

**City of Mount Holly**  
**Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting**  
**Monday, June 22, 2015**  
**Council Chambers**  
**6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

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

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| Mayor Bryan Hough                   | Danny Jackson, City Manager                         |
| Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey          | Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager                |
| Councilman Jerry Bishop             | David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities |
| Councilman Jim Hope                 | Ryan Baker, Fire Chief                              |
| Councilman David Moore              | Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor                   |
| Councilman J. Jason Gowen           | Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste |
| Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare-absent | Don Roper, Police Chief                             |
| Attorney Kemp Michael               |                                                     |
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**Invocation**

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

**SET THE AGENDA**

Mayor Hough advised that #1 on the agenda will be the ABC Budget Presentation from Angela Blackwood, Item # 9 will be Approval of an Amendment to the Fee Schedule and #10 Approval of Year End Budget Amendments. Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

1. ABC Budget Presentation

Angela Blackwood with ABC Commission came before the City Council to present the 2015-2016 Annual Budget as adopted by the Mount Holly ABC Commission. Ms. Blackwood advised that the ABC Store currently has no long term debt. She further advised that since the payoff of the ABC Store building contributions have been made to the City and if sales remain consistent this upcoming year a total of \$120,000 will be given to the City. Councilman Moore commended the work of the ABC Board. Mayor Hough thanked Ms. Blackwood and advised that the City is looking into several projects that the ABC funds will help financially support.

2. Discussion of Bench Donation Policy

Mr. Jusko advised that this policy derived from requests of individuals that want to make monetary donations to buy benches in “honor or memory” of loved ones. The proposed policy would allow for a recognition plaque placed on the bench. Mr. Jusko advised that he talked to surrounding areas to get ideas for the policy. It was the

consensus of the Council to place this item on the July meeting consent agenda for approval.

3. Update on the Green Initiatives

Mr. Braswell gave Council an update on the status of the City's Green Initiatives. He advised that this is on an ongoing process but gave some examples of things the City currently has in place with the recycle program being on the top of the list. The Mayor commented that we have good starting point as we move forward.

4. Discussion of Renaming the Fire Department

Chief Baker reported that he recently went through the history of the Mount Holly Fire Department for a presentation for the Historical Society. During the research he realized that the Fire Department should get back to its roots and drop the rescue portion of the name. Councilman Bishop made a motion to change the name back to the Mount Holly Fire Department. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

5. Review of Updates to the City Code

Ms. Anders advised that due to recent state regulations repelling the privilege license tax, the City is making the proposed revisions to privilege license ordinance. She advised that the State allows City's to regulate city businesses by charging a business registration fee. Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the to Section of the City Code. (Resolution # 06222015A) Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

6. Discussion on Signalization of Railroad Crossing

Mr. Michael advised that there is federal funding available for railroad crossing signalization. The Federal Government will be responsible for 90% and the City 10%. The City would also be responsible for 10% of future maintenance costs. There was discussion regarding the City's liability and the rate of speed the train could travel if the new signalization is installed. Council directed staff to gather more information on this matter and bring it back at the July Work Session Meeting.

7. Update on the Duke Energy Greenway Easement

Mr. Michael presented the proposed greenway Easement Agreement with Duke Energy. He advised that the insurance requirements are that similar to the A and E agreement. Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the proposed Greenway Easement with Duke Energy. (Resolution # 0622015B) Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

As the second part there is a bridge planned to go over the sewer pipe as part of the greenway. He advised that Duke Energy is calling it an easement. Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the Pedestrian Bridge Easement Agreement with Duke Energy. (Resolution #06222015C) Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough asked we can now move forward with the construction of the greenway. Mr. Beal advised that all preconstruction activities are complete and it is estimated that the greenway will take 4 months for completion once construction starts.

8. Discussion of Mountain Island Conservation Park Regulations

Mr. Michael advised that he has met with entities of the city and talked about things that are going on at the Mountain Island Conservation area. He advised that the City does not have jurisdiction of the water but does on the property going into the water.

There have been problems with people going to the area and leaving their trash, building campfires and underage drinking. Mr. Michael advised that to address the immediate concerns associated with the "Conservation Park" he recommends the City Council give put the recommended restrictions in place and give the Police Department the authority to enforce the restrictions. Councilman Gowen made a motion to put the recommended restriction in place for the "Conservation Park" effective June 22, 2015. (Resolution #06222015D) Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

9. Amendment to the Fee Schedule

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to the fee schedule to include a charge for special event vendors. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

10. Approval of Year End Budget Amendments

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the year end budget amendments as presented. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

11. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the June 22, 2015 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.