

**City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2015
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 Perry Toomey	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ray Clemmer, Assistant Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Ryan Baker, Interim Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman David Moore	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Miles Braswell, Director of Streets and Solid Waste

Invocation

Minister Gloria Mack 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

With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Gowen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of reappointment of Rodney Williams to the TDA
2. Approval of the Audit Contract
3. Approval of a Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2014 Outstanding Taxes
4. Approval of a Special Activities Permit for Wesley Chapel's Block Party
5. Approval of the 2015 Revised Meeting Schedule to include Work Session Meetings
6. Approval of Appointment of Interim Tax Collector
7. Approval of a Budget Amendment
8. Approval of Amendments to the Backflow Ordinance
9. Call for a public hearing regarding a text amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow for solar array systems and panels.
10. Call for a public hearing to rezone approximately 4.93 acres, Parcel ID # 212120 from R-8 Single Family/Conditional Use to Heavy Industrial.
11. Call for a public hearing to rezone approximately 45 acres of Kendrick Farms, Phase 4 with 83 lots remaining to conditional district zoning.
12. Call for public hearing to amend the Land Development Guidelines contingent upon the approval of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance amendments.
13. Call for Public Hearing for Annexation of 5053 Clearwater Lake Road
14. Approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2015 Council Meeting
15. Approval of the minutes from the March 23, 2015 Work Session Meeting

PRESENTATIONS

1. Swearing In of Ryan Baker for Fire Chief

Mayor Hough introduced Ryan Baker. Mr. Baker has been employed with the city for several years and has recently accepted the position of Fire Chief. Mayor Hough performed the swearing in ceremony and emphasized how glad he is to have Chief Baker leading the Fire Department. Chief Baker's family was present for the pinning ceremony.

2. Introduction of New City Employees

At this time Department Heads introduced new employees in their departments.

3. Presentation regarding the "Alliance for Growth Project"

Joel Long and Mark Cramer with the Greater Gaston Development Group came before Council to present their Alliance for Growth Project. Mr. Long advised that the mission of this project is to increase the tax rate and bring jobs into Gaston County by improving the image of the County as a whole. Mr. Long asked the Council to consider assisting in funding process for this project. He advised that it is a 3 year funding project. Year one would require a \$25,000 commitment from the City and \$15,625 for years 2 and 3. Financial participation in the project will guarantee a seat on the steering committee. Councilman Gowen asked what makes this group different from the Centralina COG. Mr. Cramer responded that this project is solely focused on Gaston County. Mayor Hough advised that he likes the idea of being part of the Alliance for Growth Project because there are people to hold accountable. It was the consensus of council to discuss this proposal more at the April work session meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing regarding a Text Amendment to Section 3.26.1 General Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, to add a definition for Use Prohibited

At this time, Councilman Moore made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

Mr. Wilson commented that he has nothing to add regarding the proposed addition of the definition for "Use Prohibited"

With no one signed up to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve Resolution (#04132015A) a Text Amendment to Section 3.26.1 General Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance specifically, to add a definition for Use Prohibited. Councilman Hope seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

2. Public Hearing to amend the Subdivision Ordinance

Mr. Wilson advised that planning staff has worked with Dave Johnson to make amendments to the subdivision ordinance that will provide a more user friendly ordinance.

At this time, Councilman Gowen made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Bishop made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve Resolution (#04132015B) a Amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session (*pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)*)

At this time Councilman Bishop made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6). Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

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

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the April 13, 2015 Council Meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.