

Special Meeting
Mount Holly City Council
June 6, 1996

The special meeting was held at City Hall, and was called to order by Mayor Frank McLean at 6:00 P.M. Those present were Councilwoman Phyllis Harris, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Helms, Councilmen R. L. Duke, Andy Stewart, and David Hostetler, Jr., as well as City Manager Phil Ponder, Planning and Zoning Director Danny Jackson and Planning Consultant Judi Simac.

Mr. John Maxwell of the Municipal Advisors, Incorporated (MAI) appeared before City Council to report his findings after an extensive analysis of the functioning of the city organization. Mr. Maxwell indicated that the City of Mount Holly provides an effective level of services to its citizens, but offered the following suggestions on improving the functioning of the city organization and preparing it for future growth:

1. Establish the position of Administrative Services Director.
2. Fill the vacant Code Enforcement Officer position.
3. Continue contracting for professional planning services.
4. Identify present and future road improvement needs and develop a strategy for communicating them to the Technical Advisory Committee.
5. Consolidate the volunteer fire departments.
6. Erect a strategically located fire station that would serve all Mount Holly residents.
7. Add one full-time firefighter position.
8. Identify police training needs in a more organized and formal manner.
9. Study the feasibility of re-deploying police officers to more closely coincide with calls for service.
10. Explore the possibility of establishing a Police Reserve Unit.
11. Add one full-time staff member to the Recreation Department.
12. Limit the services provided by the Recreation Department to the current level.
13. Increase the amount for contractual services for solid waste collection and mowing services in the Recreation Department budget.
14. Hire a student intern to develop a Policy and Procedures Manual for the Recreation Department.
15. Hire an additional employee to help operate the water treatment plant and reduce budgeted overtime expenditures.
16. Study the feasibility of installing remote reading devices on residences or convert to a wand system for reading meters.
17. Monitor the amount of water pumped against the amount metered to guard against system leaks and inaccurate water meters.
18. Develop a set of criteria for determining resurfacing priorities.

19. Implement a twice/weekly, semi-automated curbside solid waste collection system.
20. Privatize the collection of household trash, white goods and tires or charge a fee for the service.
21. Hire an additional clerical employee for GIS data entry and office assistance for the Public Works, Planning and Zoning and Recreation Departments.

Mayor McLean and the City Council thanked Mr. Maxwell for his efforts, and indicated that they would consider his recommendations throughout the upcoming budget deliberations.

Representatives from CADD Concepts and Integraph appeared before City Council to demonstrate a Geographic Information System (GIS). City Manager Ponder indicated that this technology could prove invaluable in dealing with growth in Mount Holly, but indicated that an additional staff person would be needed to properly maintain the system. Councilmember Stewart voiced support for the system.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Philip D. Ponder, Jr.
City Clerk

Frank E. McLean
Mayor
