

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Special Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2020
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

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

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem David Moore	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Amy Hollingsworth, Deputy Finance Director
Councilman Charles McCorkle	
Councilman Jeff Meadows	
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem David Moore gave the invocation.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that the George Floyd Proclamation will be added to the agenda as Item # 1. The following items will be moved down accordingly. Mayor Pro Tem Moore made a motion to amend the agenda as stated by Mayor Hough. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

1. Consideration and Approval of the George Floyd Proclamation

Chief Roper spoke on the rioting and the things that have taken place over the past few days. He advised that everything has been peaceful in Mount Holly. Mr. Jackson commended the Police Department for their professionalism and advised that we are very fortunate to be part of such a great law enforcement community. Mayor Hough read the proclamation. Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of the proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Jackson advised that as required by the statute a balanced budget has been submitted to the City Council. He advised that with the unknowns of the upcoming months that it was a difficult budget year for the City. He advised that it is a revenue neutral budget with no added personnel for the upcoming year. There are not COLA increases at this time but will revisit at the mid-year budget review to determine if the City's budget can withstand COLA increases at that time. There was discussion among the Council in regard to the employee longevity and performance increases versus COLA increase. Councilman Meadows made a motion that any COLA increases given to the employees be tied to the CPI. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Councilman Meadows went on record stating that "the City has extremely capable employees that do a great job. His concern is about the unknowns."

Next Council discussed replenishing the Fund Balance and decided that needs to be a top priority. Mayor Pro Tem Moore advised that Council needed to keep in mind

that the decision was made a few years ago that ABC Funds would go toward funding Parks and Recreation Projects.

The City Council then had questions in regard to the number of water customers using the Governor's relief package and is delaying their water payment. Ms. Hollingsworth advised that Staff hopes to have more precise numbers in that regard at the June 15th meeting. Council also discussed employee benefits and Council Meadows suggested going to a cafeteria plan. Mayor Hough commented that it is a extremely tough budget year but Council and staff have managed to keep the upcoming budget revenue neutral and still allow for the continued growth of the City.

3. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the June 4, 2020 Special Meeting. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.