

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, July 20, 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

Mayor Pro Tem David Moore gave the invocation

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that there are no changes to the agenda. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendments
2. Approval of compensation package for the Mount Holly ABC Board
3. Approval of an amendment to the Fee Schedule to include a New Development Rollout Fee
4. **Approval of Imagery, Phase 2, Maps 4-5 and Phase 3, Maps 1-2 Final Plats.**
5. Call for public hearing to consider a rezoning of 530 East Central Avenue, Tax Parcel ID # 203235 & #203236 from B-3 Conditional Use to B-1 Central Business District in the Downtown Overlay.
6. Call for public hearing to consider a rezoning of 720 South Main Street, Tax Parcel #124491 and #124475 from B-2 Neighborhood Business to B-3 General Business.
7. Call for public hearing on rezoning of HC Alexander Place, LLC. Property; (formally Jonas)
8. Approval of Resolution Directing the Clerk to Examine the Sufficiency of the Petition for Annexation of HC Alexander Place, LLC. Property; (formally Jonas) Approval of Certificate of Sufficiency of the said annexation petition; and Approval of Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing on the Annexation of the said property.
9. Approval of the minutes for the February 10, 2020 Council Meeting
10. Approval of the minutes for the February 24, 2020 Council Work Session Meeting

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of a Resolution to Ted Hall upon his Retirement from the Montcross Chamber
The Mayor and City Council presented Mr. Hall with the Montcross Chamber a Resolution of Appreciation upon his retirement.
2. Presentation of Police Policies
Chief Roper and Deputy Chief Reagan advised that the Mount Holly Police Department has worked for the past several years to make sure policy and procedures are up to date and in line with

current federal and state laws. Chief Roper and Deputy Chief Reagan briefly reviewed the policies in place and explained the system they are using to move forward.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to consider a text amendment to Article 6 in the Zoning Ordinance in regard to art galleries being utilized in conjunction with a tattoo studio as a special use in the B-1 Central Business District.

Mr. Beal advised that the proposed text amendment is for a tattoo studio downtown. He advised that the applicant took the approach as a special use process due to her business being more of an art studio versus a tattoo parlor. Mr. Beal advised that the Planning Commission agreed with a 5-4 to allow the tattoo parlor.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to consider a text amendment to Article 6 in the Zoning Ordinance in regard to art galleries being utilized in conjunction with a tattoo studio as a special use in the B-1 Central Business District. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. Motion carried

Elyse Whitlock—141 West Catawba Avenue. Ms. Whitlock advised that she moved here 2 years ago and since then her daughter has envisioned opening a tattoo parlor with art. This will be an upscale studio with art

Melissa Innerasky—1416 Thriftwood Drive. Me. Innerasky advised that the plan for the tattoo parlor is very upscale and is more of a tattoo art boutique. She advised that Emily Andress wrote a letter in her favor providing her credentials.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. Motion carried

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the text amendment to Article 6 in the Zoning Ordinance in regard to art galleries being utilized in conjunction with a tattoo studio as a special use in the B-1 Central Business District. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried

2. Public Hearing in regard to a request for a Rezoning of Tax Parcel ID #179662 from R-1 Gaston County and R-20 Single Family to Conditional District Single Family

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to open the public hearing in regard to a request for a Rezoning of Tax Parcel ID #179662 from R-1 Gaston County and R-20 Single Family to Conditional District Single Family. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. Motion carried

With no one signed up to speak. Councilman Meadows made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. Motion carried

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the request for a Rezoning of Tax Parcel ID #179662 from R-1 Gaston County and R-20 Single Family to Conditional District Single Family. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried

3. Public Hearing on a request for Contiguous Annexation of Gaston County tax parcel # 179662 filed by Don E. Abernathy dated 10/8/2019

At this time, Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to open the public hearing in regard to a request for Contiguous Annexation of Gaston County tax parcel # 179662 filed by Don E. Abernathy dated 10/8/2019. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried

With no one signed up to speak. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. Motion carried

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the request for Contiguous Annexation of Gaston County tax parcel # 179662 filed by Don E. Abernathy dated 10/8/2019 contingent upon the annexation plan. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

No one was signed up to speak

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of continuing the Property Lease of 1.89 acres located on Legion Road to Gastonia Iron Works

Mr. Pace thanked the Council for allowing him to come speak. He advised that he is coming with 2 requests; the possibility of continuing his lease on Legion Road or the opportunity to purchase a portion of the property utilized by his business. Mayor Hough advised that the Council would take the information/request into consideration and get back to Mr. Pace.

2. Discussion of 100 Maple Drive for Legal Action

Mr. Livingston advised that the said property is being occupied without a water meter. Staff has tried to meet with the property owner and they were a no show at the meeting and the next step is legal action. Councilman Meadows made a motion to move forward with legal action at 100 Maple Drive. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried

3. Consideration and Approval of a Right of Way and Easement Acquisition Firm for the South Gateway Sewer Treatment Project

Jonathan Wilson

Councilman Meadows made a motion to direct staff to move forward with THC Inc for the Right of Way and Easement Acquisition Firm for the South Gateway Sewer Treatment Project.

Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the July 20, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.