

**CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY**  
**MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**Location: Council Chambers**

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**Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting**  
**Monday, June 24, 2019**  
**Council Chambers**  
**6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Hough advised that Councilwoman Breyare was attending via phone. The following were present:

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| Mayor Bryan Hough             | Danny Jackson, City Manager                         |
| Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey    | Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager              |
| Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare  | David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities |
| Councilman Charles McCorkle   | Ryan Baker, Fire Chief                              |
| Councilman Jeff Meadows       | Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor                   |
| Councilman David Moore        | Tony Walker, Street and Solid Waste Director        |
| Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker | Don Roper, Police Chief                             |
| Attorney Kemp Michael         | Greg Beal, Planning Director                        |
|                               | Africa Otis, Finance Director                       |

**Invocation**

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

**SET THE AGENDA**

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of End of the Year Budget Amendments
- Approval of an ABC Resolution Designating Councilman Meadows as the Official to make Recommendations

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

**AGENDA**

1. Presentation by Ms. Sharon Edmundson, Director of Fiscal Management, Local Government Commission

Ms. Edmundson came before the City Council to discuss the best budgeting practices for the City. She encouraged Council to adopt a fund balance policy, a budgeting policy, and a CIP to help guide the budget process. Ms. Edmundson discussed that fund balance and how it is not a good idea to use fund balance for day to day expenses. Mayor Hough asked what the ideal percentage is to have in fund balance for a City the size of Mount Holly. She advised that the recommended amount is around 56%.

2. Consideration and Approval of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Discussion ensued regarding the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule. The discussion once again went to the tax rate and using fund balance to make up any short fall. Ms. Otis advised that using fund balance to pay off debt is not a good practice. Councilwoman Breyare advised that she is not in favor of lowering the tax rate down to revenue neutral because she feels like rates will have to be raised again next year. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule. (06242019A) Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey, Councilman Meadows and Councilwoman Shoemaker voted in favor. Councilmen McCorkle and Moore and Councilwoman Breyare voted against. Mayor Hough voted to break the tie with an affirmative vote. (Motion carried)

3. Discussion of Bond Projects for Parks and Recreation

Mr. Jusko gave a list of 4 projects that the Recreation Commission recommends to be bond projects.

- Veteran's Park Expansion
- New Gym at Tuck Park
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Property Acquisition

Councilman Meadows advised that he would also like to see a bridge included to cross over Fites Creek. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the bond projects as presented by Staff with the addition of Fites Creek bridge. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor (Motion carried)

4. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(6)

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(6). Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 7:32 p.m.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Hough advised there was no action taken.

Mr. Michael advised Council they would need to have a second vote on the budget due to the 2/3 majority rule. Council agreed to meet Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to revote.

5. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the June 24, 2019 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.