

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020
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 David Moore	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

Taylor Vancil, Minister of Music of First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem David Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that there are no changes to the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem 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. Approval of Budget Amendment
 - Tourism Development Authority (2021 Gaston Outside)
 - COVID 19 CARES Funding
2. Approval of a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property
3. Approval of McAdams for the Greenway Corridor Surveying
4. Approval of the minutes of the March 30, 2020 Special Meeting
5. Approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2020 Special Meeting
6. Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2020 Special Meeting

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Matt Vanderlan, 117 Riverfront Parkway—Mr. Vanderlan came before Council to ask for help controlling traffic in the Riverfront community. He spoke out against adding speed humps to the neighborhood stating that he has friends in public safety and they have advised that humps because they are not good for getting in and out of neighborhoods during an emergency situation. He asked for a more creative way/design such as the red light that flashed when speeding.

Kelvin Smith, 284 Riverfront Parkway—Mr. Smith commented that he is here on behalf of his 5 year old son and the rest of the kids on the neighborhood. He advised that cars are driving much too fast and he would like to see approximately six (6) speed humps installed to increase the safety. He advised that a few small humps would slow people down and would not hurt the suspension in vehicles.

Josh McClure, 121 Steamboat Drive—Mr. McClure advised that the installation of three (3) to four (4) speed humps in Riverfront would cause a delay of approximately 18 seconds per hump and increase the safety for the kids in the neighborhood.

ReGina Fazenbaker, 125 Huckleberry Lane—Ms. Fazenbaker commented that the HOA in Riverfront is in support of traffic control and is looking to the city for traffic control options. She advised that she has a personal aspect about the situation as her brother was hit by a truck at a young age. She further advised that there are also bicyclist and street parking in their neighborhood. She asked Council take all this into consideration when exploring options

Matt Chandler, 401 Riverfront Park—Mr. Chandler commented that he is neither for nor against the speed hump idea however his main concern is to slow down the speeding traffic as he has children and does not feel secure about their safety.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Status of Reopening of the Park Facilities

Mr. Jackson advised that he is seeking input from Council in regard to reopening park facilities. He advised that the City needs to uphold the regulations set forth by Governor Cooper but could choose more stringent regulations. Councilman Meadows advised that he is under the opinion that facilities can start opening safely. Mayor Pro Tem Moore agreed and commented that the City needs to start opening back up. Mayor Hough commented that the City should not be stricter with regulation then the Governor but should encourage people to wear masks and social distance. Me. Jackson advised that there would be cleaning protocol to go along with opening back up.

2. Consideration of Traffic Control Request in Riverfront

Mr. DuPont advised that a Traffic Control Request Policy and Application process was approved earlier this year. He advised that Staff received an application and staff has been conducting the preliminary review as outlined on the policy. He advised that the traffic control request specifically targeted Steamboat Drive and Riverfront Parkway in Riverfront neighborhood. Mr. DuPont advised that the Police Department conducted a traffic study from July 9, 2020-August 12, 2020. Mr. DuPont reported that the speed limit in the neighborhood is 25 MPH. The study showed the average speed being 28.95 MPH with the highest recorded speed of 45 MPH. Council discussed possible option such as 4 way stops and speed humps therefore leading to the consensus of Council to hold a public hearing at the October meeting and have staff bring forth a recommendation.

3. Discussion of Pavement Management Plan

Mr. DuPont advised that the Planning Department and the Streets Department has been working with Kimley Horne and Associates to develop a Pavement Management Plan. The pavement management plan provides a scoring survey that will determine a resurfacing plan on priority of need. He advised that currently the City's Powell Bill Fund covers a lot of the road maintenance costs. The PMP would take the road conditions of the city to the next level based on need and budgeting options from the city. Mayor Hough thanked staff and consultants for their work on this plan and advised that the city should maintain status quo until after COVID and then revisit.

4. Consideration of the Carolina Thread Trail Grant

Mr. DuPont advised that he is seeking approval from Council to move forward with the Carolina Thread Trail Grant application. He advised that if approved there is no required matching funds from the City. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve moving forward with the Carolina Thread Trail Grant Application. Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3, 5 and 6)

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3, 5 and 6). Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 7:42 p.m.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to return to open session. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

The time was 8:23 p.m.

Mayor Hough advised there was no action taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the September 14, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.