

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

August 17, 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 (Zoom) and Steve Higginbotham.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: First Baptist Church Pastor David Higgs gave the Invocation and Mayor Fullen led the Pledges.

Staff members that joined the Council Meeting were City Manager Jay Abercrombie (Zoom), City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Director of Public Services Davis Brown, Director of Finance Karen Arnall, Parks and Recreational Director Kirk Kimbrell, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, HEDCO Director John Clary, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, Main St. Coordinator Kaitlin Smith, Leadership and HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, and Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

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There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson introduced a new employee to Council; Kaitlin Smith is the Main St. Coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and possible action on the following Minutes: **(Jimerson)**
 - ❖ July 12, 2021- Regular Rescheduled Meeting
 - ❖ August 3, 2021-Joint Workshop with HEDCO

2. Consideration and possible action on HEDCO financial from June 2021. **(Clary)**
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the consent agenda; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

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3. Open the first public hearing on the 2021-2022 proposed budget. **(Mayor)**
There were no questions or comments.

4. Close public hearing.
Council Member Henry Pace made a motion to close the public hearing; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

5. Open the first public hearing on the 2021-222 proposed tax rate. **(Mayor)**
There were no questions or comments.

6. Close public hearing.
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to close the public hearing; duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon awarding the bid for Bank Depository Services. **(Arnall)**
Finance Director Karen Arnall stated there were three proposals from Texas Bank , BTH and Vera Bank. Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to award the services to Vera Bank for three years beginning October 1, 2021; duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.

8. Consideration and possible action upon the first reading of ordinance 2021-08-01 for No Parking on North Mill Street. **(Brown)**
Public Services Director Davis Brown recommended approval of an ordinance for No Parking on Mill Street. He stated during construction of the new N. Mill, a narrowing of the N. Mill Street was required in a section approaching to, and connecting with, E. Main due to lack of ROW width in this area. It was determined by staff, considering safety concerns, and emergency vehicle access, this section should be deemed “No Parking”. Furthermore, in order to compliment future development on N. Mill, all of N. Mill was deemed necessary to be designated “No Parking”.
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve first reading of ordinance 2021-08-01. Duly Seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.
9. Consideration and possible action upon a minor plat application submitted by Steve McMurray on a parcel of land containing 4.042 acres of a 57.23-acre tract of land located between Slaydon Street and McMurray Road known as a part of the Big Oak Subdivision. **(Hughes)**
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes recommended Council approve this minor plat. He stated Mr. McMurray has a contract to sell this 4.042 acre tract of land located between Slaydon Street and McMurray Road. This piece of property is a part of Big Oak Subdivision and had never been officially platted. All easements to the property owners have been conveyed to the property owners that have been using an unimproved private roadway to access their property and the easements for the private roadway that leads from South Evenside to the paved portion of McMurray Rd. are also noted on the plat.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve this Plat application. Duly Seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.
10. Consideration and possible action upon a minor plat combining two parcels located on the west side of Loop 571 for TXDOT. This property is in the city’s ETJ. **(Hughes)**
TxDot recently purchased 30 acres out of 2 parcels containing 64 acres located on the south side of Loop 571 at Hwy 64 W. Section 3.A of the Subdivision Ordinances for the City of Henderson, in reference to platting, states:
“Except as otherwise provided, these regulations apply to all subdivisions of land, located within both the City Limits and within the City’s extraterritorial jurisdiction.”
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve this Plat application. Duly Seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
11. Consider and possible action upon a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Henderson Zoning Map, changing the current zoning from Office Commercial District (OC) to General Commercial (C2) for properties located on the corner of HWY 79S and S. Main Street. **(Hughes)**
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes recommended that the Council approve a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Zoning Map for the City of Henderson as stated above.
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to accept recommendation to amend Zoning Map. Duly Seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.
12. Consideration and possible action to Close out Master Street Improvements Project- Phase III Bond Program. **(Holland/Brown)**
Public Services Director Davis Brown recommended Council approve the close out of phase 3 of the streets project. He stated Phase 3 street work has been completed. The City Engineer performed a final inspection and created a final punch list. Rayford’s Truck and Tractor has completed all items from this punch list and all work appears to meet contract specifications and requirements. These final documents include Change Order No. 1. This change order was for the addition of Billy Bob St. and quantity adjustment totaling \$42,867.65. Final payment due for Change Order 1 and retainage is \$76,684.01.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to Close out Master Street Improvements Project-Phase III. Duly Seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

13. The City Council may deliberate and make inquiry into any item listed in the Departmental Reports.

- A. City Manager
- 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

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustments minutes of August 10, 2021
Planning and Zoning minutes of July 13
Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes from May 19
Main Street Minutes from July 27
Preservation Board Minutes from August 2

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

14. Executive Session to Consult with City Attorney discussing, real property located on W. Fordall, and 300 W. Main in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 072. Mayor Fullen convened to executive session at 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

15. Mayor Fullen reconvened into Regular Session stating that there is no action to take from executive session.

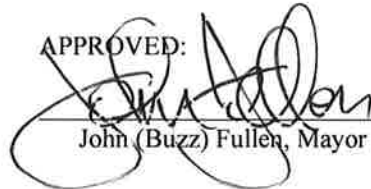
ADJOURNMENT:

16. Adjourn.
There being no further business to come before Council at this time, upon a motion by Council Member Michael Searcy, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor