

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Location: Council Chambers

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Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Hough advised that Councilwoman Breyare was attending via phone. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Councilman David Moore	Tony Walker, Street and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Don Roper, Police Chief
Attorney Kemp Michael	Greg Beal, Planning Director
	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

Councilman Meadows led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

1. Discussion of the 2019-2020 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget and Fee Schedule

Mr. Jackson advised that the City contracted with Raftelis for a rate study of the City's utility rates. Mr. Jackson introduced Elaine Conti with Raftelis to review the findings of the study. Ms. Conti advised that utility rates have not seen an increase in several years. She advised that Mount Holly's rates were currently the lowest in the area and Raftelis recommends raising the rates to help offset the cost of the upcoming infrastructure. Ms. Conti reviewed three options with the Council. Mr. Jackson added that the Utilities Committee met and were in favor of option 2. Council agreed that option 2 best suit the needs of the City but advised that they would like to see a modified option with a \$10 capitol reserve fee pointed out on the monthly statements. Councilman Meadows advised that he would also like irrigation to stay at the same

rate. It was the consensus of Council to review the modified option and a special called meeting on June 3rd.

Discussion then ensued regarding employee benefits and COLA. Councilman Meadows advised that he is not a fan of COLA increases. He would much rather see merit increases. He also advised that he does not like paying for dependent care insurance coverage. Mr. Jackson and Mayor Hough advised that a merit system had been tried in the past and does not work with government.

There was discussion involving the revaluation process and the proposed tax rate. Council agreed that they would like to see the City stay revenue neutral and it was the consensus of the Council to call a special budget session on June 3rd at 6:30pm to continue the budget discussions.

2. Adjourn

With no additional items of discussion Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn the May 20, 2019 Budget Meeting. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Meadows seconded. All Council Members voted in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.