

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JOINT WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Mayor Hough called the Joint Meeting between the City Council and the Recreation Commission to order at 6:30p.m. He welcomed the members of the Recreation Commission.

Invocation

Councilman Gowen 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. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

1. Proceeds from the ABC Store

Mayor Hough advised that at the Council Retreat in January, Council discussed putting the proceeds from the ABC Store into the Recreation Fund. Mayor Hough explained that the ABC Store has recently paid off their building and become debt free. Therefore any excess revenue will now come to the City. There was discussion between the Council and the Recreation Commission regarding the funds. It was the consensus of the Council for the staff to come back with a recommendation regarding the potential funds. The comment was made the funds need to go toward a designated project within Recreation. There was also comments made regarding revenue that is being taken away by the State and some of the ABC funds may be needed to fill those slots.

2. Property acquisition

Mr. Jackson advised that the Glendale Ave Park study was included in their documents. He further advised that he is looking for direction regarding the potential park. Council agreed that it would make a very nice neighborhood park and directed the City Manager and City Attorney to move forward with negotiation for the purchase of the property. Councilman Gowen suggested looking into a special needs park as there are grants and funding available for parks that concentrate on special needs children.

3. Programs

The Council and the Recreation Commission Programs discussed programs that they would like to see offered through the Recreation Department. There was discussion of offering programs that are geared toward kids that are not athletic. It was also discussed that after kids age out of Recreation ball and do not move into high school ball there is nowhere else for them to play. Staff directive was given to talk with the Optimist about partnering with them and some of their programs. Mr. Jackson advised that the City has made attempts to talk to the Optimist Club in the past but the Optimist have

never been able to share their financial statements with the City and therefore a partnership cannot be formed until the financials are made available.

4. Naming Rights/Memorials

It was the consensus that staff come up with criteria regarding memorials and naming rights and brings back to the council in a future meeting.

5. Strategic Vision Plan

It was the consensus that the parks should be included as part of the Strategic Visioning Plan.

6. Open Discussion

At this time Mayor Hough went around the table and gave everyone an opportunity to speak. The meeting ended with everyone being glad they two groups coming together to discuss issues. Comments were also made the Recreation is one of the City's biggest economic drivers and that the future of the City is going to depend on our Youth.

7. Adjournment

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the July 28, 2014 Joint Meeting between the Council and the Recreation Commission. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.