

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

August 9, 2021

The City Council met on this date at 07:00pm 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, Leadership and HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, Director of Animal Center Charissa Pool, Director of Public Services Davis Brown, HEDCO Director John Clary, Director of Finance Karen Arnall, and Parks and Recreational Director Kirk Kimbrell.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

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There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were none.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

1. Consideration upon proposed budget. **(Abercrombie)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated the proposed 21-22 budget has not had any changes made to it from the budget workshop.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to adopt proposed 21-22 budget; Duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton; vote was unanimous.

2. Consideration and possible action upon a Notice of the proposed tax rate, taking a record vote for publication. **(Abercrombie)**
Staff recommended approval of a Notice of the proposed tax rate of an M&O rate of .455388 and an I&S rate of .096312, resulting in a total rate of .5517 per \$100 of assessed value. This tax rate will balance the proposed 2020-2021 budget.
Vote to approve proposed tax rate of .5517: record vote was, For: Melissa Morton, Steve Higginbotham, Henry Pace, Michael Searcy, and Tommy Goode.
Vote against: None

3. Consideration and possible action upon scheduling two (2) public hearing on the

proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 to be held on August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. during a regular meeting and on September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. during a special meeting. **(Abercrombie)**

City Manager Jay Abercrombie recommended scheduling two (2) hearings on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to schedule two (2) hearings on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 Duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.

4. Consideration and possible action upon scheduling two (2) public hearings on the 2021 tax rate to be held on August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. during a regular meeting, and on September 7, 2021 at 06:00 p.m. during a special meeting. **(Abercrombie)**

City Manager Jay Abercrombie recommended scheduling two (2) public hearings on the 2021 tax rate.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to schedule two (2) public hearings on the 2021 tax rate. Duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.

5. Consideration and possible action upon Henderson Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO) Type A and B. **(Abercrombie)**

City Manager Jay Abercrombie recommended Council consider placing the Type A, Type B Economic Development Corporation on a ballot for citizens to vote for a change to Type B or keep HEDCO a Type A Corporation.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to put HEDCO Type A or B Corporation on the November election ballot. Duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.

6. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 21-08-01 Ordering a Municipal Election November 2, 2021. **(Jimerson)**

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson recommended Council approve Resolution 21-08-01 Ordering a Municipal Election November 2, 2021 and to edit the date for early voting in the Resolution from Tuesday to Monday October 18.

Date has been corrected.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to order a Municipal Election November 2, 2021. Duly seconded by Melissa Morton, vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon entering into a Joint Agreement with Rusk County Elections Department to run the Municipal Election November 2, 2021. **(Jimerson)**


Staff recommended action to enter in an agreement to run Municipal Election.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to enter in an agreement with Rusk County to run the Municipal Election. Duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

8. There being no further business to come before Council at this time Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:



John (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary