

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, March 22, 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-absent	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

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendment to Appropriate Funds for the Design of the MHPD Memorial Plaza
2. Approval of an In Rem Demolition Ordinance for a dilapidated structure at 329 North Lee Street
3. Approval of the March 8, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on Disposition of Economic Development Property located at 725 Elm Street

Ms. Anders advised that at the last meeting Council called for a public hearing on a resolution that the property located at 725 Elm Street be held for disposition of economic development property under NCGS 158-7.1. Mayor Pro Tem Shoemaker made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion all Council Members voted in favor. With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the resolution on Disposition of Economic Development Property located at 725 Elm Street. (Resolution #032221A) Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

AGENDA

1. Presentation of the 2040 Gaston County Vision Plan

David Williams, Donna Lockett and Gina Shell from Gaston County Planning Department to present the 2040 Gaston County Vision Plan. Mr. Williams advised that they are going around to the county municipalities to present and let them know they have a voice in the process. Ms. Shell is administering an online dashboard with the visioning effort. Ms. Lockett gave an update on the implementation process and reviewed the timeline.

2. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Bond Referendum

Mr. Wilson advised that since the Council Retreat staff has been working with McAdams on update the cost of the proposed bond projects. He advised that there has been a 7-9% increase in the costs of the projects. Financing options were discussed and staff advised that they recommend moving forward with the GO Referendum process if it is Council's desire is to progress forward with the Park and Recreation projects. Council agreed that a downtown park (Veterans Park Expansion) is a huge economic driver for our downtown and the City. Discussion ensued in regard to moving forward with acquiring property in all phases of Veterans Park and the process of pay as you go or financing the property then paying back after the Bond passes. Council's direction was to move forward with acquiring property in all phases of the Veteran's Park Project and progress forward with the construction of Phase 1 of Veteran's Park. Council also agreed to move forward with acquiring property for the Fites Creek Crossing and also move forward with the construction of Fites Creek and Dutchman's Creek Bridges. Councilman Meadows made the motion to move forward as stated above and with the Park Bond Referendum with the intent to reimburse any funds with bond money after the Park Bond passes. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

3. Discussion of Intersection Improvements with CaroMont.

Mr. DuPont advised that staff received very positive feedback from Caromont in regard to the proposed intersection improvement. He advised that staff is looking for

direction on proceeding forward with this project. It was the consensus of Council to wait until we get to the point of moving forward with the project before funding options are discussed.

4. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Maintenance Building

Mr. Jusko advised that before COVID staff brought an estimate of \$156,000 for a maintenance building. Since then the project was put on hold but staff would like to include the building in the upcoming budget. Council's direction was to move forward with the budget goals in the upcoming budget but get estimates on a larger building. Mr. Meadows advised that the City could possibly benefit from separating the project out and getting estimates on a concrete pad then a separate estimate on a metal building.

5. 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 7:38 pm. Councilwoman Harris made a motion to return to open session. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) Time was 8:15 pm.

6. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Bryan Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the March 22, 2021 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman David Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.