

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2011
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

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

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	David Belk, Police Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Mike Santmire, Director of Streets and Solid Waste
Councilman David Moore	Ed Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brooke Lopez with Kemp Michaels Office	Greg Beal, Senior Planner

Invocation

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

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough asked Council for any changes to the April 25, 2011 work session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Brookshire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. With all Council Members present, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Consideration and Approval of Bid and Contract for Audit Services

Ms. Otis reported that in the essence of time the award and approval of the contract for audit services needs to be approved tonight. She reported that there were several bids submitted. After review of the bids, staff recommends approval of auditing firm Martin Starnes and Associates, CPA, P.A. for the city auditing services. Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve Martin Starnes and Associates for Auditing Services. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare seconded the motion. With all Council Members present, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Parental Leave and Tuition Reimbursement Policies

Mayor Hough advised that there were two (2) areas of the revised personnel policy that Council had concerns about; tuition reimbursement being the first and the addition of parental leave being the second. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of Council to increase the tuition reimbursement to \$1500 and add parental leave to the policy.

3. Discussion of the Crescent Industries Rezoning and Annexation

Mr. Beal reviewed council's options regarding the rezoning and annexation request for Crescent Industries. He advised that at this point Staff is looking for direction from Council as to how to proceed. Council discussed their concerns regarding traffic, deed restrictions versus

conditional use rezoning and the unknowns that could go along with rezoning the property to H-1. It was the consensus of Council that they could not approve this rezoning as strictly an H-1 with no conditions placed in the rezoning. Mayor Hough advised this item will be placed on the May 9th agenda for an official vote.

4. Presentation of the Full Linear Park Plan/Lee Street Redesign System

Mayor Hough advised that Mr. Beal did a great job with the nine (9) page memo explaining the history of the Linear Park Plan. There was Council discussion regarding the retaining wall and the brick sidewalks as well as clarification about Powell Bill funds being spent on the Linear Park. Mayor Hough advised that the bond money needs to be spent by the end of the year so the City does not face penalties. It was the consensus of Council to let Staff know if there is anything additional to add to the Linear Park Plan before the next meeting and Staff is to come back at the May 9th meeting with some firm costs.

At this time, Mayor Hough went around the table and asked for comments from Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare commented that the fire hydrants are looking great.

Mayor Hough asked why there are two (2) fire hydrants located in the Food Lion parking lot. Chief Oplinger commented that one is private.

Councilman Toomey asked that Staff provide a paving list in the next packet.

Councilman Bishop reported that the paint is peeling off the entrance posts in the front of the building. Councilman Hope commented that they need to be repainted every two (2) years with galvanized paint.

Councilman Moore reported that planting is going to take place for the Downtown Planters on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. He also advised that the charter school has adopted a small area downtown to beautify before Springfest.

Mr. Jackson reported that he feels Hill Street should be a part of the Linear Park Plan since it is a connecting street to the proposed area.

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the April 25, 2011 Council work session meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

(Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.