

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2010
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

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

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Mark Jusko, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

Invocation

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

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough asked Council for any changes to the October 25, 2010 work session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. With all Council Members present, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

1. Consideration and Approval of Renovations to the Catawba Heights Fire Station

Councilman Hope advised that all the changes have been made to the proposal for the renovations to the Catawba Heights Fire Station as directed by Council at previous meetings. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the proposal for the renovations to the Catawba Heights Fire Station at \$34,644. Inclusive of the two hose reels and air drops. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Council directed Staff and the City Attorney to move forward as quickly as possible on the contract and the renovations.

2. Presentation from the Community Development Foundation regarding Greenways

Mayor Hough advised that at previous meetings a number of questions have come up regarding the Greenway. Therefore he invited Dr. Lee Beatty, Chairman of the Community Foundation to come before Council and speak to some of the issues that have come up at past meetings. Dr. Beatty recognized several people in the audience that have played a part in the development of the Greenway plans. He explained that this process started over seven years ago with the inspiration by the City Council and the Linear Park plan. The inspiration has progressed with Greenway Plan and the adoption of the plan by the City Council in 2008. Dr. Beatty further explained the funding process and the positive impact it will have on the City and the Cities Economy. At this time, Dr. Beatty turned the presentation over to Scott Griffin for a few additional comments. Mr. Griffin

advised that at the last work session several tough questions were asked by the Council regarding the Greenways. He advised that it is the intent of the Foundation to bare the financial burden for the Construction of the Greenways. He further advised that by the Foundation and the City coming together in support if greenways it will be easier to obtain grants which will be paid back entirely by the Foundation. He concurred that he understands the maintenance concern that Council has. Maintenance costs are estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per month. Mr. Griffin advised that it is possible the Foundation will have to partnership with the City in regard to the maintenance costs. At this time, Mr. Griffin recognized Mammie Cole and read a letter that she wrote in support of the greenway. Mayor Hough thanked Dr. Beatty and Mr. Griffin for their presentation.

3. Discussion of Greenways

Mayor Hough advised that the Council will not take a vote on this tonight on this issue. He then asked for comments from the Council regarding greenways. Councilman Bishop commended Dr. Beatty and Mr. Griffin for their presentation but explained that he still has reservations regarding the greenways in particular the construction and the financial responsibilities that will go along with it. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that she talks with a lot of the retired citizens that are on fixed incomes and she does not believe that they should be made to pay higher taxes to pay for the greenways. Councilmen hope, Moore, Brookshire and Toomey all thanked everyone for coming out to show their support for the greenway. Mayor Hough emphasized his appreciation to Dr. Beatty and Mr. Griffin and the citizens that came out to show their support. He added that the Council has a very unique opportunity and he looks forward to moving forward on this project. At this time, Councilman Toomey made a motion to table this discussion until the next Council meeting. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Discussion of the MOU for Greenways

Mr. Michael advised that all the changes that have been made to the MOU are in red as per Council direction. There was discussion among Council regarding the source of funding and the Cities part in applying for grants to help fund the project. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare commented that she would like more time to review the changes made to the MOU. It was the consensus to add the MOU to the November meeting agenda for approval.

5. Discussion of Piggyback Bid for a Garbage Truck

Mr. Santmire reported that there is funds in this fiscal year budget to purchase a new garbage truck. He is before Council tonight to as for approval of a piggyback bid with Gibsonville, NC for the amount of \$221,219. Mr. Santmire advised that this truck would replace the oldest truck. Councilman Moore asked if Freightliner was given the opportunity to bid on this truck. Mr. Santmire advised that Freightliner came in \$30,000 above the low bid at \$250,000. It was the consensus of Council to add the approval of the piggyback bid to the consent agenda at the next meeting.

6. Discussion of Sticks for Kids Grant

Mr. Jusko came before Council to request support to apply for a Sticks for Kids grant that is funded by the Golf Course Builders Association of America. He advised that if awarded the City would receive ten sets of junior golf clubs which would allow the Recreation Department to start a Junior Golf Program. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare made a motion to move forward with the grant application process for Sticks for Kids. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

7. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3and 5)*)

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Councilman Bishop made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Mayor Hough advised that no action was taken during closed session.

At this time, Mayor Hough asked for comments from Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare reported that she noticed some graffiti in the alley beside the Old City Hall.

Councilman Toomey advised that the grass at the City gateway signs are knee high. Staff was directed to send the First Baptist Church a letter and let them know that the grass needs to be cut as they adopted the sign.

Councilman Bishop asked when and where the Council plans to hold their annual Christmas Dinner. Mayor Hough advised that it will be December 7th at 6:30 at the Ranch House.

Mr. Jackson advised that he put in his weekly update information regarding the Facilities Committee recommendation to all tents or the upcoming Mount Hollydays event. It was the consensus of the Council to support the recommendation of the Facilities Committee.

Mayor Hough asked Council to check their calendars to determine a date for the Retreat. He advised that the dates have been narrowed down to either February 3rd—5th or February 17th—19th at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro.

Councilman Moore reported that the Beautification Committee will be redoing the planter's downtown on Saturday and invited everyone to come and help.

Councilman Hope commented that he doesn't think it is the Cities responsibility to furnish power to the reports and thinks that the reporter that sits on the floor in the front of the room should not be allowed to do so.

8. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the October 25, 2010 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.