

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2022
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	Brian DuPont, Asst City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilman Ivory Craig	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Tony Walker, Street and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	David Johnson, City Engineer/ Director of Utilities
Miles Braswell, City Manager	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 asked for any changes to the agenda. Councilman Moore made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment
 - a. Parks and Recreation—improvements to Glendale/Hawthorne Property
2. Approval of the 2021-2022 Audit Contract
3. Approval of Parking Lot easement for 131 South Main Street
4. Approval to submit for the “Kubota Hometown Proud Grant”
5. Approval to submit for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant
6. Approval of Minutes from the March 14, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

AGENDA

1. Presentation of the Communications Plan

Mr. Braswell gave a brief explanation of the Communication Plan, the thoughts behind the plan and the process taken to get to the final draft. He advised that he pulled in Mary Blomquist owner of For the Love of Technology for assistance on the project. At this time, he introduced Ms. Blomquist to present the final draft of the Communication Plan. Ms. Blomquist gave a brief summary as to the process taken to come up with the final draft of the Communication Plan. She advised that as per the employee survey results, one of the biggest needs felt by employees is better communication. Ms. Blomquist met with Department Heads to discuss their internal vs. external communication needs and used the information to determine each department's specific need. One of the main takeaways from the departmental meetings was a more time efficient process. Therefore, a Communications Team will be formed to streamline the process. The CMCT will develop procedures to submit information to the public, share upcoming events and keep staff updated on a regular basis. Ms. Blomquist also reported on a new feature on social media named the "Mount Holly Minute." This will promote and create a positive view of things happening in Mount Holly.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (6)

Councilman Moore made the motion to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(6) at 6:41 pm. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Councilman Moore made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session at 7:06 pm. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough advised that no action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Meadows made the motion to adjourn the March 28, 2022 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.