

**City of Mount Holly
Special Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2010
Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Hough called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Amy Miller, City Clerk
Councilman Jim Hope	
Councilman Perry Toomey	
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	
Councilman David Moore	
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

Councilman Toomey led the Council and staff in prayer.

Set the Agenda

Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor.

Discussion of the MOU for Greenways

Mayor Hough advised that the meeting was called to further discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Foundation regarding greenways. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare asked the City Attorney for clarification to some of the items listed in the MOU. She advised that she does not agree with the MOU because she feels that Mount Holly citizens should not have to pay for greenways. She emphasized that nowhere in the MOU is the issue of maintenance addressed or does it say that the City will not be constructing greenways. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that the citizens of Mount Holly should get a vote on this issue just as they did with the Linear Park. Councilman Bishop commented that before the City commits to applying for any grants for the construction of greenways he would like for the Foundation to provide documentation that any matching grant funds are available and not in the form of pledges. At this time there was further discussion regarding the role of Council when it comes to issues of this nature. Councilman Hope advised that the Council is elected by the citizens to make this type decision. Mayor Hough advised that the Council voted in an open meeting back in 2008 to support greenways. He does not understand what has changed. Councilman

Brookshire made motion to table this of discussion until the next week at the Council work Session Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Discussion of A & E Greenway Easement

There was discussion among the Council regarding the proposed A & E Greenway Easement. The main concern regarding the proposed easement was the placement of the fence in that area. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare asked about the responsibility of maintenance for the fence. At this time, there was further discussion regarding the fence and the timeframe of the easement. Council directed Mr. Michael to negotiate the 10 year timeframe with A & E and bring the document back to them at a future meeting.

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

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Brookshire 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.

Other Discussion

Council agreed that the Annual Council Christmas Dinner will be on December 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ranch House.

Council agreed to cancel the December work session.

Council agreed that the Annual Council Retreat would be either February 3rd-5th or February 17th-19th 2011 at the Grandover Resort. They directed Ms. Miller to check the availability of the Resort and report back.

Mayor Hough appointed Councilmen Hope, Moore and Toomey to a Committee to chose the Employee of the Year.

Mayor Hough appointed Councilman Moore as the Chairman of the Beautification Committee.

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the October 18, 2010 Special Meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.