City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2009
Council Chambers
6:00 pm

Call to Order
Mayor Robert Whitt called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Robert Whitt
Mayor Pro-Tem David Moore
Councilman Jerry Bishop
Councilman Frank McLean
Councilman Perry Toomey
Councilman Bennie Brookshire
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare
Kemp Michael, City Attorney

Eric Davis, City Manager
Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Danny Jackson, Assistant City Manager
Mike Santmire, Streets & Solid Waste Director
David Belk, Chief of Police
James Friday, Director of Utilities
Tina Pritchard, Director of Parks & Recreation
Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Brooke Shephard-Lopez, Attorney, Kemp Michaels' office

<u>Call to Order by Mayor Whitt</u>
Mayor Whitt called the Mount Holly City Council meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

<u>Invocation</u>
Mayor Pro-Tem David Moore led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

<u>Set the Agenda</u>
Mayor Whitt asked the council for any changes to the work session agenda. Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Moore seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Whitt noted that the council would attend to other business on the agenda in between the engineering firms' presentations.

1. Waste Water Treatment Cost Discussion – Brown and Caldwell Presentation
The Brown and Caldwell team made their presentation to Council. Following the presentation Council addressed the four team members with questions. Mayor Whitt thanked the Brown and Caldwell team for coming and advised them that Mr. Davis would be in contact with them regarding Council's decision.

2. Budget Amendments / Fiscal Year Report
Mr. Guffey explained the budget amendments to Council. Councilman Bishop requested that the Council vote on each amendment separately.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the amendment associated with the Linear Park Project. Mayor Pro-Tem Moore seconded the motion. In vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the amendment associated with E-911. Councilman McLean seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve an amendment that would move money from the community development fund to a capital reserve fund. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve an amendment that would move money from individual departments to administration to reimburse administration for costs associated with moving into the Citizen Center. Councilman Brookshire seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis provided Council the Fiscal Year End Report to be read at a later time. Mr. Davis highlighted major accomplishments and performance information. Mr. Davis noted major performance data for Council objectives.

3. Approval of Audit Contracts
Mr. Guffey informed Council that the audit must be done each year and that the contract is identical to the one for the previous year's audit. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the audit contract. Councilman McLean seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution Requesting Expansion of Environmental Study Area for Hwy 273
Mr. Davis requested that Council pass the resolution. Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to pass the resolution requesting expansion of environmental study area for Hwy 273. Mayor Pro-Tem Moore seconded the motion. In a vote, Resolution 06229A passed unanimously.

5. Call for a Public Hearing to Amend Sign Ordinance
Mr. Davis informed Council that staff is preparing the sign ordinance and that Council must call for a public hearing. Councilman Bishop made a motion to call for a public hearing to amend the sign ordinance during the August 10th Council Meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Moore seconded the motion. Mayor Whitt requested that staff publicize the public hearing. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Waste Water Treatment Cost Discussion – Carollo Presentation
The Carollo team made their presentation to the Council. Following the presentation Council addressed the two team members that were present with questions. Mayor Whitt thanked the Carollo for coming and advised them that Mr. Davis would be in contact with them.

Mayor Whitt called a short recess at 7:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

7. Website Update – David Jordan
Mr. Jordan presented his progress with the City's website to Council. There was some Council discussion regarding the links that will be present on the website. Mayor Whitt stated that no private business links will be included on the website. Mayor Whitt also stressed the importance of including all recreation programs and the information associated with those programs. Mayor Whitt advised Mr. Jordan that he has a complete set of the minutes would be happy to provide them to Mr. Jordan. Mayor Whitt thanked Mr. Jordan for his presentation.

8. Waste Water Treatment Cost Discussion
Council entered into discussion regarding the engineering firms that presented earlier. Mayor Whitt asked P.E. Bob Cooke and Mr. Friday to come up to aid in Council discussion regarding the two firms. After a lengthy discussion about the two firms, Councilman Bishop made a motion to choose Carollo for the project. Councilman McLean seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis provided Council with a possible timeline for moving towards a decision regarding waste water treatment options. The timeline provided Council with dates and points at which decisions must be made in order to choose a waste treatment option before new Council members take office. Council would like to follow the projected timeline.

9. Discussion Concerning Former City Hall Property
Councilman Bishop requested that this item be added to the agenda. Councilman Bishop requested that the City Hall property be declared surplus so that it could be sold with restrictions. Mr. Guffey informed Council as to the reason behind utility costs for the building. Mayor Whitt directed the Economic Development Committee to provide their recommendation to Council. Mayor Whitt directs staff to return to Council with some ideas at the next meeting.

10. Regional Recreation Project
Mr. Davis requested guidance from Council as to whether or not they would like him to attend meetings with Belmont Abbey College and surrounding cities about a regional recreation project that would be located on the college campus. Staff directed Mr. Davis to attend the meetings and find out more information.

11. Linear Park Grant Application for the Carolina Thread Trail
Mr. Jackson informed Council that staff is currently working on the Linear Park Grant Application to the Carolina Thread Trail and that the deadline had been extended to July 10, 2009. Mr. Jackson informed Council that total cost for the City would be $831,000. The grant would provide $150,000 of funding for the project. There was discussion of how the City would provide the matching funds.

12. Customer Service Software
Mr. Guffey informed Council that the City Attorney and staff have revisited the contract as requested by Council at the previous meeting. Mr. Guffey provided Council with a copy of the revised contract and informed them that Attorney Kemp is satisfied with the terms of the contract. After some discussion, Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the contract. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion to approve the contract. In a vote Councilman Toomey, Councilman Bishop, Councilman Moore and Councilwoman Breyare vote in favor of approving the contract. Councilman McLean and Councilman Brookshire voted against approving the contract to obtain the customer service software. The motion passes four votes to two votes.

13. Discussion of Joint Meeting with Parks & Recreation Commission
Mr. Davis asked Council if they would like staff to set up a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission for July or August. Council directed staff to set up this meeting.

Councilman Toomey raised an issue with work done by WK Dickson at Tuck Park. Councilman Toomey felt that WK Dickson should be held responsible for the costs of repairing a poorly designed pipe. Council directed Attorney Kemp to follow up with WK Dickson regarding this matter.

Mr. Davis gave Council a brief status update on the Hotel/Motel tax. Mr. Davis also informed the Council that he would attend the Manager's Conference later in the week.

14. Adjourn
With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Whitt entertained a motion to adjourn. Daivd Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.