

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
October 8, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR PRO-TEM

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Hope. The following were present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hope	City Manager David Kraus
Councilman Bryan Hough	Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Police Chief Ricky Davis
Councilman Michael Helms	Streets and Solid Waste Director Mike Santmire
Councilman Frank McLean	Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	Fire Chief John Ekiatis
City Attorney Kemp Michael	Utilities Director Don Price

The Invocation was lead by Councilman McLean.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – Leaf Pick Up.

Streets and Solid Waste Director Santmire gave Council a background of last year's stats for leaf pick-up. For this year he stated that the city will be broken into 10 zones and leaves will be vacuumed 2 days per month in each zone. This will cause those who do not bag their leaves to get theirs picked up once a month. Those who bag their leaves will have theirs picked up on their regular trash pick up day.

Director Santmire also stated that he would like to recommend that the City buy 15,000 bags and then give them to the citizens to get the ball rolling on bagging leaves. He also stated that we could sell the bags for about cost if Council chose to do that.

Councilman Helms **MOVED** to purchase 15,000 bags and to sell them to the public for 10 cents a bag. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Item # 2 on the Agenda – Drought Management.

Utilities Director Price passed out a Drought Management Plan Matrix to members of Council. The matrix had four levels of restrictions: Voluntary, Education, Mandatory, and Penalty. The different phases are based on the levels of Mountain Island Lake.

Item #3 on the agenda – Water System Issues.

City Manager Kraus talked to council about the drought, East Gaston Project engineering, and A&E putting a water tank on their property. He said this is for information and would be talked about more at the retreat.

Item #4 on the agenda – Parks & Recreation.

Robin Starnes informed Council about our need to maintain the parks that were paid for through PARTF funds. These parks are Riverstreet, Woodlawn, and Central. The state will allow us to change the site plans so that we will not have to keep the parks exactly as they were built.

Mark Jusko addressed Council on the possibility of putting a water diversion barrier on Sports Lane to control runoff and speed. Councilman Hough asked about the cost and City Manager Kraus stated that we do not have an estimate, but it could be paid for out of Powell Bill money.

City Manager Kraus spoke out the Fitness Center and asked Council if the city could convert the free membership of employee/spouse to employee/family. Mayor Pro-Tem Hope stated that it should be family as long as the family is in the same household.

Item #5 on the agenda – Downtown Study Report.

City Manager Kraus passed out the downtown study report for Council to take home and read for discussion at a later time. He stated that Judi Simac will be at the next work session to discuss the report. Councilman Hough stated that he would like to see her scope to service contract.

Item #6 on the agenda – Planning Issues

Planning Director Jackson asked Council for specific direction on any issue that Council would like address in the near future. Mayor Pro-Tem Hope stated that on most issues, Council needs specific staff recommendations. Mr. Jackson stated that he will have some recommendations on specific issues in the next several months.

Round Table:

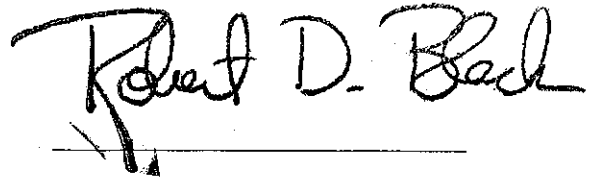
The retreat is scheduled for September 26, 2002 from 4:00 p.m. until. Mayor Black asked if any Councilmember had any agenda items for the retreat that they get them to the City Manager as soon as possible.

Phil Morgan from the YMCA updated the Council on the progress of YMCA Drive construction. He stated that the project is 99% complete and the fence is the only thing left to do. He asked Council to consider accepting the road as a City Road upon the road being certified by an engineer.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** for adjournment at 8:30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helms and passed with no objections.



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