

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Location: Council Chambers

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Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2019
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 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	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Councilman David Moore	Tony Walker, Street and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Don Roper, Police Chief
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Planning Director
	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

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

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

Release of Performance Bond for Dutchman's Ridge

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)

AGENDA

1. Presentation of Downtown Commerce

Mr. Jonathan Todd came before Council to share his concerns in regard to the downward slide in business during Summer Concert Series. He advised that the Food Truck Friday events have a huge increase in sales with the big headliner bands but the concert series is a huge decrease in business. Mr. Todd requested that Council look into fewer Concert Series Events and adjust the times. Also reconsider the band choices and have food trucks at all

downtown summer events. It was the consensus of Council to charge the Special Events Committee with looking into this request and bring bac a recommendation at the next meeting,

2. Discussion of proposed Training Facility

Chief Roper advised that Mount Holly is one of the few Police Departments in Gaston County that does not have their own training facility. Chief Roper advised that that management staff started looking for a solution and identified a property with on Mountain Island Road. Deputy Chief Reagan advised that the parcel identified is a 14 acre tract but the facility would only need approximately 4 acres. He explained that there would be a K-9 agility course currently there and that he has preformed sound testing and it was minimal. Deputy Chief Reagan advised that this would have no impact on the current budget as the facility will be paid for with asset forfeiture funds. Captain Sisk presented Council with pictures of the proposed facility and explained that the facility is required to meet State Firearms Standards. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the proposed Police Training Facility. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Consideration and Approval of Crosswalk Creations/Pavement Art Program

Mr. Braswell advised that he made the proposed changes to the guidelines for the Crosswalk Creations/Pavement Art Program as recommended at the last meeting. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the Crosswalk Creations/Pavement Art Program. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Discussion/Update on Park Bond

McAdams

McAdams came before the Council to with proposed options on the Parks and Recreation Bonds. There was discussion regarding each option and the need for a gym, ball fields, a splash pad and an amphitheatre. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with option 1 and come back to Council with more detailed information to move forward with the decision regarding the Parks and Recreation Bond decision.

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

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5). Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 7:15 p.m.

There was no action taken during closed session.

6. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman McCorkle made the motion to adjourn the September 23, 2019 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.