City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2017
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

Call to Order
Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem David Moore	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman Jim Hope	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Officer

Invocation
Reverend Kendall Cameron from Mount Holly First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance
Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA
Mayor Hough advised that Item #2 on New Business needs to be changed to Consideration and Approval of the Mowing Contract to Adams Landscape Group and Item #3 New Business needs to be omitted. Also, Mr. Michael advised that Items 2 Call for a Public Hearing on Holly Springs Subdivision for Rezoning and Item 3 Approval of the Resolution Directing the Clerk to investigate the Annexation Petitions of the Property located at Tax Parcel ID #s 199264, 225889, 202122, 202690, 181227, 181214, and 180092, approval of the Certificates of Sufficiency of the annexation petition and approval of a resolution to call for a public hearing on the annexation of the property in the petitions on the Consent Agenda need to be removed and placed on the May 22nd Work Session. With no additional changes to the agenda Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA
1. Call for a Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget
2. Call for a Public Hearing for Amendments to Article 5 and 6 of the Zoning Ordinance
3. Approval of a Resolution of Support for Municipal Reimbursement Agreement for Bicycle Planning Grant
4. Approval of Dutchman's Ridge Phase IV, Final Plat Approval
5. Approval of Budget Amendments
    - Mowing Contracts - Transfer from General Fund to Streets and Solid Waste - Contract Service
    - Transfer of Funds from Federal Forfeiture to the Police Department Budget
6. Approval of the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Council Meeting
7. Approval of the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Council Work Session Meeting

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of proposed Eagle Scout Project at Tuckaseege Park

Mr. Jusko introduced Landon James to the City Council and advised that Mr. James will be presenting his Eagle Scout project that he is proposing at Tuck Park. Mr. James advised that he will be constructing a 8x8 outdoor checkerboard with wood checkers for Tuckaseege Park. Mr. James provided pictures of the proposed checkerboard and aerial views of the proposed location. Mr. Jusko advised that Mr. James brought his idea before the Recreation Commission and they we in full support of the project. Councilman Hope made a motion to move forward with the next steps or Mr. James Eagle Scout Project Proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for Text Amendment to Section 6.4 of the Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Wilson advised that an application was received from Mr. Mauney for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Article 6, Section 6.4, Automobile repair and service excluding storage of wrecked or junked vehicles and automobile storage uses. He advised that Mr. Mauney is requesting this use to be allowed in the H-1 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District.

At this time, Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into the public hearing for Text Amendment to Section 6.4 of the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried) With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Toomey made a motion to close the public hearing and return to open session. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

There were question regarding the location of Mr. Mauney's property and any possible residential property adjoining the proposed property. Mr. Wilson advised that the text amendment would include all properties in the H-1 district. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the proposed text amendment to Section 6.4 of the Zoning Ordinance. Council Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Mr. Rosenau submitted the following statements for the record:
My Name is Steve Rosenau, I live at 105 Waterford Drive Mt. Holly. City Council members, representatives, and attendees:

I am here to recommend against NC Senate Bill 5434 that specifically removes riparian buffer zones from the Catawba River Basin. The bill passed the Senate 42-6.

I lived on Lake Norman waterfront in the Triangle area for 33 years and moved to the quiet beauty of Mountain Island lake last June. The natural environment is important to me. I paddle my kayak 5-6 hours weekly up and down the river for fitness and peace of mind. Regardless of how hot, tired, or wet I may be on the river, all is well with my soul.

However, 5434 changes that. Here are my points:

1) Of the 17 designated river drainage basins in NC, there are 5 established riparian buffer zones created by bipartisan NC legislators in 2001, 16 years ago. The Catawba River Basin is specifically called out by S434 to exempt it from the riparian buffer rules. Whenever a legislative bill zeroes in on one item, someone is trying to make a lot of money. In this case, land development and values will significantly increase if those pesky buffer zones and trees are removed. The author of the bill is a developer.

2) Whenever peer reviewed and accepted science is denied, someone is trying to make money. In this case, the bill author Andy Wells said he doesn't think buffer zones work.

3) There is limited development space remaining from Mountain Island Lake down to the SC line and Lake Wylie. If the developers can rescind the buffer rules for 3-4 years, tree removal will be complete, construction started, and it will be too

late for an effective large tree based buffer zone. Mountain Island Lake and downstream Catawba River Basin will look like Lake Norman does now.

4) The planned Imagery development by Lennar on Horse Shoe Bend Road with a planned 100 foot buffer could rescind their buffer agreements with the City of Mt Holly based on 5434, cut the trees down and have no riparian buffer zone.

Based on my points, I am convinced that our present Senators are being environmentally short sighted and some will profit handsomely by removing buffer zones placed into Law by previous bipartisan lawmakers.

Please vote against 5434. Some of our state Senators are out to make money at our expense while they degrade our natural environment.

Thank you for listening.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Jackson presented the Council with a balanced budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. He advised that the budget session is scheduled for May 22nd.

2. Consideration and Approval of the Mowing Contract to Adams Landscape Group.

Mr. Braswell advised that in January Council approved the grass mowing contract to Allgreen Grounds Management. Since that time Allgreen has struggled to maintain the mowing schedule of all 44 properties. As, of today, May 8, 2017 Allgreen Grounds Management informed the city that they would like to terminate the contract with the City at the end of May 2017. Therefore, Mr. Braswell recommended the City enter into contract with Adams Landscape Group for the remaining term of the contract which is December 31, 2018. There was discussion regarding the other two companies that had originally bid on the mowing contract. Mr. Braswell informed Council that Grass Monkey Lawn Care was no longer interested in the contract and Denver Landscape Services has had the mowing contract in the past and the city was not satisfied with their service. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the mowing contract with Adams Landscape Group in the amount of $133,375. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session - pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 6)

Councilwoman Breyare made a motion to enter into Closed Session - pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 6). Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The time was 7:25 pm

Councilman Bishop made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Member voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The time was 8:22 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with a consultant in reference to sewer contracts and agreements in an amount not to exceed $10,000. Councilman Meadows made the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Moore made the second. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn the May 8, 2017 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.