

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

October 20, 2020

The City Council met on this date at 5 P.M. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Tommy Goode, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace, and Steve Higginbotham. Unable to attend was Council Member Melissa Morton.

Staff members present included City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Letti Goodrich, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Director of Public Services Davis Brown, Director of Public Utilities Randy Boyd, Director of Finance Karen Arnall, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, and Neal Holland with Stokes and Associates. Joining the meeting virtually, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Parks and Recreation Director Kirk Kimbrell and HEDCO Director John Clary.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Henry Pace gave the Invocation and Mayor Fullen led the Pledges.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and possible action upon the following minutes (**Jimerson**)
September 15, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020 – Special Council Meeting Minutes
2. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO financials from September 2020. (**Clary**)
3. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2020-10-01 for the review and adoption of the City Investment Policy. (**Arnall**)
4. Consideration and possible action upon appointment of a Cemetery Board Member Lisa Wallace for a two-year term. (**Villanueva**)
5. Consideration and possible action upon closing Lake Forest Parkway October 31, 2020 for Public Safety Fun Night. (**Taylor/Chote**)

Workshop: Council Member Steve Higginbotham asked if the Investment Policy had any changes to it; Finance Director Karen Arnall stated there were no changes to the policy.

Regular Meeting: Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion approving the consent agenda adding to item 5 the closing of the street will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

6. Consideration and possible action upon a street name change from Webster Street to Martin Luther King Street. (**Abercrombie**)

Workshop: Council Member Michael Searcy asked the City Attorney if there could be a street overlay. City Attorney Joe Shumate stated certainly; this would mean the street would have two legal names Webster and Martin Luther King. The United States Post Office would have to honor both street names. Anyone that wanted their address to stay Webster could remain and anyone that wanted their address to change to Martin Luther King would change their Driver's License etc. as they expired. Council Member Henry Pace asked if there was a petition to NOT change the street name submitted. City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated there was not.

Council Member Henry Pace also wanted to clarify the name change did not spur from the Floyd or Black Lives Matter movements.

(research shows this item has come before council several times within the past ten years)

Regular Meeting: Jan Smith with the Historical Society stated the name of Webster Street came from a very prominent man Webster Flanagan, his homestead was near where the Flanagan Cemetery is located. Mr. Webster donated the property for the cemetery; therefore, the street was named after him. Mr. Flanagan took a prominent part in Texas politics; he was appointed judge in the Fifth Judicial Court, was elected Lt. Governor, a Texas Senator and a member of the Constitutional Convention of

1875. Mr. Webster Flanagan is buried in Flanagan Cemetery on Webster Drive.

Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to table this item until more research has been done. Duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon allowing street closures for a GET OUT AND VOTE Patriotic Parade on October 31, 2020 at 11 a.m. **(Tabled)**
Workshop: City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated the requester wants to withdraw the application.
Regular Meeting: Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to strike the item from the agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.
8. Consideration and possible action to close out 2018 Street and Drainage Improvements – North Mill Street extension. **(Holland/Brown)**
Workshop: City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated by acceptance of the close out recommendation from Stokes will auto start the warranty date.
Regular Meeting: Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to accept the recommendation to close out the project and start the warranty date; duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode, vote was unanimous.
9. Consideration and possible action on pay request 9, 10 and construction completion to close out 2019 Street and Drainage Improvements Grant – Texas Department of Agriculture Contract #7218209 – North Mill Street. **(Holland/Brown)**
Workshop: By acceptance of the close out recommendation from Stokes will auto start the warranty date.
Regular Meeting: Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve pay requests 9 and 10 and close out the project start the warranty date. Duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.
10. Consideration and possible action to Close out Master Street Improvements Project – Phase II Bond Program. **(Holland/Brown)**
Workshop: No questions
Regular Meeting: Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to close out phase II of the Street Bond Program, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.
11. Consideration and possible action upon amendment #4 for the 2019-2020 budget. **(Arnall)**
Workshop: No questions
Regular Meeting: Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10-01 for amendment #4 on the 2019-2020 budget, duly seconded by Council Member Steve Higginbotham; vote was unanimous.
12. Consideration and possible action upon Ordinance#2020-10-48 establishing a Contractor Registration requirement. **(Hughes)**
Workshop: Community Development Manager Billy Hughes explained the Contractor Registration requirement is an annual renewal to make sure Contractors working within the City have Licenses and Insurance to help protect the citizens of Henderson.
Regular Meeting: Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-10-48, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote was unanimous.
13. Consideration and possible action regarding the Master Fee Schedule on Water and Sewer rate and Contractor Registration Fee. **(Abercrombie)**
Workshop: City Manger Jay Abercrombie explained how the tier rate structure would be a minimal increase to low water users and go up at each tier for higher water users. The Contractor Registration annual fee would be \$50.00.
Regular Meeting: Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the Master Fee Schedule on a water, sewer and Contractor Registration Fee's by Resolution 2020-10-04, duly seconded by Council Member Tommy Goode, vote was unanimous.
14. Consideration and possible action upon a minor plat combining two lots in the 800 Block of W. Main for William Elliot **(Hughes)**
Workshop: No questions
Regular Meeting: Community Development Manager Billy Hughes explained William Elliot wants to combine the two lots to construct a parking lot. Council Member Steve Higginbotham asked what type of surface are they proposing? Billy stated asphalt or concrete.

Council Member Steve Higginbotham made a motion to approve the minor plat, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote was unanimous.

15. Consideration and possible action on a minor plat combining two lots located at 701 and 703 N. Van Buren. **(Hughes)**

Workshop: No questions

Regular Meeting: Community Development Manager Billy Hughes explained the owners placed a house on the line between these two properties therefore they need to combine the two lots in order to comply with the Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the minor plat, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; vote was unanimous.

16. Consideration and possible action HEDCO purchase of 68.024 acres on the corner of Loop 571 and FM 2276. **(Clary)**

Workshop: No questions

Regular Meeting: Council Member Tommy Goode made a motion to approve the purchase of 68.024 acres by HEDCO, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy; vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alexander arrived at the Council Meeting introducing Jesse Hill to represent the neighborhood in hopes to have a street name change in time for the celebration of Martin Luther King by January.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

17. 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

There were no questions about the Departmental reports

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

18. Executive Session to Consult with City Attorney discussing litigations, real property located on W. Fordall, W. Main, Katherine Streets and Henderson Sports Complex; in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 071, 072 and 073.

Mayor Fullen convened to executive session at 6:42 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

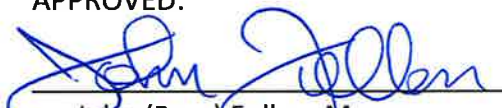
19. Mayor Fullen Reconvene into Regular Session at 7:25 p.m. announced there were no action to take from the results of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

20. 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 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED:


John (Buzz) Fullen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary