

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, October 10, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Miles Braswell, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris	Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Ivory Craig	Brian Reagan, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Jonathan Wilson, Director of Utilities
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Kemp Michael, Assistant City Attorney	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Invocation

Reverend Mark Massey, Pastor at True Light Tabernacle led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment for Merit Program Consultant
2. Approval of Liens for Weeds and Grass
 - 433 Meller Street
 - 207 Mauney Street
 - 115 Globe Street
 - 202 Howard Street
3. Call for a Public Hearing for Financing on the Powell Bill Project
4. Approval of a Proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month
5. Approval of a Proclamation recognizing October 9-15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week
6. Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2022 Council Work Session Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a change to the September 26 minutes. She advised that the last person to speak was Billy Luckey not Lurky. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the minutes. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Proclamation for Mount Holly's Business Appreciation Week

Mayor Hough recognized the Mount Holly businesses and presented a proclamation naming October 10-14 Business Appreciation Week in the City of Mount Holly.
2. Presentation of a Resolution recognizing Edith Jane Reid as the last living teacher associated with Rollins Elementary

Mayor Hough presented Ms. Reid with the resolution celebrating her birthday and recognizing her for being the last living teacher from Rollins Elementary School. Family members were present with her to celebrate the occasion.

3. Presentation by the Tourism Development Authority

Ms. Ineke Wilson, Chair of the Tourism Development Authority gave an update on the projects that the TDA has been working on. She presented promotional videos that have been produced that highlight the things Mount Holly has to offer. Ms. Wilson advised that the TDA has also given grants to several organizations within the city that help promote tourism. These grants include help with funding the events the city has planned for the Holiday season, *Miracle on Main* and will include billboards along Interstate 85. After the presentation, Councilman Meadows suggested doing a video highlighting the nonprofits in the city.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to consider rezoning a 1.06-acre tract of land, owned by the City of Mount Holly and located at 14 Caldwell Drive, Parcel ID # 184762, from RA Residential Agriculture to B-3 General Business South Gateway Overlay District

Mr. Beal advised that this is a corrective measure for a rezoning error. Approval will keep the adjacent property owners from having buffers around the areas that the city has water towers. He advised that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to enter into a public hearing to consider rezoning a 1.06-acre tract of land, owned by the City of Mount Holly and located at 14 Caldwell Drive, Parcel ID # 184762, from RA Residential Agriculture to B-3 General Business South Gateway Overlay District. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) With no one signed up to speak Council Meadows made a motion to come out of the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

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2. Public hearing to consider a proposed text amendment, as submitted by City staff, to Article 12 in the Zoning Ordinance, to include the authorization of Watershed Density Averaging Credits, as a recently-approved duty of the Mount Holly Board of Adjustment

Mr. Beal advised that this is simply a housekeeping item now that the City adopted watershed averaging credits at the September 12th meeting.

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3. Public Hearing for Traffic Control Devices at East Catawba and Lowe Street

Mr. Beal advised that the city has received complaints regarding the Airbnb located in the area and the issue of parking on the street. If approved no parking signs will be installed and therefore parking along the street will not be allowed. the home was turned into single family.

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to enter into a public hearing to consider for traffic control devices at East Catawba and Lowe Street. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council

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Mayor Hough advised that if approved, cars parked along the roadside can be reported to the Police Department and be towed. Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the traffic control devices at East Catawba and Lowe Street. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

No one was signed up to speak at public comment

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Architectural Funds for Historical Society

Mr. DuPont advised that staff is recommending a change of scope for the budgeted Architectural Funds in the amount of \$85,000 for the property located at 131 North Main which currently houses the Historical Society. If approved the budgeted funds will include a facilities assessment to be done of the property. An old city hall facilities committee will be formed and made up of the 1 member from the Historical Society Board, 2 Council Members, 4 citizens and 5 staff members. Mayor Hough advised that the committee will be a Mayoral Committee and Richard Brown will be the representative from the Historical Society. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the transfer of the funds from architectural to facilities assessment. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval for Relocation of 147 E. Catawba Avenue

Mr. DuPont presented options regarding the structure on the property located at 147 E. Catawba Avenue. The first 2 option presented included the city relocating the dwelling to a different parcel of property. The 3rd option was to hire an auctioneer or go through the upset bid process and sell the dwelling for relocation at the expense of the purchaser. He advised that option 3 would be the least expense to the City and is therefore the recommendation of staff. He advised that if the dwelling did on sell at an auction or upset bid process then the city would demolish. It was the consensus of Council to discuss these options further at the October work session meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3, 4 and 5)

Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3, 4 and 5) at 7:29pm. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session at 8:13pm. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

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

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the October 10, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)
The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.