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**Mount Holly City Council
Special Meeting
May 20, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The special meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Black. The following were present:

Mayor Bobby Black
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hope
Councilman Michael Helms
City Manager David Kraus

Councilman Bryan Hough
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard
Councilman Frank McLean
Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey

The Invocation was lead by Mayor Pro-Tem Hope.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – Presentation of the Budget.

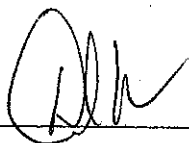
City Manager Kraus stated that staff intended to present a \$1.4 million gap. Staff could present a use of savings to cover the full amount, a tax increase of approximately 30 cents to cover the gap, or a combo of both. He stated that the Governor is keeping money, revenues will be tight and we have already cut a lot of expenses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hope stated that the City could not keep operating the way that it is; we need to get a handle on the situation. He also stated that he was more interested in cutting recurring cost.

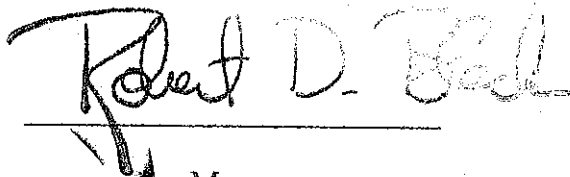
Councilman Helms stated that we should start with 10 cents on the submitted budget and then work on it at the budget work session. All agreed with this tactic.

Mayor Black reminded everyone that the budget work session was Thursday at 6:30.

Council Hough **MOVED** for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with all in favor at 7:39 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor