

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Work Session Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2010
Council Chambers
6:30 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Breyare	Jamie Guffey, Co-Interim City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Danny Jackson, Co-Interim City Manager
Councilman Jim Hope	David Belk, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman Bennie Brookshire	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman David Moore	Mark Jusko, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Mike Santmire, Streets & Solid Waste Director

Invocation

Councilman Brookshire led the Council, staff and attendees in prayer.

Set the Agenda

Mayor Hough asked for any changes to the March 22, 2010 work session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. With all Council members present, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Recommendation from the Grand Hall Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare advised that the Grand Hall Committee met and reviewed the policy. The recommended changes were presented to Council as part of their packet. Councilman Toomey pointed out that #12 of the policy can be deleted as it is covered in other sections of the policy. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare added that the Committee also talked about looking into a designated person to lock up the building and check for damages after an event but no recommendation was made at this time. Mayor Hough asked about status of all the requests that were made during the regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Breyare commented that they would be part of the consent agenda at the April meeting. With no additional comments from Council, Mayor Hough directed staff to place the approval of the Grand Hall Policy as part of the Consent Agenda at the April Meeting.

2. Presentation from COG on the City Manager Search

Mr. Sharpe with the Centralina COG brought forth a proposal to Council regarding the search for a new City Manager. Mr. Sharpe advised that the COG helped with the City Manager search for Harrisburg and Indian Trail. Councilman Bishop questioned the extent of the background check that would be done. Mr. Sharpe responded that they do criminal checks as well as use the professional network. Council Hope made a motion to approve the contract with the COG. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Hough advised that Jamie Guffey will be point of contact.

3. Demonstration of the Netbooks for Council

Mr. Guffey advised that at the Retreat that Council asked for a demo on the netbooks. Representatives from Verizon Wireless were present to demonstrate the portable laptop. They explained that they are a very efficient resource. The netbooks cost \$199.99 plus \$42.95 a month for the internet feature. On-site training will be provided. Council advised that they would discuss this option further at a future meeting.

4. Discussion of JAG Funds

Chief Belk came before Council to ask for approval to replace the Police weapons rather than refurbishing them as first intended. He advised that by using the balance of JAG funds it would only cost the City \$1922. He further advised that the proposal would first have to be approved by the federal government. With no objections to the proposal, Mayor Hough asked that this be placed in the Consent Agenda for approval at the April meeting.

5. Discussion of Catawba Heights Fire Station

Chief Oplinger came before Council with his recommendations in regard to the repairs at the Catawba Heights Fire Station. It was the consensus of Council that Chief Oplinger gather more definite pricing for the repairs and bring it back to them at the April meeting. Councilman Hope offered, as Chairman of the Construction Committee to meet with Mr. Oplinger and review the repairs that need to be made.

6. Update on the Waste Water Treatment Options

Mr. Friday reported that Barry Gullet with CMUD has the MOU with the proposed changes that were made by Mr. Davis, Mr. Michaels and himself. He advised that Dave Parker with Carollo Engineers will come out and do core samples of the river bed to better determine the cost of running a sewer line under the river. Mr. Friday further reported that he and Mr. Jackson also met with the County to discuss a county wide system. He advised that they will start meeting regularly with the County in regard to this option. There are 8 local municipalities interested in this option. Mr. Friday also reported that he and Mr. Jackson also met with Belmont, and they have had a change of heart in regard to the capacity in their plant and they plan to meet again in the upcoming weeks. Mayor Hough advised that it sounds like the only option that has not been reviewed is the one with A&E and Staff will be meeting with A&E representatives to go over that option.

7. Discussion of the 2010 Paving Project List

Mr. Dupont brought before Council the changes that were made as per council's request at the last meeting. Council discussed the intersection at Woodland Park and the issue of safety. Councilman Hope advised that storm drains are a concern as well as impervious surfaces. It was the consensus of Council to remove the intersection at Woodland Park from the paving list and for Staff to provide an intersection priority list at the April meeting.

8. Discussion of Marketing Firms for City Owned Property

Representatives from Southeast Commercial Real Estate were present to review their credentials with the Council. They advised that they deal only with commercial property and do not practice any residential real estate property. They commented that they feel the property located in front of the Holiday Inn would be a good retail space. Mayor Hough advised that Staff would get in touch with them once a final decision was made in regard to choosing a firm.

9. Approval of a Resolution Recognizing April as National Organ Donor Month

Mr. Michael advised that this is an issue that is important to him and would just ask Council to recognize and approve this resolution. Mayor Hough advised that the resolution would be added as part of the Consent Agenda at the April meeting.

Councilman Toomey advised that any negotiations regarding the Utility's needs to be reported to the Utility Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Breyare reported that the Mount Hollydays group will be taking over the Alive After 5 this summer.

Mayor Hough reported that he would get with Council and set up a meeting with COG as soon as possible so the City Manager search can move forward.

Mayor Hough asked how the recycling is going with Waste Management. Mr. Santmire reported that there are weekly issues but we are trying to work through them. The Mayor advised that his entire neighborhood has been missed for the past 2 pickups. There was discussion regarding the number of trucks being run and the familiarity of the routes. Mr. Santmire expressed that the City could do a much better job. Mayor Hough advised him to throw his hat in the ring and give Council a price.

10. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Brookshire made the motion to adjourn the March 22, 2010 Work Session Meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. **(Motion carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.