

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

June 21, 2022

The City Council met on this date at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Wes Breitenberg, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace, and Melissa Morton. Gina Juarez was unable to attend.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Community Development Manager Cliff McElfresh gave the invocation and Council Member and Mayor Protem Henry Pace led the Pledges.

Staff Members present for the meeting were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Deputy Police Chief Randall Hudman, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Director of Operations Davis Brown, Public Services Director Kirk Kimbrell, Animal Center Director Chrissa Pool, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Zoning Administrator Billy Hughes, Executive Leadership Assistant/HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, and HEDCO Director John Clary.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Fullen and City Manager Jay Abercrombie updated Council on Public Services and Community Development Departments moving into the new City Hall. All customer serving departments are now in the same building.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration and possible action upon minutes of: **(Jimerson)**
May 17, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting
June 7, 2022 – Special Council Meeting
June 13, 2022 – Joint Meeting with County Commissioners and HEDCO
2. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO Financials April 2022. **(Clary)**
3. 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 Freedom Festival on July 2, 2022, from 5 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. **(Taylor/Chote)**
4. 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 ending in the Texas Bank Lot for Patriotic parade on July 2, 2022.
5. Consideration and possible action upon the engagement letter to contract for auditing services with Gollob, Morgan, Peddy, CPA for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. **(Arnall)**
6. Consideration and possible action upon calling the November 2022 Municipal Election for Mayor, Council Districts 2 and 3. **(Jimerson)**

Council Member Melissa Morton asked to pull item 5 into regular session.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item 5, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

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Moved from the consent agenda #5. Consideration and possible action upon the engagement letter to contract for auditing services with Gollob, Morgan, Peddy, CPA for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. **(Arnall)**

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve the engagement letter to contract for auditing services, duly seconded by Council member Wes Breitenberg; vote was 3 for and 1 abstention.

7. Consideration and possible action upon an interlocal Agreement with Harris County for services related to the public safety communications system. (Taylor/Chote) Police Chief Chad Taylor explained the agreement will be for the City of Henderson to use the mobile apps and service on the radios from Harris County.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion approving the Harris County Interlocal Agreement, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

8. Discuss and take possible action to approve a Resolution amending action items in the Rusk County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan dated August 21, 2021.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion approving a resolution amending said Mitigation Plan, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

9. Consideration and Possible action upon an amendment for the 2021-2022 HEDCO Budget. (Clary)

HEDCO Director John Clary gave a synopsis of the amendments stating most of them are due to the new Business Park.

Council Member Henry Pace made a motion approving the budget amendments, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

10. Discussion upon the second reading of Ordinance 2022-05-09 for an amendment to the Special Exception Uses adding Duplexes, Triplexes, and fourplexes to Article 2 Sections 2.09, 2.11, and 2.13 of the City of Henderson's Zoning Ordinance.

(Hughes/McElfresh)

There were no changes or discussion upon the second reading of said ordinance from Council.

11. Possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2022-05-09 for an amendment to the Special Exception Uses adding Duplexes, Triplexes, and fourplexes to Article 2 Sections 2.09, 2.11, and 2.13 of the City of Henderson's Zoning Ordinance.

(Hughes/McElfresh)

Council Member Henry Pace made a motion to approve the second reading of said ordinance, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

12. Consideration upon 2006 Jacksonville Drive property tabled from the May 17 Council Meeting recommending Council deny an amendment to the Henderson Zoning Map for a property located at 2006 Jacksonville Drive. To change the zone from an R2 to a C2 Zone.

City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated this time was settled and requested Council strike it from the agenda.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to strike this item from the agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

13. Consideration upon the second reading of Ordinance 2022-05-11 for an amendment to the Henderson Zoning Map for eight (8) properties owned by the First Baptist Church changing the zone from R2 to IS. (Hughes/McElfresh)

City Secretary had it brought to her attention there are nine (9) properties instead of the 8 that was listed on the agenda item.

There were no changes or discussions about the second reading of said ordinance.

14. Possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2022-05-11 for an amendment to the Henderson Zoning Map for eight (8) properties owned by the First Baptist Church changing the zone from R2 to IS. (Hughes/McElfresh)

Again, City Secretary added the are 9 properties instead of the agenda item stating 8.

Council Member Henry Pace made a motion approving said ordinance, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

Addendum Agenda

14a. Consideration and possible action calling a Special Meeting and Budget Workshop June 30, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated we need to have a Budget Workshop, this workshop will be based upon the preliminary numbers we received from the Appraisal District.

14b. Consideration and possible action calling for Public Hearings on the proposed budget to be held July 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson stated July 19th will be too early for the first public hearing and asked Council to consider scheduling two public hearings for August 9 and September 6.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion scheduling two public hearings on the proposed budget for August 9 and September 6, 2022, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

14c. Consideration and possible action calling for Public Hearings on the proposed tax rate to be held July 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson stated July 19th will be too early for the first public hearing and asked Council to consider scheduling two public hearings for August 9 and September 6.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion scheduling two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 9 and September 6, 2022, 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 Jay Abercrombie updated Council on the Comprehensive Plan. The first meeting with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) had a lot of participation from the members and even went over an additional 30 minutes of the allotted time. There will be an Open House hosted by Kimly Horn at 300 West Main on Saturday July 16th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Mayor Fullen commented that he had 2 calls about Lakewood Cemetery looking very good and thanked the Public Services Department.

- B. Fire Department
- 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

There were no questions or comments from Mayor or Council on any of the monthly reports.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Board of Adjustments Minutes of April 12 and May 10, 2022.
- Planning and Zoning Minutes of April 12 and May 10, 2022.
- Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2022 (last quarterly meeting).
- Main Street Minutes of April 26, 2022
- Preservation Committee Minutes of Not ready at this time

There were no questions or comments from Mayor or Council on the board meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

21.Executive Session to Consult with City Attorney discussing, real property located at 113 E. Main, 400, 402 and 404 W. Main Street in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 072. Mayor Fullen adjourned into executive session at 6:32 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

22.Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session. Mayor Fullen reconvened into regular session at 7:21 p.m. with no action from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

23. Motion to adjourn.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John Fullen, Mayor