Mount Holly City Council
Budget Work Session
May 31, 2001

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR
The budget work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLean. The following were present:

Mayor Frank McLean	City Manager David Kraus
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Black	Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey
Councilman Michael Helms	Deputy Public Works Director Jeff Fritts
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
Councilman Jim Hope	Fire Chief John Ekiatis
Councilman Bryan Hough	Parks & Recreation Director Zip Stowe
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	

The Invocation was lead by Mayor McLean.

The Budget Work Session of the Mount Holly City Council began with City Manager Kraus stating that as of this moment, it looks as though the state will keep the reimbursement revenue owed to the city. City Manager Kraus and Administrative Services Officer Guffey then lead Council through the budget, department by department.

General Fund Revenues: City Manager Kraus restated the fact that the State is planning to keep some of our money. This money equals out to about 9 cents on the tax rate.

Council made no changes to the revenues.

Legislative: Council cut the Archives line item out completely, the Travel and Training line item by $2,000 and the Miscellaneous line item by $1,000. This left a total budget of $128,500.

Administration: Council cut the Travel and Training line item bye $2,000 and the Contracted Services line item by $5,000. This left a total budget of $745,880.

Planning and Zoning: Council added $12,500 to Contracted Services line item. The money was added to demolish more sub standard houses and to fund a downtown development study. This gain Planning and Zoning a total budget of $222,075.

Police: Council cut $114,000 out of Salaries and Benefits by cutting the 4 new dispatcher positions. Council also cut $250,000 out of Capital Outlay by holding off on doing the expansion to the department building. This left a total budget of $1,906,437.

Fire: Council asked about the new position of Assistant Chief. Chief Ekiatis explained the need for the position. Council agreed and left the total budget at $1,075,700.

Garage: Council left the garage at a total of $56,600.

Streets and Sanitation: Council cut $100,000 from the line item Debt – Building. By doing this they also signified that the City was no longer interested in purchasing the building on Broome Street for a Public Works facility. Council also stated that the rollout garbage program proposed in the budget was acceptable. This left a total budget of $1,615,600.

Parks and Recreation: Council cut the Capital line item by $50,000 by deciding to hold off on the construction of new office space and a fitness center at the Tuckaseege Community Center. This left a total budget of $328,260.

The remainder of the items in the proposed budget were left as presented.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with no objections at 10:18 pm.

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City Clerk Mayor