

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

December 21, 2021

The City Council met on this date at 4:00 P.M. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Wes Breitenberg, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace and Melissa Morton.

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

Staff members that joined the Council Meeting were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Public Services Director Davis Brown, Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd, Parks Director Kirk Kimbrell, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Community Development Manager Billy Hughes, Executive Leadership Assistant/HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, and HEDCO Director John Clary.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and possible action upon minutes of: **(Jimerson)**
 - November 16, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
 - December 3, 2021 – Special Council Meeting
2. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO Financials October 2021. **(Clary)**
3. Consideration and possible action upon route for Ebenezer Baptist Church 10K, 5K, and 1K Resurrection Run/Walk scheduled for April 9, 2022, starting at 7 a.m. **(Taylor)**

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. Vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

4. Consideration and possible action upon accepting the resignation of Council Member of District 5 Steve Higginbotham. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Fullen explained this is a formality on the resignation of any Council Member.
Council Member Henry Pace made a motion to accept the resignation of Council Member Steve Higginbotham; duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy, vote was unanimous.
5. Consideration and possible action upon a process for the appointment of Council Member in District 5. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Fullen stated this appointment will follow the same procedures as the appointment of any Board or Committee Member. The interview Board will include the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and one Council Member. Applications will continue to be accepted for District 5 until December 31st. Applicants to be interviewed will be scheduled for January 5, 2022 with a recommendation being made to Council at a Special Meeting on January 7, 2022.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion the interview Board to include Mayor Fullen, Mayor Pro-Tem Henry Pace and Council Member Michael Searcy; duly seconded by Michael Searcy, vote was unanimous.
6. Consideration and possible action upon selection of consulting firm for a Comprehensive Plan and authorizing the negotiation of contract with firm selected. **(Abercrombie)**

City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated the Interviewing Subcommittee recommends selecting Kimley-Horn as the Consulting firm to negotiate and contract with for services related to the Henderson 2050 Comprehensive Plan.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion authorizing the City Manager Jay Abercrombie to start negotiations with Kimberly-Horn for the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote was unanimous.
7. Second reading upon Ordinance 2021-11-01 making Martin Luther King Drive the official name of what was known as Webster Drive. **(Abercrombie)**

There were no comments or concerns after the second reading of ordinance 2021-11-01.
8. Consideration and possible action upon approval of Ordinance 2021-11-01 official name of a street that was known as Webster Drive to Martin Luther King Drive. **(Abercrombie)**

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-11-01 changing Webster Drive to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote was unanimous.
9. Second reading upon Ordinance 2021-11-02 Providing exclusivity of detached containers with the company under contract with the City of Henderson to collect solid waste. **(Abercrombie)**

There were no comments or concerns after the second reading of ordinance 2021-11-02.
10. Consideration and possible action upon Ordinance 2021-11-02 Providing exclusivity of detached containers with the company under contract with the City of Henderson to collect solid waste. **(Abercrombie)**

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-11-02 providing exclusivity of detached containers with the company under contract, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, Wes Breitenberg recused himself from voting, with Council Member Melissa Morton voting for the approval of said ordinance, motion passed.
11. Consideration and possible action upon a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the text to an ordinance found in Article 2 Section 2.31 by adding “Club or Lodge” to the list of Special Exception Uses. **(Hughes)**

Community Development Manager Billy Hughes stated staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend council approve an amendment to the text of the Special Exception Use ordinance found in Article 2 Section 2.31 of the City of Henderson’s zoning ordinances.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve this amendment to the Henderson Zoning Ordinance, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy, vote was unanimous.

12. Consideration and possible action upon a matching grant for the Police Department to receive four (4) body worn cameras and cloud storage. **(Taylor)**
Police Chief Chad Taylor stated the grant will purchase four (4) body worn camera's and one year of cloud storage.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion approving Resolution 2021-12-14, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace, vote was unanimous.
13. Consideration and possible action upon an amendment to the SRO agreement with HISD. **(Taylor)**
Police Chief Chad Taylor stated staff recommends Council support and approve the third amendment to the agreement between the COH and HISD for the purchase of police units for the SROs. This amendment will make HISD responsible for 75% of the purchase of (2) equipped police units and the city responsible for 25% of the purchase.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion approving the third amendment to the agreement, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy, vote was unanimous.
14. Consideration and possible action upon an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) findings and scope of work upon phase one and consider entering into a contract with Performance Services Inc. **(Abercrombie)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated there was a third-party proof and agree the findings from PSI are true and correct as stated in the contract.
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion approving Resolution 2021-12-16 entering into a contract with Performances Inc., duly seconded by Melissa Morton, vote was unanimous.
15. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2021-12-15 amending the Master Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Increase. **(Abercrombie)**
City Manager Jay Abercrombie recommended Council approve the Master Fee Schedule for the annual 2022 Solid Waste increase of 3.7% this year determined by the Consumer Price Index. The increase to residents will be about fifty-five cents per month.
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion approving the 3.7% rate increase, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy, Wes Breitenberg recused himself from voting, Council Member Henry Pace vote for the rate increase, motion passed.
16. Departmental Reports for the month of November, there were no questions on any of the reports.
There were no questions about the minutes from other Boards and Commission meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

17. Executive Session to Consult with City Attorney discussing real property located at 300 W. Main, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 072.
Mayor Fullen convened to executive session at 5:17 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

18. Mayor Fullen Reconvened into Regular Session at 5:41 p.m.

There was a citizen that came in not knowing the Council Meeting started at 4:00 p.m., turning in a public participation form to speak to Council. Mayor Fullen agreed to let him speak at this time.

Ronnie Gray wanted to ask the Mayor and Council to help the low income/poverty-stricken areas within the city by funding improvements to their homes.

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion authorizing the City Manager Jay Abercrombie to enter into a contract purchasing the remaining interest of 300 W. Main Street and close on the property as soon as possible, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton, vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

19. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, upon a motion by Council Member Melissa Morton, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace; with a unanimous vote of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John (Buzz) Fullen Mayor