

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

June 15, 2021

The City Council met on this date at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Tommy Goode, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton and Steve Higginbotham.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: First United Methodist Church Pastor gave the Invocation and Mayor Fullen led the Pledges.

Staff members that joined the Council Meeting were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Deputy Fire Chief Sonny Ybarra, Director of Public Services Davis Brown, Director of Finance Karen Arnall, Parks and Recreational Director Kirk Kimbrell, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, Community/Outreach Training Lieutenant Charles Helton, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, HEDCO Director John Clary and HEDCO Director of Marketing Karin Green.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Gene Keenon with Republic Services presented a \$500.00 check to the City of Henderson to purchase and replace flags to display during appropriate events. Mayor Buzz Fullen thanked Republic Services and stated 50 additional flags will be purchased and displayed at Lake Forest Park during each holiday.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HEDCO Director John Clary introduced a new employee to Council; Karin Green is the Director of Marketing for HEDCO

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and possible action on the following Minutes: **(Jimerson)**
 - ❖ May 18, 2021- Regular Meeting
 - ❖ May 25, 2021-Special Meeting
2. Consideration and possible action on approval of street closures W. Fordall to HWY 64, Sand St. to W. Fordall and Lake Forest Parkway for the 4th of July 2021 from 5 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. **(Taylor/Chote)**
3. Consideration and possible action on approval of street closures downtown to start on North Marshall; turn west on East Main; turn South on South Main; Ragley; turn north on North Main; disbanding by turning east on Charlevioux for Patriotic parade on July 3, 2021.
4. Consideration and possible action upon the engagement letter to contract for auditing services with Gollob, Morgan, Peddy, CPA for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. **(Arnall)**
5. Consideration and possible action upon calling the November 2021 Municipal Election. **(Jimerson)**
6. Consideration and possible action upon moving the July Council Meeting up to July 12, 2021. **(Jimerson)**

City Secretary asked to remove the minutes from the consent agenda until next month's meeting and Council Member Melissa Morton asked to remove item 4 to the Regular Session.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to remove the minutes and move item 4 to the regular session approving items 3, 5 and 6 of the consent agenda; duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

4. Consideration and possible action upon the engagement letter to contract for auditing services with Gollob, Morgan, Peddy, CPA for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. **(Arnall)**
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve auditing services from Gollob, Morgan, Peddy, CPA. Duly Seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote for approval was 4 to 1. Council Member Melissa Morton abstained due to possible conflict of interest.
7. Open a Second Public Hearing for citizen comments upon a reinvestment zone for Henderson Industrial Park.
Mayor Fullen opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.
8. Close Second Public Hearing
With no public comments Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to close the hearing at 6:11 p.m. Duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.
9. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of a reinvestment zone Ordinance 2021-05-01 for Henderson Industrial Park. **(Jimerson/Hughes)**
There were no questions about the reinvestment zone.
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the second reading of the reinvestment zone ordinance. Duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.
10. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2021-05-02 amending the establishment of the Henderson Landmark Preservation Committee and establishing criteria for the historical district. **(Jimerson)**
City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson stated both ordinances that were to be revised are now combined into one ordinance and have been updated according to all the requests Council has asked to be updated.
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-05-02. Duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

11. Consideration and possible action upon an amendment to the SRO agreement with HISD. **(Taylor)**
Police Chief Chad Taylor explained the amendment will be adding an officer at each school location with the School's split of the cost being 75%, the City's cost 25%. Chief Taylor will not be able to attend the July 12th Council meeting. He wanted to explain the amendment giving Council Members an opportunity to ask questions if they had any. Council had no questions.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to table this item until the July 12th Council Meeting. Duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.
12. Consideration and possible action upon an amendment to the City of Henderson's Zoning Ordinance 2021-06-01 changing the R2 Zone to a C2 Zone on N. Mill and Zion Streets. **(Hughes)**
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met on May 4, 2021 making a recommendation to the City Council to approve a zoning change from a residential zone to a commercial zone. *(Historical records reflect when the railroad removed the tracks from that area the zone changed from Industrial to residential. Today N. Mill street has lots that join the commercial tracks between Mill and High Streets)*. There have been several inquiries for commercial facilities to build therefore it may be in the best interest of the city to change the zone accordingly.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to change the zone from residential to commercial. Duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.
13. Consideration and possible action upon amending the City of Henderson's Zoning ordinance. Ordinance 2021-06-02 changing a PD zone to a I1 Zone located at 2101 HWY 64 for Donald Thompson. **(Hughes)**
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes stated there was a meeting held June 1, 2021 with the Planning and Zoning Commission about a zoning change request located at 2101 HWY 64. The request was to change from a Planned Development Zone to a Low Density Industrial Zone. The P&Z Commission made a recommendation to support the zoning change request.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-06-02 changing the zoning of said area. Duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.
14. Consideration and possible action upon a text amendment to the City of Henderson's Zoning Ordinance. Ordinance 2021-06-03 changing Section 5.65. F regarding maximum square footage for the face of a pole sign in the C2 Zone. **(Hughes)**
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes stated at a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was held May 4, 2021. The Commission recommended a text amendment be made to section 5.65. F of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum square footage for the face of a pole sign to be 100 square feet in the General Commercial Zone.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-06-03 of said amendment. Duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

15. The City Council may deliberate and make inquiry into any item listed in the Departmental Reports.
 - A. City Manager - updated Council in the N. Marshall infrastructure emergency replacement of utilities.
 - B. Fire Department – Council Member Michael Searcy seen there were representatives with UT Ambulance Service present in the audience and asked if one of them could explain what (late due to; to long out of the shoot) meant on the call compliance sheet. Jimmy Zedrick with UT Ambulance Service explained when a call comes into staff, they have 30 seconds to leave the building. Michael asked about the late due to bad route; Jimmy explained a route is sent to the driver; the driver went a different route. Therefore, late arrival was noted on the compliance sheet. There are two trucks available to the city and the other truck was on a long-distance transfer to Smith County.
 - C. Police Department
 - D. Animal Center
 - E. Community Development
 - F. Public Services Department
 - G. Parks and Recreation Department
 - H. Public Utilities
 - I. Finance Department
 - J. City Secretary
 - K. Communications and Marketing
 - L. HEDCO

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustments minutes of April 6
 Planning and Zoning minutes of April 6
 Cemetery Board-none scheduled at this time.
 Main Street- next meeting April 27
 Preservation Board – there have not been any applications come before the Board since March 1, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

16. Adjourn.
There being no further business to come before Council at this time, upon a motion by Council Member Tommy Goode, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jamerson
City Secretary

APPROVED:

John (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor