City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2015
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order
Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
Councilman Jim Hope	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Don Roper, Police Chief
Attorney Kemp Michael	

Invocation

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

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough advised that the agenda needs to be amended to add the discussion of amended petition for Clear Water Lake Road Annexation. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

1. Discussion of Signage at the Old Gym

   Mr. Jusko advised that the sign design recommendation for the old gym is included in their information packet. He concurred that the design was decided on unanimously by the Recreation Commission. The Council agreed with the recommendation.

2. Discussion of the MPO Projects Resolution

   Mr. DuPont advised that 9 projects, over a 3 county area made the approval cut for funding consideration list over the next 10 years. Mr. DuPont reviewed the projects that are recommended by the MPO and advised that a resolution will come before Council for approval later this year. Councilman Gowen had concerns regarding the weight rating on Highway 273 from Woodlawn Park to National Gypsum.

3. Discussion of the Highway 273 Widening Project

    Mr. DuPont advised that with NCDOT moving forward with plans for the Highway 273 widening project, now is the time for the Council to decide on any improvements they would like to make within the gateway. Mr. DuPont advised that Staff recommends the City Council consider upgrading to powder coated mast arms at signalized intersections and median landscaping. Mr. DuPont reported that there could be up to 100 trees added to this project and it would be left up to the City to maintain the medians. Mr. DuPont emphasized that if Council is interested in the upgrades a decision needs to be made as soon as possible so the upgrades can be included in the widening project plan. Councilman Moore made a motion to move forward with the powder coated mast arms and the median landscaping plans. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Presentation of the 2015-2016 Paving Projects

    Mr. Braswell presented the 2015-2016 paving project lists. The list includes A&E Drive, Fire Department Drive, Deerfield Subdivision and patching in Runnymeade Subdivision. The total estimated cost of the projects is $360000.

5. Discussion of the New Street Sign Design

    Mr. Braswell presented new street sign design. He advised that the new signs will be put in the major corridors first then the rest will fall in after that as funding is available.

6. Discussion of the Architectural Firm for the North Fire Station

    Mr. Braswell reported that during the retreat, Council directed staff to move forward with securing an architectural firm for the design and construction administration of the North Fire Station. He explained that staff put out an RFQ and 7 firms responded. He advised that the Construction Committee met and narrowed the list down to 3 firms and each firm was interviewed by key staff members and the members of the Construction Committee. From this interview process, the two finalists were Boomerang Design and Creech and Associates. Both firms are well qualified and have good references. However, Creech and Associates stands out. Therefore, staff recommends approval of Creech and Associates for architectural design and construction administration. Councilman Hope made a motion to approve Creech and Associates for the architectural design and construction administration for the North Fire Station. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Council Members voting in favor with the exception of Councilman Bishop. Councilman Bishop opposed the motion.

7. Discussion of the System Development Fee Grandfathering Timeline

    Ms. Anders advised that at the last meeting the council gave direction regarding the grandfathering policy. At their request the 5 year provision was eliminated. If the city does not have record of utility service the policy will allow the property owner the opportunity to prove service has been located at their property in the past. Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the System Development Fee Grandfathering Timeline (Resolution # 4272015A) Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

8. Review of Updates to the City Code

Ms. Anders advised that she has been meeting with the City Manager and Department Heads to update sections of the code book. She reviewed the changes to be made in the administration section of the code book. Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the changes. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

9. Discussion of an Amended Petition for Clear Water Lake Road Annexation

Ms. Anders advised that at last meeting Council approved a call for public hearing for the May 11th meeting regarding an annexation petition for Clear Water Lake Road. Since that time an additional request has been made to include another small parcel with the annexation petition. Therefore, staff is requesting approval directing the clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition and a resolution to set a public hearing date for the annexation request. Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve a resolution (#04272015C) to direct the Clerk to certify the sufficiency of the annexation petition. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve a resolution (#04272015D) to set a public hearing date to hear comments regarding the annexation request. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

10. Discussion of Alliance for Growth Project

Mayor Hough brought the question forward to Council regarding their wishes for the Alliance for Growth Project. Councilwoman Breyare commented that she did not feel it was a good time since the City just went into contract with Buxton Company a few months ago. Councilman Gowen commented that he would agree with the Alliance for Growth Project if Council would agree to drop COG. When asked for his opinion, Mr. Jackson emphasized that the City needs to look at being a part of the greater good and be a team player where this project is concerned. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to support the Alliance for Growth Project. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

At this time, Mayor Hough commented that he would like a discussion of CONNECT and COG on the next work session agenda.

Mayor Hough then commented on the success of the Springfest golf tournament earlier today. He advised that there were 116 golfers. Benny Bowles played a big part in the success. Council agreed to send him a letter thanking him and have all Council Members sign

11. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made the motion to adjourn the April 27, 2015 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.