

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

September 14, 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, and Steve Higginbotham. Attending by Zoom Melissa Morton.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Texas Baptist Institute Robert Wallace gave the Invocation and Mayor Fullen led the Pledges.

Staff members that joined the Council Meeting were City Manager Jay Abercrombie (by zoom). Others were physically present 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, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, Leadership and HR Specialist Hilary Faulkner, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, HEDCO Director John Clary, Civic Center Manager Jacqueline Madden, Director of Animal Center Charissa Pool, Charles with National Night out Committee, and Fire Fighters for Paint the Town Pink.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Proclamation for National Night Out: Charles Helton and Committee.

Proclamation for Paint the Town Pink: Rusty Chote and Fire Fighters.

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson introduced a new employee to Council; Jacqueline Madden as the new Civic Center Manager.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO Financials July 2021. **(Clary)**

Council Member Michal Searcy made a motion to approve the consent agenda; duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:**

1. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2021-09-01 adopting the 2021-2022 budget. **(Abercrombie)**  
City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated no changes has been made to the budget. He recommended Council approve the second reading of the 21-22 Budget.  
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the Second reading of ordinance 2021-09-01; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
2. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2021-09-02 adopting the 2021-2022 tax rate. **(Abercrombie)**  
Staff recommended Council approved the second reading adopting the 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 2021-2022 budget.  
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the Second reading of ordinance 2021-09-02 adopting the tax rate; duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.
3. Consideration and possible action upon budget amendment #1 for HEDCO 2021-2022 Budget. **(Clary)**  
HEDCO Director John Clary recommended Council approve Budget amendment #1 John also stated HEDCO Board approved the BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 on JULY 15, 2021.  
Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve HEDCO budget Amendment #1; duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.
4. Consideration and possible action upon budget amendment #2 for HEDCO 2021-2022 Budget. **(Clary)**  
HEDCO Director John Clary recommended Council approve Budget amendment #2 John also stated HEDCO Board approved the BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 on AUGUST 19, 2021.  
Council Member Henry Pace made a motion to approve HEDCO budget amendment #2, duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.
5. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of ordinance 2021-08-01 for no parking on Mill Street. **(Brown)**  
Director of Public Services Davis Brown recommended Council's support for this action.  
During construction of the new N. Mill, a narrowing of the N. Mill Road 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 second reading of ordinance 2021-08-01 for no parking on Mill Street; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
6. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of an ordinance changing the current zoning from Office Commercial District (OC) to General Commercial (C2) for properties located on the corner of HWY 79 S. and S. Main Streets. **(Hughes)**  
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes recommended Council approve a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Zoning Map for the City of Henderson.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance changing the current zoning from OC to C2 at Hwy 79 S and S. Main Street.; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon appointing Michael Moores with Vera Bank the bank/representative by means of rotation per HEDCO Bylaws as a HEDCO Board member. **(Clary)**  
HEDCO Director John Clary recommended Council Approve Michael Moores of Vera Bank as Treasurer for the HEDCO board. Per HEDCO Bylaws Terms of Office 3.03, by means of rotation, Vera Bank is next in the order for a representative to serve a one (1) year term as Treasurer.  
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve Michael Moores as treasurer of the HEDCO Board; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.
8. HEDCO Bylaws changing from a 5-member board to a 7-member board. **(Abercrombie)**  
Staff recommends for Council to approve the suggested change of number of Board members from five (5) to seven (7).  
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve HEDCO Board Member Bylaws; duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.
9. Consideration and possible upon naming Henderson News as the official Newspaper for the City of Henderson. **(Jimerson)**  
Staff recommends Council approval of Resolution 2021-09-05  
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve Henderson News as the official Newspaper for the City; duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode; vote was unanimous.
10. Consideration and possible action upon a minor plat on the corner of West Main and North Jackson Streets for Russell C. Brown. **(Hughes)**  
Community Development Manager Billy Hughes recommended Council approve a Minor Plat application submitted by Russell Brown for three (3) commercial properties located on the corner of West Main Street and North Jackson Street in downtown Henderson.  
Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the minor plat; duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

11. 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 cancelled no quorum
- Preservation Minutes from August 2

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

12. Executive Session to Consult with City Attorney discussing litigations, real property located on W. Fordall in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 072.  
Mayor Fullen convened to executive session at 6:27 p.m.

#### **REGULAR SESSION:**

13. Mayor Fullen reconvened into Regular Session at 6:49p.m. stating there is no action to take from executive session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

14. 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 Michael Searcy; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
John (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor