to work with the Utilities Director, to grant relief from the required system development fees to Dr. Andrew Oblinger, as outlined by David Johnson (Utilities Director/Engineer). Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried) System Development Fees will be an item on the Retreat Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the Annual Christmas Dinner and Council Retreat

It was Council consensus to have the annual Christmas Dinner Monday, December 1st at Firebirds and have the Annual Council Retreat in the Training Room at the Municipal Complex. Mayor Hough also commented that in regard to the retreat, the Council will be given a full list of submitted topics and they each need to pick their top 5.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the November 10, 2014 Council Meeting. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.