

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Location: Council Chambers

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Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem David Moore	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Councilman David Moore	Tony Walker, Street and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Attorney Kemp Michael	

Invocation

Councilman McCorkle led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that the closed session will be omitted and Items #4 Approval of Danny Jackson's Contract and #5 Approval of Miles Braswell Contract will be added to the agenda. With no additional changes to the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Call for a public hearing to consider a text amendment to the Article 6, Section 6.5 and Article 7 in the Zoning Ordinance to allow for drive-through restaurants, fronting Beatty Drive, in the Mount Holly Mixed-Use District JM1 LS 2

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

AGENDA

1. Presentation of the Arts on the Greenway 2020 Christmas Fiber Art Project
Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Arts on the Greenway

2020 Christmas Fiber Art Project. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried

2. Presentation of NCDOL Safety Awards

Ms. Debbie Rogers-Lowery presented the 2019 NCDOL Safety Awards. The following awards were received by the City Departments:

Streets and Solid Waste Department 1st year silver

Police Department 1st year gold

Administration Department 1st year gold

Fire Department 2nd year gold

Waste Water Treatment Plant-1st year silver

2nd year gold for the city as a whole

3. Consideration and Approval of proposed Pay Plan for the Mount Holly Police Department

Chief Roper and Deputy Chief Reagan came before Council to present a proposed recruitment and retention plan for the Police Department. Chief Roper reported that over the past 5 years the city has lost 7 at least officers due to recruiting efforts and higher wages from other entities. He advised that the City stands to lose possibly 4 more officers in the next few months. Deputy Chief Reagan explained the proposed starting salary and payment plan. He advised that the new starting salary would be \$43,500 with an incremental increase for additional years of experience to those current MHPD officers that are currently below the hiring rate. There were questions from Council in regard to budgeting the proposed plan for the remainder of the fiscal year. Chief Roper advised that there is some funds in the overtime budget that can be used and the Department is currently working with Finance to secure funds within the department budget that will get through the end of the fiscal year. Mayor Hough commented that the City needs to budget the funds to recruit experienced Police Officers and also retain the officers and keep them from going to other local departments.

Council directed staff to have budgetary options at the next meeting to make an informed decision to best benchmarks the career path of the officers, retention of our seasoned veterans and see a different step program. Mayor Hough advised that they are behind the Police Department 100%.

4. Approval of Danny Jackson's Return to Work Contract

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the contract with Danny Jackson to return to work effective December 1st. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of City Manager Contract with Miles Braswell

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Miles Braswell's contract for the City Manager of Mount Holly effective November 1st.. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Jackson took a few minutes to thank the City Council and Staff. He also wished Mr. Braswell the best in this new chapter of his career.

6. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Woman Harris made a motion to adjourn the October 26, 2020 Work Session Meeting. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The time was 7:29p.m.