Capital Projects Funding: - Mr. Munn stated that all of the city's projects will be addressed during the budget. Mr. Guffey stated that the proposed Linear Park Project is not set in stone at this point. Mr. Munn asked the Council to review the submitted information regarding the city's Capital Projects.
Initial Department Expenditures Requests: - Mr. Munn stated that the total amount of departmental budget requests is 1.8 million dollars over last year's amount, leaving a 1.2 million dollar gap to balance the budget. Mr. Munn indicated that the City Council could expect a balanced budget from management. Mr. Guffey stated that last year's budget gap was over 2 million dollars. Mr. Munn stated that salaries and insurance cost are high but we will look for ways to cut cost during the budget review. The Mayor indicated that it looks as if the budget presentation for this year is going to be different. Mr. Munn again reminded the Council that the budget number might change.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00P.M., upon a motion and seconded by Councilwoman Pat Hubbard and Councilwoman Phyllis Harris, respectively.

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CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY

MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2007
MOUNT HOLLY CITY HALL

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris. The following were present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Phyllis Harris
Councilman David Moore
Councilman Jerry Bishop
Councilman Jim Hope
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard
Councilman Frank McLean
City Attorney Kemp Michael

Assistant City Manager Danny Jackson
Assistant City Manager Jamie Guffey
Police Chief David Belk
Interim City Manager Ed Munn
Fire Chief Dale Oplinger
Planner Greg Beal

The invocation was led by Councilman Frank McLean.

Councilman Hope **MOVED** to set the agenda after moving consent agenda items 3 and 4 from the consent agenda to New Business. Seconded by Councilman Bishop and passed with all in favor.

Presentation by Ms. Leigh Brinkley and Ms. Wendy Foster of the Community Development Foundation

Ms. Brinkley and Ms. Foster stated that the Foundation would like to partner with the City on hanging baskets in the downtown. They stated that the Foundation has set aside money for flowers for the baskets and had hoped to get them up before SpringFest. The only thing that needs to be decided on is the watering problem.

Councilman Moore asked if the Foundation had any idea how many people would volunteer to water the flowers. Ms. Brinkley stated it is hard to get volunteers if we have to use the cart that we used last year. Councilman Hope then asked for the Foundation to tell the council want they want. Ms. Brinkley stated they would like permission to use the city gator. Councilman Hope stated that the city will need in writing what the foundation is looking for so that the city attorney may review it.

Presentation by Ms. Paisley Payton of the SpringFest Committee

Ms. Payton gave a brief update on the planning of SpringFest. She stated that the major change for this year's SpringFest is that the festival and the 5k road race will be on the same day. She stated that the festival will run from noon to 6 p.m. and will have 3 bands, 120 vendors and a kids zone.

Consent Agenda # 3 – Sale of surplus property.

City Attorney Michael passed around a resolution to declare the current city hall, police department and the vacant land purchased for the ABC store site as surplus. He also discussed some of the ways the city could dispose of the property. Councilman Hope asked if there had been any appraisals done on the properties. Interim Manager Munn stated that appraisals were done on City Hall and the Police department in 2003 and an update could not be done before the end of May. City hall appraised at $500,000 and the police department was valued at $300,000.

Councilman Hope asked if we put a number on the properties based on the appraisals can we move forward and surplus them tonight. He also asked if we could schedule an appraisal for the vacant land.

Councilman Hope **MOVED** to approve Resolution 040907A to surplus the vacant lot on Highway 273 in front of the Holiday Inn and to sale the lot for no less than $750,000. Seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard and passed with all in favor.

Councilwoman Hubbard **MOVED** to approve Resolution 040907B to surplus the current city hall building and to sale the building for no less than update appraisal amount. Seconded by Councilman Hope and passed with all in favor.

Councilwoman Hubbard **MOVED** to approve Resolution 040907C to surplus current police department building and to sale the building for no less than updated appraisal amount. Seconded by Councilman Hope and passed with all in favor.

. Consent Agenda # 4 – Senate Bill 289

City Attorney Michael stated that Ann Danzi drafted a resolution in support of Senate Bill 289, which would provide financial support for the educational forest.

Councilwoman Hubbard MOVED to approve Resolution 040907D Support for Senate Bill 289. Seconded by Councilman Moore and passed with all in favor.

Public Hearing # 1 Conditional Zoning

Councilman Bishop **MOVED** to go out of City Council meeting and into public hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard and passed with all in favor.

Senior Planner Greg Beal stated that the Planning Commission unanimously approved Conditional Zoning at the meeting. The City has been working toward replacing section 14.5 of the zoning ordinance. This would require a developer to have a series of public information meetings. It would also get rid of the quasi judicial aspects of the conditional use permit. Also it would reduce the area that requires notification to 200 feet.

City Attorney Michael asked if this is a voluntary process. Mr. Beal stated that it was. Mr. Michael then asked if the developer does not volunteer, then will council be able to put conditional on the development. Interim Manager Munn stated that they would not be able to, but they still have the power to turn down the development. Mr. Michael then asked if the parcel is already in the city and they comply with the subdivision ordinance, will council have the right to turn down the development. Mr. Munn stated that this change would be for zoning and does not apply to the subdivision ordinance. Assistant City Manager Jackson the stated that the approach would still be the same, all this will do is to take the quasi judicial aspect out of the process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Harris then asked if anyone in the audience wanted to comment on the matter. No one wished to speak.

Councilman Bishop **MOVED** to come out of public hearing and go back into the City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilman Moore and passed with all in favor.

Councilman Hope asked if staff had any changes that it wanted to make to the original proposal. Mr. Beal stated that staff would like to change the 1,000 ft rule and make the planning board have a public hearing.

Councilman Hope **MOVED** to adopt the ordinance change as proposed and amended by staff. Seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard and passed with all in favor.

Public Comment

1. Ann Danzi - 513 Stonewater Bay Lane stated that she wanted to thank Council for coming to the banquet where the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation received an award for community involvement.
2. Greg Dimmer – 112 Creekview Court stated that he is renovating a building downtown and wanted to put a motorcycle parts and service shop in the building. To be able to do that, he would need a text amendment and he has not completed all the paper work for that. He stated that he wanted to move quickly on this and was asking Council to call for a public hearing next month. Councilman Hope stated that at the last worksession council vote unanimously voted to follow procedures so he would need to complete the paperwork for the Council to call for a public hearing.

Old Business #1 Moratorium

Mr. Beal state the annexation moratorium was set to expire on April 10, 2007 and that the criteria for lifting the moratorium have been met, so staff is recommending letting it expire.

Councilman Hope **MOVED** to let the current moratorium be allowed to expire at 12:01 AM on April 10, 2007. Seconded by Councilman Moore and passed with all in favor.

Old Business # 2 Tuck Park Bid Award

Steve Whaley of W.K. Dickson passed out the bid tab sheets and the budget for phase one of the park expansion. He stated that he had heard that there were questions about the quantities that were bid. Because the questions involved grading, we decided to bid the project as a lump sum. Councilman Hope asked if Mr. Whaley felt comfortable with the low bidder. Mr. Whaley stated that he did. Councilman Hope then asked about the number of inspections that W.K. Dickson would be performing. Mr. Whaley stated that the proposal was for monthly inspections. Councilman Hope stated that that was unacceptable, that there needs to be at least bi-weekly inspections and then reports given to staff. Councilman Hope then asked if Mr. Whaley had a ballpark figure for how much that would cost. Mr. Whaley stated around $1,600.

Councilman Hope **MOVED** to award the bid for phase 1 of the Tuck Park Expansion to Neil Grading and Construction for $438,867.95. Seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard and pass with all in favor.

Old Business # 3 Cleanwater Management Fund Trust Grant

City Attorney Michael stated that Duke had an appraisal and we had one, and that Duke thought ours was to low and the Trust thought theirs was to high. Duke agreed to split the difference.

Councilwoman Hubbard **MOVED** to approve 040907E Contract with Duke Energy as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hope and pass with all in favor.

Mr. Michael stated that there is still a list of things to be done before we can close on the Crescent portion of the land. We have a new possible closing date of June 15, 2007. Councilman Moore asked if we have an extension on the grant. Interim Manager Munn stated that we do, until April of 2008.

Manager's Report

Interim Manager Munn passed out a proposal to design the linear park by Greenways Inc. who will work with URS on the design.

Mr. Munn also reminded Council he will be on Vacation next week.

New Business # 1 Design Guidelines

Stormwater Officer Ray Clemmer stated that the City Attorney suggested adding a line to the subdivision guidelines that would require a Stormwater Management Plan be submitted when the developer submits they site plan.

Councilwoman Hubbard **MOVED** to amend the subdivision guidelines to include a stormwater management plan. Seconded by Councilman Bishop and passed with all in favor.

Councilman Bishop **MOVED** to adjourn at 9 pm. Seconded by Councilman Moore and passed with all in favor.

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