CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY

MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, March 13, 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Miles Braswell, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris	Brian DuPont, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Ivory Craig	Brian Reagan, Police Chief
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Councilwoman Christina Pawlish	Tony Walker, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilwoman Lauren Shoemaker	Jonathan Wilson, Director of Utilities
Marie M. Anders, City Attorney	Mark Jusko, Recreation Supervisor
Kemp Michael, Assistant City Attorney	Michelle Wood, Finance Director

Invocation

Councilman David Moore led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 led the Council, staff and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

With no changes to the agenda, Councilwoman Pawlish made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Carried)

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Budget Amendments
    - ARPA Grant Project Ordinance
    - 410 East Central Avenue-Tenant Improvement Upfit
    - Public Works Capital Project Close Out
2. Approval of ARPA policies
3. Approval of the Audit Contract
4. Approval of the SAFER Grant Application for the hiring of Firefighters
5. Call for a public hearing for review and recommendation to City Council, to consider an application, submitted by Barbara Brown, to rezone a 1.69-acre tract of land at 1010 South Main Street, Tax Parcel #182051 and Tax Parcel #182049 from R-12 Single Family to B-2 Neighborhood Business

6. Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
7. Approval of exemption from the requirements of the Mini-Brooks Act for engineering services regarding I&I Study for the wastewater collection system
8. Appointment of Wanda Campbell to replace Dottie Scher on the Public Arts Advisory Commission as Arts of the Greenway's representative
9. Approval of a deed of conveyance to the City of Charlotte of a portion of city owned property located at 165 Broome St. (PID 124524) and access and utility easement for Charlotte Water pump station and force mains
10. Resolution of Support for Community Project Funding Application to the Office of Congressman Jeff Jackson to consider the Riverbend Water Storage Tank for State and Tribal Assistance Grant for FY 2024
11. Approval of February 13, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
12. Approval of March 3, 2023 Council Retreat Minutes

Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Craig seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor.

(Motion Carried)

Presentations

1. Promotional swearing in for Sergeant Jason Barnes, Corporal Delton Williams, and Corporal Devin Wright
   Mayor Bryan Hough

Sergeant Barnes is recognized by Deputy Chief David Sisk and is sworn in by Mayor Hough. Corporal Wright is recognized by Deputy Chief David Sisk is sworn in by Mayor Hough. Corporal Delton Williams is recognized by Deputy Chief David Sisk and is sworn in by Mayor Hough.

2. Presentation on grant application by Arts on the Greenway *Wanda Campbell*

Wanda Campbell presented information regarding a $75,000 grant that Arts on the Greenway intends to apply for to upfit the interior of the building for improved lighting, flooring and sheetrock. Ms. Campbell recognized the grant committee for their work. Mayor Hough asked council if they had any questions. Council had no questions at this time.

3. Presentation of the City of Mount Holly bidding for the 2024 Dixie Youth Baseball State Tournament *Matt Watts*

   Matt Watts, City of Mount Holly Athletic Coordinator, presented information regarding the City of Mount Holly hosting the 2024 Dixie Youth Baseball State tournament. Mr. Watts stated that we are looking to partnership with the Mount Holly Athletic Association (MHAA). Mr. Watts gave information on the state tournament. Mr. Watts stated that they are looking to host the majors division that will be held in the 2nd or 3rd week of July. Mr. Watts stated that this information was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their February 28, 2023 meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously supporting the moving forward with the bid application. Mr. Watts stated that the bids are due by June 1st, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Harris stated that she is excited for this.

   Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the bidding for the 2024 Dixie Youth Baseball State Tournament. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Passes)

Public Hearing

1. Public hearing for review and recommendation to City Council, to consider application, submitted by Finial Construction, for a proposed rezoning for a 12.59-acre tract, Parcel ID# 179662, located off of Hwy 27 and Craig Street, from Conditional District Single Family, approved on July 20, 2020 to Conditional District Single Family *Brandon Livingston*

Brandon Livingston presented information regarding an application by Finial Construction for a proposed rezoning of a 12.59-acre tract, Parcel ID# 179662, from Conditional District Single Family, approved on July 20, 2020, to Conditional District Single Family. Mr. Livingston stated that this property was rezoned and annexed in the City in July of 2020 with the annexation agreement recorded on September 10, 2020 for a proposed 30 single family home development with zoning conditions. Mr. Livingston stated that the proposed single family home use will remain the same, but the applicant is seeking to reduce the minimum heated square footage of 12 of the homes to 1,701 sq. feet while the remaining 18 homes will be at least 1,950 heated sq. feet. Mr. Livingston stated that the developer is also seeking to remove the two-foot offset for garages throughout the proposed neighborhood. Mr. Livingston stated that in exchange for these updates, the developer will add 6 additional street trees and an entrance monument sign. Mr. Livingston stated that the following additional conditions were added after a requested meeting with the applicant sparked further conversations concerning the original request: 1. A maximum

of 12 lots shall have a minimum of at least 1,701 heated sq. feet while the remaining 18 lots will be a minimum of 1,950 heated sq. feet. 2. Garage 2- foot offset as measured from the front edge of the porch. 3. All garages shall have windows and carriage door treatments 4. The 8-foot-wide trail will have asphalt and/or concrete surface. Mr. Livingston stated that though staff currently supports the application with the enhanced standards, staff was originally recommending the denial of this request. Mr. Livingston stated that staff feels these new enhanced standards offer a fair trade for the conditions that the applicant is looking to lower and that staff is now supportive of the updated request. Mr. Livingston stated that the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend the approval of this rezoning during their meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Mayor Hough entertained a motion to go out of the regular meeting and into the public hearing. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to go out of the regular meeting and into the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Passes) Mayor Hough stated that we are now in the public hearing and called Brian Edenfield who is signed up to speak at the public hearing. Mr. Edenfield stated that he did not wish to speak at this public hearing.

Mayor Hough entertained a motion to come out of the public hearing and back into the regular meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to come out of the public hearing and back into the regular meeting. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion passes)

Mayor Hough stated that we are now back in the regular meeting. Councilman Meadows commended staff on holding to the city's standards. Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the application, submitted by Finial Construction, for a proposed rezoning for a 12.59-acre tract, Parcel ID# 179662, located off of Hwy 27 and Craig Street, from Conditional District Single Family, approved on July 20, 2020 to Conditional District Single Family. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Passes)

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1. Public hearing to amend the development agreement for Olde Mecklenburg Brewery *Marie Anders*

Mayor Hough stated that the public hearing to amend the development agreement for Olde Mecklenburg Brewery would be continued to the March 27, 2023 Council Work Session meeting.

Public Comment- Three (3) Minute Limit

1. James Latham-448 Augustus, Mount Holly, NC: Mr. Latham stated that he is coming before council to ask about if there have discussions on whether or not the tax rate will be going up. Mr. Latham asked that council "be kind".
2. Ezra Carter-304 Tomberlin Road, Mount Holly, NC: Mr. Carter would like to ask that the City of Mount Holly consider allowing backyard chickens. Mr. Carter stated that Belmont and Charlotte have an ordinance that allows chickens.
3. Samantha Adamson-142 Houston Street, Mount Holly, NC: Ms. Adamson would like to support changing the ordinance to allow laying hens in Mount Holly.
4. Randy Phillips-970 Old Hwy 27 Mount Holly, NC: Mr. Phillips would like to ask the council to consider changing the ordinance to allow laying hens in Mount Holly.
5. Reece Williams-137 Lighthouse, Mount Holly, NC: Ms. Williams is Miss Mount Holly Teen 2023 and spoke to council about her service to the community. Miss Mount Holly also spoke about her tennis shoe drive.

New Business

1. Discussion to extend the water and sewer service to parcel ID#'s 176261, 176294, 176295, 176296, 176297 as outside city limits customers. *Jonathan Wilson*

Jonathan Wilson came before council to discuss the extension of water and sewer service to parcel ID#176261, 176294, 176295, 176296, 176297 as outside city limits customers. Mr. Wilson stated that the Utilities Department had been approached by Billy Rick regarding the extension of water and sewer service to five parcels located off of Horseshoe Lake Road. Mr. Wilson stated that water service is near the project site at the intersection of Canova Drive and Horseshoe Lake Road. Mr. Wilson stated that historically the city has not granted water and sewer service to outside city limits residential development. Mr. Wilson stated that there have been a few exceptions and the most recent being sewer service to a large residential parcel in the rear of Meadowbrook Estates. Mr. Wilson completed his presentation and opened the conversation to council for questions. Councilman Meadows asked Mr. Wilson who would be responsible for covering the costs? Mr. Wilson stated that service extensions would be the responsibility of the applicant. Mayor Hough asked council if there were any other questions or

concerns for either Mr. Wilson or Mr. Rick? There were no questions or concerns from council. Mayor Hough asked if council would like to take any action or give direction? Councilman Meadows made the motion to extend the water and sewer service to parcel ID#'s 176261, 176294, 176295, 176296, 176297 as outside city limits customers. Councilwoman Pawlish seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Passes)

2. Consideration and approval of a crosswalk creations application submitted by Arts on the Greenway *Paul Lowe*

Mr. Lowe presented an application submitted by Arts on the Greenway for crosswalk art. Mr. Lowe showed the artwork presented and approved by the Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC) at their meeting on February 22, 2023. Mayor Hough asked council if they had any questions. Councilwoman Shoemaker made a motion to approve the crosswalk creations application submitted by Arts on the Greenway. Councilman David Moore seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Passes)

3. Consideration and approval of a crosswalk creations application submitted by the Farmer's Market *Paul Lowe*

Mr. Lowe presented an application and approval of a crosswalk creations applications submitted by the Farmer's Market. Mr. Lowe stated the Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC) approved the application and art work at their February 22, 2023 meeting. Councilman Craig made a motion to approve the crosswalk creations application and artwork submitted by the Farmer's Market. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Passes)

4. Consideration and approval of a resolution supporting the signal box art wrapping project *Paul Lowe*

Mr. Lowe presented the consideration and approval of a resolution supporting the signal box art wrapping project. Mr. Lowe stated that this is another priority project from the Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC). The PAAC has identified eight (8) signal boxes to wrap and held an art contest with local schools where winners were chosen. Mr. Lowe showed the artwork that was chosen. Mayor Hough commented on the amazing work and talent by the students that submitted artwork. Mayor Hough asked if there were going to be signal box wrappings in Mount Holly? Mr. Lowe stated that there could be a phase 2 where more signal boxes could be wrapped in downtown Mount Holly. Councilman Meadows made a motion to increase the budget for signal box wrapping not to exceed $10,000. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion to increase the budget for signal boxes not to exceed $10,000. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Passes)

Mayor Hough entertained a motion to approve the resolution supporting the signal box art wrapping project as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Harris made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the signal box art wrapping project as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion Passes)

Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pawlish made the motion to adjourn the August 22, 2022 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Harris seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

(Motion Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.