

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, March 14, 2022
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	Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris	Michelle Wood, Finance Director
Councilman Ivory Craig	Don Roper, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Brian Reagan, Deputy Police Chief
Councilman Moore	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	David Johnson, City Engineer/Director of Utilities
Miles Braswell, City Manager	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Greg Beal, Planning Director

Invocation

Reverend Peggy Thorns with Peggy Thorns Outreach Ministry led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop #56 led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

SET THE AGENDA

Mayor Hough asked for any changes to the agenda. Councilwoman Shoemaker made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of River Park Phase 6 Bond Reduction Request
2. Approval River Park Phase 7 Bond Reduction Request
3. Municipal Concurrence for Speed Limit revision on a portion of NC 273 (Beatty Dr./S. Main St.) maintained by NCDOT
4. Approval of conflict of interest waiver with Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein LLP
5. Approval of Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Penler to take over Emberglow's rights and responsibilities towards Caldwell Drive Extension.
6. Call for a public hearing to consider a rezoning of Tax Parcel #181234 to create a R-12SF zoning for the existing cemetery and a L-I Light Industrial zoning for the remaining portion of the property
7. Call for a Public Hearing for Annexation and Approval of a Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Petition for Annexation for the property located at Tax Parcel #181234 (Legion Road) and Certify the Sufficiency of the Petition
8. Call for a public hearing for annexation and rezoning for the property on Legion Road
9. Call for a public hearing to consider rezoning a 3.85-acre tract of land, located at 250 N Main Street, Parcel ID #'s 123583, 123586 & 123587, from O&I to CD Commercial-Multifamily
10. Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2022 Council Work Session Meeting
11. Approval of Minutes of the February 25, 2022 Council Retreat

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of a Resolution Recognizing Charlie Sawyer for his 100th Birthday
Mayor Hough recognized Charlie Sawyer for celebrating his 100th birthday. His daughter was present to accept the resolution on her dad's behalf.
2. Police Department Swearing In of Officers Brenna Robinson, Joe Griffin and Kyle Siek and Promotional Swearing In of Sergeant Jonathan Moore and Sergeant Thomas Bell
Mayor Hough administered the law enforcement oath of office to Officers Robinson, Griffin and Siek. He then administered the oath to Sergeants Bell and Moore for their recent promotions to the position of sergeant.
3. Presentation of SHARP Awards
Safety Coordinator Debbie Lowery presented the qualifications for the SHARP Award she advised that the Waste Treatment, Water Treatment, Utilities and Streets Department all met the qualifications. Mrs. Lowery introduced the Commissioner of Labor, Josh Dobson. Mr. Dobson presented the SHARP Award to each department.
4. Presentation and Consideration of the Mount Holly River Hawk Greenway Brand/Logo
Mr. Beal recognized the Brand Committee and gave a brief description of the brand recommendation process. He introduced representatives from Destination by Design to reveal the proposed design. An explanation of the color choices was explained along with examples of promotional items. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Mount Holly River Hawk Greenway Brand/Logo as presented. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. Presentation of the Fire Department's Annual Report
Chief Baker presented the Fire Departments Annual Report. He advised that the call volume jumped up 8% which is believed to be due to COVID. He advised that there were 49 actual fires last year in the City. He further reviewed total incident responses and response times. He added that each Fire Fighter trains for 2 hours each day.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to consider a modification to the development agreement for 725 Elm Street
Mrs. Anders that at the last meet Council agreed to call for a public hearing to modify the agreement with Old Mecklenburg Brewery (OMB). She advised that OMB will no longer construct the warehouse that was in the original agreement but will expand the other amenities which will increase the value of the project.
Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to consider a modification to the development agreement for 725 Elm Street. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried) With no one signed Councilman Meadows made a motion to come out of the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)
Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the modification to the development agreement for 725 Elm Street. (Resolution #03142022A) Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Rodney Epps, 107 South Hawthorne Street, Mount Holly, NC 28120—Mr. Epps came before the City Council to speak on the speed limit on Hawthorne that that has been 20mph forever. He advised that some of the people in the community would like to change to 25 mph since no one pays attention to the speed limit anyway.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a Budget Amendment for Enterprise Fund Project
Mr. Johnson advised that he is coming before the Council seeking approval for the proposed budget amendment now instead of waiting until budget time due to the importance of the project. He advised that there are 2 parts to the budget amendment. The first being the Master Meter Replacement

Program. This would replace meters with more up to date technology and give the Finance Department the availability to turn off meters at a remote location. The second part of the budget amendment allows for the upgrades to be made to the 20 acres of property at the Legion Road site for the laydown yard and directed by the City Council. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the Enterprise Fund Projects. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of Overhead Lighting on Highway 27

Mr. Moss came before the City Council to present the option to consider addition decorative lighting on Highway 27. He advised that there is an estimated 21 poles and Duke Energy will do the installation. The poles would be installed at approximately 89 feet apart with LED lighting. This would cost the City an additional \$89 a month. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Consideration and Approval of Public Art Projects as recommended by the Public Art Advisory Commission (PAAC)

Mr. Beal advised that PAAC has been working very hard to coordinate the proposed public art projects. He advised that the PAAC is recommending by a unanimous decision the projects and bids be awarded as follows:

Tuck Park Pollinator Garden-Emily Andress and Mac Fag

Artistic Bike Racks—Jan Craft

108 South Main Street—muralist Treazy Treaz

500 East Central Avenue—muralist Sydney Duarte

Councilwoman Shoemaker advised that she is very excited to see the City moving forward with the art projects and made a motion to approve the Public Art Projects as recommended by the PAAC. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3 and 5)

Councilman Moore made the motion to enter into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5) at 8:35 pm. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session at 9:06 pm. Councilman Moore 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. Mayor Pro Tem Harris made the motion to adjourn the March 14, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.