City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2011
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, Police Chief
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	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Director of Planning and Development

Invocation
Councilman Moore led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda
Mayor Hough advised that *Item #3, Discussion of Resolution for Public Housing* needs to be removed from the agenda. He then asked for additional changes. With none stated Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present, voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion of Signage and Branding for Parks and Recreation
Mr. Smith explained that the Recreation Commission has been discussing a new park entry sign and other identifying signs in the City. They have made a recommendation to come before Council to request that the Recreation Department work in conjunction with the City's Brand and Design Firm to formulate signage that would coordinate and compliment the new City signage. The thought process behind moving forward with this process now is to allow for a speedier process and cost saving for the City. Councilman Hope questioned the $16,300 the design firm is going to charge the City to recreate what they are currently under contract for with the City. It was the consensus of Council to discuss this issue further at the next Council meeting.

Award Bid for the Engineering Portion of the CDBG Grant Project
Mr. Jackson reported that it is time to move forward with awarding the bid for the engineering portion of the Community Development Block Grant project for the River Street

Park Area. Mr. Jackson advised that Staff recommends US Infrastructure for the Engineering portion of the CDBG project.

Discussion of Backflow Letter

Mr. Friday presented the proposed letter to the City Council that the Utility Department intends to send out to water customers regarding water protection and backflow device installation. He advised that the information in the letter is State requirements. The City Council reviewed that letter and had concerns with sending it out to the citizens. It was the consensus of the Council to put the information on the front page of the November newsletter instead of sending the letter to each water customer.

Discussion of the Council Retreat Location

It was the consensus of Council to go to the Crown Plaza in Hickory for their annual retreat.

Discussion of the Date and Location of the Council Holiday Dinner

It was the consensus of Council to make reservations at the Woodshed for December 5^{th} for the annual Council Christmas Dinner.

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5)). Councilman Toomey 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)**

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the October 24, 2011 Council work session meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.