

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2018
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

Call to Order

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

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Assistant Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

Dr. Clayton Burch the Pastor at Goshen Free Will Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Call for Public Hearing to Repeal Residential Design Standards
2. Approval of Selection of Zoning Board of Adjustment members
3. Final Plat Approval of Imagery on Mountain Island Phase 1, Maps 5-8.
4. Approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Council Meeting
5. Approval of the minutes of the September 24, 2018 Work Session Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of the 2018 Mount Holly Community Impact Fund Grant Recipients *Reeves McGlohan*
Mr. McGlohan was present to award the 2018 Community Impact Fund Grants. He awarded the City with a \$3000 grant for the Greenway Event and \$1500 for the Art's Event. The Farmer's Market was awarded \$2900 for the Trellis Project and the Community Garden was awarded \$2500 for their Mural and Sign Project.
2. Presentation of the Veteran's Healing Garden Grant
Mr. Lee and Ms. Brinkley were present to thank everyone for voting for the Veteran's Healing Garden Grant. Mr. Lee advised that the Healing Garden made the top 10 in votes but the amount of grant money has not been announced yet.
3. Gaston County CLT Airport Connected Economic Positioning Strategy
Mr. Cramer with the GGDC came before the Council to seeking support for the Gaston County CLT Airport Connected Economic Positioning Strategy. The Strategy has been completed and approved. Mr. Cramer presented a power point and executive summary to the City Council. He advised that Charlotte's airport generates 16 billion dollars per year. The strategy will help us

understand the ways that Gaston County can indirectly impact on some of those funds. There was discussion in regard to the extension of the light rail into Gaston County. The key outcomes of the Gaston County CLT Airport Connected Economic Positioning Strategy are recognized as the following:

County Wide Economic Strategy

Support and Buying in Gaston County

Broader Scope of Economic Recruitment

Mass Transit (which overall allows us to make our own vision as it relates to the airport)

At this time, Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to endorse the Gaston County CLT Airport Connected Economic Positioning Strategy. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Continued Public Hearing to Amend Article 9, *Signs* of the Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Wilson advised that staff has done additional research and bringing this forward to clarify the type of temporary signs that are allowed to be placed in yards. Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment.

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to open the public hearing to Amend Article 9, *Signs* of the Zoning Ordinance. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) With no one signed up to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows made a motion to Amend Article 9, *Signs* of the Zoning Ordinance. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Public Hearing for a Text Amendment to the Downtown Development Manual for Painting of Commercial Buildings

Mr. DuPont advised that the information regarding the proposed text amendments was provided as part of the agenda packet. He advised the Planning Commission voted to approve the proposed changes.

At this time Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to open the public hearing for a Text Amendment to the Downtown Development Manual for Painting of Commercial Buildings. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) With no one signed up to speak, Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

There was discussion in regard to restricting certain colors for the downtown buildings. Mr. DuPont clarified that Staff would have the authority to stop anything that clashes with the consistence of downtown. Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the Text Amendment to the Downtown Development Manual for Painting of Commercial Buildings leaving staff the authority to keep consistency with the existing downtown façade. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Public Hearing to Amend Section 5.20 Commercial Design Standards

Mr. Beal advised that the Fairfield Inn and Suites had a conflict with what was approved a few months ago related to the EIFS Stucco. The Planning Commission agreed unanimously to approve the proposed amendment.

At this time Councilman Moore made a motion to open the public hearing for comments on a Amend Section 5.20 Commercial Design Standards. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Meadows made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows made a motion to Amend Section 5.20 Commercial Design Standards. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit – No Sign ups

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the Property/Zoning of the Street and Solid Waste Property

Mr. Beal advised that staff is asking for direction for zoning of the Streets and Solid Waste Property. If we want conditional, then we need to come back at the work session. Councilman Meadows advised that he supports conditional rezoning and Councilman Moore agreed that it makes the most sense. Council gave Staff direction to come back at the work session with conditional use options.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5). Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 8:15 p.m. Closed session begins 8:20 pm after 5 minute break.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 9:38 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made the motion to adjourn the October 9, 2018 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.