City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2011
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order
Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brooke Lopez with Kemp Michaels Office	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

Invocation
Councilman Toomey led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda
Mayor Hough added the following item to the agenda: as part of item #1 and Gaston Regional Chamber and added item #10 Contract Price for Linear Park from Bell Construction. With no additional changes Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present, voted in favor. The motion passed.

1. Discussion of Proposal from Montcross Chamber of Commerce and Gaston Regional Chamber

Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into an agreement with Gaston Regional Chamber for the amount of $3000 a year for the services given to Mount Holly. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

2. Consideration and Approval of the Conditional Use Re-Zoning for 128.7 acre parcel for Crescent Industries

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the conditional use rezoning request from Crescent Industries for a 128.7 acre parcel from R-1 to Conditional Use contingent upon the annexation request approval. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

At this time, Mr. Beal advised that it is customary to ask the petitioner if they agree upon the conditions set forth in the rezoning approval. The petitioner agreed.

3. Discussion of Marketing Plan for a Branding Logo

Councilman Bishop made a motion to proceed forward with the Economic Development Committee recommendation to contract with American Classic Signs for all three (3) phases of the Branding Logo Project. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Consideration and Approval of the Agreement with CSX regarding the Linear Park Project

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agreement with CSX regarding the Linear Park Project. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

5. Consideration and Approval of Business Incentive Grant Application

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the business incentive grant application for Caravan Coffee in the amount of $12,500 and for Backwoods Restaurant for the amount of $15,000. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

6. Discussion of Incentive Program to Finance Grease Traps for Restaurants located within the City Limits

Mr. Friday explained that the purpose of the proposed incentive program regarding City assistance in the financing aspect for the installation of grease traps is to help the local restaurants/businesses to comply with the recently adopted FOG Ordinance. He advised that the application was sent to the City Attorney for his comments. There was discussion regarding recouping funds if the business were close and the number of restaurants in the City that would need modifications to comply with the FOG Ordinance. It was the direction of the City Council for Staff to look into these questions further and bring the proposal back before the Council at the next meeting.

7. Update on the Public Works Facility Site

Councilman Hope advised that the Construction Committee is continuing to work diligently on the Public Works Facility site. He advised that he wants the Council to have firm budget numbers before making a final decision. Councilman Hope further advised that he has estimated it will costs between $125,000 and $161,000 to have the site shovel ready. It was the consensus of the Council to continue to move forward with the project and the preparation of the site. Councilman Hope advised that he would have bids for site preparation at the next meeting.

8. Update on Downtown Parking Area Proposal

Councilman Hope explained that the Construction Committee has been dealing with the parking area located behind the Eden Group Property. He advised that it has been estimated it will cost the City approximately $40,000 to up fit the parking area and approximately $70,000 to totally redo. He further advised that the City has been offered the opportunity to purchase this property and it is his opinion that Council should move forward with the purchase. Council agreed to discuss a contract to purchase during closed session.

9. Discussion of Uses for the Annex at the Old City Hall

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that the Facilities Committee briefly discussed options for the use of the annex of the old city hall. She advised that she feels it is time for the City to move forward with a plan. It was the consensus of the City Council for Staff to contact the current marketing firm for our other City properties and get the costs of using them to sublease it for the City.

10. Consideration and Approval of an Agreement with Bell Construction for the Linear Park Project

Councilman Hope made a motion to enter into an agreement with Bell Construction for the Linear Park Project. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

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

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

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

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

At this time, Mayor Hough asked for comments from the Council.

Councilman Moore asked if a park bench can be placed at T located at Lions Auto and if the grass could be cut at the sign at the old Burlington mill.

Councilman Bishop commented that Ms. Dotson called him and reported rabid fox in her neighborhood and complained about the overgrown lot beside her house.

Councilman Toomey reported that there are some plaques and benches at the old City Hall that needs to be relocated.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare commented that she would like the Council to look further into the courtyard area at the Old City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare asked for an update from the Historical Society since they have moved into the Old City Hall. Councilman Bishop advised that the Historical Society is meeting tonight to ratify their constitution. He advised that they have gone through all of archives and have it separated. Council will eventually have to decide what should be done with the stuff that the Historical Society will not use.

Mayor Hough asked if anyone had a problem with moving the August works session to August 29th. With no objection The August work session is rescheduled for August 29th.

Mr. Jackson invited the Council to attended the employee luncheon at noon on Friday at Tuck Park.

12. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the July 25, 2011 Council work session meeting. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.