

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
October 2, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLean. The following were present:

Mayor Frank McLean	City Manager David Kraus
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Black	Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey
Councilman Michael Helms	Deputy Public Works Director Jeff Fritts
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
Councilman Jim Hope	Fire Chief John Ekiatis
Councilman Bryan Hough	Parks & Recreation Director Zip Stowe
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	Police Chief Ricky Davis
City Attorney Kemp Michael	

The Invocation was lead by Mayor McLean.

City Manager Kraus stated that he had three items to add to the agenda: Mike Wolfe to discuss impact fees, emergency preparedness and flag poles at Tuckaseege Park.

Councilman Helms **MOVED** that the Council accept the agenda as amended.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – Public Hearing on New Fire station.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** that Council come out of City Council meeting and go into Public Hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Black seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Administrative Services Officer Guffey stated that the City is planning on financing the entire \$1.5 million for the new fire station. After talking with several banks and lending institutions, BB&T was awarded the financing contract. Council will need to pass a resolution to that fact at Monday nights meeting.

Mayor McLean asked if any one in the audience would like to speak on the financing of the new station. No one was present to speak. Upon that Councilman Hough **MOVED** that the Council return to City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard and passed with all in favor.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** that Council vote that the cause for the new fire station is necessary and that financing is to be with BB&T. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with all in favor.

Item # 2 on the Agenda – Impact Fees.

Mike Wolf of W.K. Dickson continued his discussion of impact fees from last month's work session. Mr. Wolf passed out information to Council on how other cities handle their impact fees. The cities that he compared Mount Holly to all use a similar method to calculate impact fees. Council decided to table this until a later date.

Item #3 on the Agenda – Tailrace Park.

City Manager Kraus gave Council a brief history of what is going on with the park. When the City went to bid on the construction of the trail, the low bid was not a license contractor. This was not known until the City Attorney started to work on a contract with the low bidder. The City's concern is if the work is done by a non-licensed contractor, then the City assumes liability for work that is not done properly. If the City rebids the project, work can not start for at least another month and a half. The project must be completed by June or the City loses the State grant money that it received.

Recreation Director Stowe stated that he had contacted the State, and they have informed him that the City may be able to transfer the grant to the proposed City/County park near the Riverbend Steam Station. Councilwoman Harris asked why the City would want to transfer the money to the new park. Recreation Director Stowe stated that Water and Sewer is already on the property and since this project is within City limits, it will aid in Police protection. Police Chief Davis stated that he did have some concerns about Tailrace Park being outside City limits. Councilman Hope stated that to him, we have three options: rebid the project, do it ourselves, or go with the second lowest bidder. Councilwoman Harris said that she would recommend going with the second lowest bidder.

Councilman Hope **MOVED** that the City award the bid for Tailrace Park to the second lowest bidder. Mayor Pro-Tem Black seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Item #4 on the Agenda – Contract with Lucia Riverbend Volunteer Fire Department.

City Manager Kraus stated that at this time staff would like to break the contract with Lucia Riverbend Volunteer Fire Department as allowed in the contract with a one year notice. He stated that this will give the City one year to prepare to take on fire services in the northern part of the City.

Councilman Hope **MOVED** to terminate the Fire Service Agreement with Lucia Riverbend Volunteer Fire Department effective October 3, 2002. Councilman Helms seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** for adjournment at 8:46. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Black and passed with no objections.



City Clerk



Mayor