

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
[Monday, August 27, 2012
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 David Moore	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Director of Planning and Development

Invocation

Councilwoman Breyare led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that Phillip Butts name needs to be added to the TDA discussion and a closed session needs to be added to the agenda. With no additional changes, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor.

1. Presentation from the Catawba River District

Ms. Edna Chirco came before the City Council to present the goals and accomplishments of the Catawba River District and ask for a letter of support from the Council for their accomplishments. Ms. Chirco explained that the CRD has taken a role in promoting and creating environmental education opportunities. She spoke to the educational programs and asked the City Council to consider a letter of endorsement for the CRD.

2. Presentation from the Tourism Development Authority

Wendy Foster and Phillip Butts came before Council to request support for the filming of an episode of Life in the Carolinas. They advised that the show will premiere every reason to visit Mount Holly. They advised that they are hoping for cooperate donations to cover the cost of the

episode. They added that the episode could air as many as 5 times. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion for the TDA to work with Staff and move forward with the Life in the Carolina's episode. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Consideration and Approval of 2012 Street Improvements

Councilman Toomey made a motion to award the 2012 street improvement contract to the low bidder, Blythe Construction in the amount of \$225,267. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Discussion of Amendments to the Grand Hall Rental Policy

Mr. Jackson advised that staff has been reviewing the Grand Hall Rental Policy and for clarification he would like for staff to be solely in charge of administering the policy as well as making some needed changes. Mr. Jackson added that he would keep Council updated on any changes made to the policy. Councilman Gowen made a motion to allow changes and administration to the Grand Hall Rental Policy at Staff level. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

5. Discussion of Ongoing City Projects

Future Public Works Facility—Councilman Hope commented that the discussion of the location for a public works facility has been going on for 10 years. He advised that Council needs to make a final decision and move forward with the decision whether it is the A and E property or a totally new facility. Mayor Hough advised that Council needs to be prepared to make a final decision regarding the location of a Public Works Facility at the next Council meeting.

North Fire Station—There was nothing new to report.

Waste Treatment Facility—Mr. Jackson reported that the waste treatment option have come down to CMUD and doing it ourselves. He advised that the Utility Committee will be meeting and he will bring a recommendation back to Council.

6. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5)*)

At this time Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5). Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to come out of closed session. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

Mayor Hough advised that there was no action taken during closed session.

At this time, Mayor Hough went around the table.

Councilman Toomey asked for an update on the Business Park. Mr. Jackson advised that he would include as part of the weekly update.

Councilman Toomey asked about the status of the Greenway. Mayor Hough advised that he will send the Council the latest email that he has received in that regard.

Councilwoman Breyare asked about the status of the City website. Mr. Jackson advised that staff is currently entertaining a new contract for web design.

Councilwoman Breyare commented that the annex has been sitting empty for several years now and Council needs to make a decision as to what they want to do with it.

Mr. Jackson took the opportunity to wish Mr. Michael a happy birthday.

7. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hope made the motion to adjourn the August 27, 2012 Council work session meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.
(Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.