

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, April 26, 2021
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	Miles Braswell, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Shoemaker	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
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 Christina Pawlish	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Marie Anders, City Attorney	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Invocation

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

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough advised that the agenda will be amended to include a discussion of staff direction on moving forward with the RFP process for 725 Elm. With no additional changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a Resolution in opposition to HB401/SB349 Increasing Housing Opportunities
2. Approval of the March 22, 2021 Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the April 12, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Harris made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

AGENDA

1. Update on the GO Gaston from the Gaston Business Association *Patrick Mumford*

Mr. Patrick Mumford with the Gaston Business Association came before the Council to give an update on the happenings and projects for GO Gaston under the leadership of the Gaston Business Association. He advised that they aspire to be an essential driver in promoting Mount Holly and all it has to offer.

2. Financial Update

Ms. Wood came before the Council to provide the 3rd quarter update. She advised that the City is in good financial shape at this time and the revenues are in over the expenditures.

3. Presentation of the Mount Holly Police Department 2020 Annual Report

Chief Roper advised that this is a new program the Department is starting. This type of report is becoming very common among surrounding departments. He advised that the Annual Report is a snap shot of where the Mount Holly Police Department is now. The main focus of the theme is to show that Mount Holly is a professional law enforcement agency. Some of the highlights of the report are the QR codes, the tribute to Officer Herndon and the Mount Holly Way. Chief Roper gave a shout out to his command staff for the work put into this report. Council was very impressed with the finished product. want you to officer Herndon recognized and the mount holly way. Council was very impressed with the report. Shout out to command staff, next step is to send out 100 hard copies and put it on the webpage and social media.

4. Discussion of GO Bond Resolution language for Parks & Recreation *Jonathan Wilson*

Mr. Wilson came before Council and presented updated costs as it is related to the GO Bond Referendum. He advised that the price has increased to \$16,570,000 since the first cost estimates were provided. Mr. Wilson advised that the price will need to be specific on the Resolution that will be passed on May 10th and on the ballot at the upcoming election. The cost estimate takes into account all three (3) phases of Veteran's Park, Fites Creek, Dutchmans Creek and consultant fees associated with the projects. Mr. Wilson advised that the overall bond amount will be a tax increase to nine (9) cents. Council discussed several options regarding reimbursement of property. It was the consensus of Council to remove the design fees and fees already spent on property acquisition from the bond referendum amount and directed staff to move forward with the bond resolutions at the May 10th meeting with the reduced bond amount.

5. Update on the 2021 Downtown Summer Events

Councilwoman Harris advised that the Special Events Committee met and discussed possible options of moving forward with the scheduled May downtown events. She advised that there are some other municipalities doing pods and charging admission to events and limiting the number of people allowed to attend. Councilwoman Harris advised that the easy answer is to make the decisions on a month to month basis as the Governor eases restrictions. Councilman Meadows went on record to say that he never said the City should go against the Governor's orders. He simply asked for creative ways that would allow the City to move forward with the downtown events. It was the consensus of Council to cancel the May events and wait to make a decision regarding the June events after the next Orders are announced.

OTHER

1. Interdepartmental Budget Line Re-appropriation (For informational purposes only)
Brought this to the attention (put on consent agenda)

2. Discussion of the RFP Process for 725 Elm

It was the consensus of Council to allow staff to move forward with the proposals received and come back and make a recommendation to the Council.

Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3, 5 and 6)

Councilwoman Harris makes a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3,5 and 6). Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) Time was 7:35 pm.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) Time was 7:45 pm.

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Bryan Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker made the motion to adjourn the April 26, 2021 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.