

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
September 5, 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 Councilman Hope.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – Impact Fees.

Mike Wolf of W.K. Dickson addressed the Council on his firm's development of Impact Fees for the City of Mount Holly. Mr. Wolf stated that this is really an availability fee and that it should be used for expansion of the water and waste water treatment plants. He stated that the fees charges both an inside and outside rate and that the fee is based on the size of the meter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Black asked what the next step would be. City Manager Kraus stated that Council can adopt a fee ordinance or they can call for a Public Hearing. Council asked Mr. Wolf to get a report on how other cities handle this topic and the decision was tabled to the next work session.

Item #2 on the Agenda – Economic Development.

Donnie Hicks of the Gaston County Economic Development Commission was unable to attend the meeting and therefore the discussion will be moved to another night.

There was then a temporary recess at 7:23 for a joint session with the Planning Commission.

City Council was then reconvened at 7:55.

Item #3 on the Agenda – Employee Assistance Program.

Administrative Services Officer Guffey addressed Council about the need to start and Employee Assistance Program. He stated that the City had contacted Pathways in Gastonia to check into the possibility of that organization performing this function for the City. Councilman Hough suggested that the City check with its insurance agent to see if our insurance carriers offer any type of services. Council decided to table this until a later date.

Draft Agenda Items.

New Business # 1 & 2 – Freightliner Annexation.

City Manager Kraus stated that Freightliner wishes to purchase 10 acres that are adjacent to its plant from Crescent Resources. They wish to have this annexed into the City. There will be no building on this land, it is to help meet the maximum of 24% built upon are required by the watershed regulations. Councilman Hope stated that he did not feel that the City should waive the annexation fee. The remainder of the Council agreed, and the fee was set at \$2,000.

Councilman Helms **MOVED** to advertise for upset bids for the West Henry Street Property. Councilman Hope seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** that Council set a Public Hearing for October 2, 2001 on the financing of the new headquarters fire station. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with no objections.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** for adjournment at 8:47. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with no objections.



City Clerk



Mayor