

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, June 15, 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

Councilman Charles McCorkle gave the invocation

SET THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a Capital Project Ordinance for the South Gateway Wastewater Treatment Project
2. Approval of Budget Amendments
 - River Park Pavement Patching Project
3. Approval of a Resolution for Acceptance of the Clean Water State Revolving Loan for the South Gateway Wastewater Treatment Project for the amount of \$4,710,000
4. Call for a 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.
5. Call for 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
6. Approval of Resolution Directing the Clerk to Examine the Sufficiency of the Petition for Contiguous Annexation of Gaston County tax parcel # 179662 filed by Don E. Abernathy dated 10/8/2019; 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.
7. Approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2020 Council Meeting
8. Approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Work Session Meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Mr. Braswell reviewed the budget highlights of the proposed budget. He advised that there was no increase in taxes, no cost of living raises for employees, no new positions, employee health insurance increased 3.6%, liability insurance increased 5.4%, only mandatory travel and training will be allowed however, employee longevity remains funded as stated in the Employee

Recruitment and Retention Policy. Mr. Braswell advised that \$308,166 was appropriated from unassigned fund balance to balance the General Fund budget.

Councilman Meadows commented that since business were being allowed to start opening back up what would happen to the unused funds that was designated for small business loans. Mr. Braswell advised that that the funds would go back to the unassigned fund balance.

At this time, Councilman Meadows made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried

Teri Ellerbe-212 Augusta's Lane-shared concerns in regard to COVID and people being out of work with the increase in water rates.

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

Mr. Jackson commented that water rates will level off after the first five (5) years of the rate plan. The first year increase was the most drastic.

2. Public Hearing to adopt the Land Use Plan

Jonathan Wilson

Mr. Wilson advised that the Planning Commission voted to approve the proposed land use plan with the recommendation under "Vision and Principles" the statement of "promote high densities" be removed from a statement within the section. Councilman Meadows asked about the process and citizen involvement. Mr. Wilson advised that several in person events were advertised and held for citizen input and multiple meetings were had with the Steering Committee.

At this time, Councilman Meadows made a motion to open the public hearing on the Land Use Plan. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried

With no one signed up to speak. Councilwoman Harris made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. Motion carried

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the Land Use Plan. (Resolution #6152020A) Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

No one signed up to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Mr. Jackson advised that staff has gone through the complete budget process with direction from Council and is looking for approval from Council. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule (Resolution #6152020B) Councilwoman Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. Motion carried

Mr. Jackson thanked his staff for all the hard work they have put in during this difficult budget process.

2. Consideration and approval of providing City utilities as an outside customer to a property located at 13302 Lucia Riverbend Highway, Tax Parcel ID # 203309

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve utilities as an outside customer to a property located at 13302 Lucia Riverbend Highway, Tax Parcel ID # 203309. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. Motion carried

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3, 5 and 6)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3, 5 and 6). Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. The time was 7:39 p.m.

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to return to open session. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Hough advised

The time was 8:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Harris took a minute to brag on the Police Department and a job well done during the peaceful protest.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Shoemaker made the motion to adjourn the June 15, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.