

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2011
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey—absent	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Director of Planning and Development

Invocation

Councilman Moore led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that Councilman Toomey's mother-in-law passed away and therefore Councilman Toomey is unable to attend tonight. With no changes to the agenda Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present, voted in favor. The motion passed.

AGENDA

Presentation from Harvest Time Church regarding a Community Outreach Program

No one showed up to represent Harvest Time Church.

Approval of a Lease Agreement for a portion of the Mount Holly Municipal Complex

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the lease agreement for a portion of the Mount Holly Municipal Complex. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor.

Presentation of Official Traffic Map

Mr. Butler with the Planning Department presented that official Mount Holly Traffic Map to the Council. He advised that the City Code and the North Carolina General Statutes require the adoption of an Official City Traffic Map. It was the consensus of the Council to add this item to the consent agenda for the October meeting,

Discussion of revisions to Chapter 13 “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” Article 6 “Abandoned, Nuisance and Junked Motor Vehicles”

Mr. Wilson explained that it recently came to their attention that Mount Holly Code is not up to date with the North Carolina General Statutes regarding junk vehicles. There was discussion regarding the car covers versus tarps and the color of such covers and regulating the color of the car covers to earth tones. Council directed Staff to look into the proposed revisions and bring this back before Council at the October meeting.

Discussion of the Annexation Agreement with Crescent Industries

Mr. Beal advised that the information regarding the annexation is included with their packets. Council agreed to rezone this property pending annexation approval. Council agreed to add this item to the consent agenda for approval at the October meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Phase II of the Linear Park Project

Mr. Beal advised that while waiting on final approval from CSX regarding the Linear Park Construction Agreement he and Mr. Cooke have been looking into the Phase II of the project. Mr. Beal advised that they are seeking direction from Council regarding Phase II. It was the consensus of the Council that Phase II remain consistent with Phase I of the project.

Update on Stormwater Issues

Ms. Hagood reported on the stormwater projects that are pending. She advised that she has had at least 50 stormwater issues that have been brought to her attention since the rainfall event that took place on August 5th. She explained that storm drainage is designed to handle 3 inches of water, the rainfall event that recently took place dumped at least 7 inches of rain on Mount Holly in less than 2 hours. There was discussion on the funds being spent on the projects as well as the education side to stormwater. The Council agreed that educating the citizens is a very important piece of stormwater and very much supported the educational aspect.

Discussion of Public Works Facility Site

Councilman Hope asked for direction from Council regarding the new developments with the Public Works facility site. Council agreed the city should move forward with pricing option with A and E in regard to the Adrian Medora Mill property. Council directed Mr. Jackson to set up a meeting between himself, Mayor Hough and Councilman Hope and the key players from American and Efrid to further discuss the property.

Discussion of Date and Location of the 2012 Council Retreat

It was the consensus of Council to hold the Annual Council Retreat on February 2nd-4th 2012. Going around the table Councilman Moore, Bishop and Mayor Pro Tem Breyare preferred going out of town. Councilmen Toomey and Hope advised that they would like to stay local but would support the group. Therefore the majority of the Council agreed to go out of town,. The Council directed Ms. Miller to provide 2 locations for the Council to choose from.

At this time the Mayor asked for comments from Council.

Councilman Bishop asked for an update from the Utility Committee. Mayor Hough advised that he spoke with Barry Gullet last week. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Friday are scheduled to

meet with him October 10th. Councilman Bishop added that he would like to compliment Staff on 2 huge accomplishments; the Agreement with CSX and the Lease Agreement.

Councilman Moore asked if the lighting at Tuck Park could stay on longer due to the shorter daylight hours.

Mr. Jackson congratulated Staff on a job well done list week while he was out of town.

Mayor Hough advised that traffic control on Highway 27 needs to be increased while Central Avenue is temporarily closed stating tomorrow.

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the September 26, 2011 Council work session meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

(Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.