

**MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

May 25, 2021

The City Council met on this date at 11:00 a.m. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Tommy Goode, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton and Steve Higginbotham.

Staff members present included City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, Communications Coordinator Phedra Johnson, and Parks and Recreational Director Kirk Kimbrell.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Fullen gave the Invocation and led the Pledges.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

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There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

1. Consideration and possible action upon a gift deed from Henderson Sports Complex or other ownership entities through title search results. **(Abercrombie)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated the title search has been completed and the gift deed has been received. It is ready for Council's consideration.
Council Member Stave Higginbotham made a motion to accept the gift deed for the Henderson Sports Complex. Duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.
2. Consideration and possible action upon an agreement with the Rusk County Recreation for the use of fields and facilities at the Sports Complex. **(Abercrombie)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie made a recommendation Council approve the agreement with the Rusk County Recreation for the use of athletic fields and facilities at the Sports Complex with an annual fee of \$1,000. Council Member Steve Higginbotham stated all three of these contracts state they will pay in cash, he recommended they pay with a check, cashier check, or credit card.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve the agreement except for paying in cash. Duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
3. Consideration and possible action upon an agreement with the Henderson Boys Baseball Association for use of athletic fields and facilities at the Sports Complex. **(Abercrombie)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie made a recommendation Council approve the agreement with the Henderson Boys Baseball Association with an annual fee of \$1,500. Council Member Steve Higginbotham stated this contract states payment by cash, recommending they pay by other means than cash.
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the agreement except for paying in cash. Duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.
4. Consideration and possible action upon an agreement with the Henderson Girls Softball Association for use of athletic fields and facilities at the Sports Complex. **(Abercrombie)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie made a recommendation Council approve the agreement with the Girls Softball Association with an annual fee of \$1,500.
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the agreement except for paying in cash. Duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.
5. Consideration and possible action upon a work order change for phase 2 of the East Side Sewer Main project. **(Boyd/Holland)**
Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd stated the work order change will extend phase 2 from Martin Luther King Drive (Webster) to HWY 79. Randy explained the sewer main was installed in the fifties which consist of clay pipes and brick manholes. The cost to the city will not exceed 25% of the approved bid amount of \$916,033.90. Change order one of phase 2 will not exceed \$229,008.29. He recommended Council Support the work order change for phase 2 of the East side sewer main project.
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the extension of the east side sewer main to include replacement of the sewer line and manholes from Martin Luther King Drive to HWY 79 not exceeding 25% of the approved bid amount. Duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.

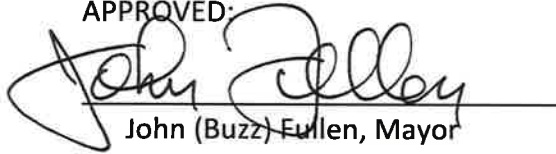
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6. Executive Session to Consult with City Attorney discussing litigations, real property located on W. Fordall, and 113 E. Main; City Manager employment agreement in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 071, 072, 073 and 074.
Mayor Fullen convened into executive session at 11:26 a.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

7. Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action necessary as a result Closed Session.
Mayor Fullen reconvened into regular session at 12:50 p.m.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to authorize the City Manager to accept the offer of one million dollars for the Jack Gray Estate that has parcels that meets the Lake at Lake Forest Park and extends over West Fordall and meets North Eveside consisting of 121.720 acres. Duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to increase the City Managers annual salary up to the same rate as compatible cities with the same or close to the same population. This includes benefits that will bring his pay up to \$152, 196. 75 annually. Duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.
8. There being no further business to come before Council at this time, upon a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12;52 p.m. by Council Member Michael Searcy. Duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:


John (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary