

MINUTES OF THE  
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING

September 13, 2022

The City Council met on this date at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen presiding. Council Members present included Wes Breitenberg, Michael Searcy, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton and Gina Juarez.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** City of Henderson's Chaplin Stacy Horne gave the invocation and Mayor Fullen led the Pledges.

Staff Members present for the meeting were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Police Chief Chad Taylor, Deputy Chief of Police Randall Hudman, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, Director of Public Services Kirk Kimbrell, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Community Development Manager Cliff McElfresh, Henderson's Chaplin Stacy Horne, Lieutenant Charles Helton, Civic Center Coordinator Suzanne Cross, Executive Leadership Assistant/HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, HEDCO Director John Clary and HEDCO Administrative Assistant Karen Smith.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Fullen read the Proclamation for National Night Out

District 5 Council Member Gina Juarez read the Proclamation for Paint the Town Pink

Mayor Protem and District 3 Council Member Henry Pace read the Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration and possible action upon minutes of: **(Jimerson)**  
August 23, 2022 – Regular Rescheduled Council Meeting  
September 6, 2022 – Special Called Council Meeting

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. vote was unanimous.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

2. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2022-09-01 adopting the 2022-2023 budget.  
**(Abercrombie)**  
City Manager Jay Abercrombie reiterated the slides/examples from the September 9 Council Meeting as a comparison to last year's tax rate of 0.551700. The proposed tax rate for 2022-23 is 0.541828 a decrease of .009872 (*almost one cent*). Revenue comparison from last year of \$3,533,503. The proposed tax rate will bring in \$ 390,046 more tax dollars than last year for a total of \$3,923,549.  
The 2022-23 budget is balanced using the 0.541828 tax rate. Jay thanked Council and Directors for all the time and work that each one put into preparing this budget.  
Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to adopt the 2022-23 budget as presented; duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. Vote was unanimous.
3. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2022-09-02 adopting the 2022-2023 tax rate.  
**(Abercrombie)**  
Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion adopting the 2022-2023 tax rate of 0.541828, duly seconded by Council Member Wes Breitenberg. Vote was unanimous.
4. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of an amendment to Ordinance 2022-08-12 updating the Water Conservation Plan for all customers served by the City of Henderson Water Supply. **(Boyd)**

Director of Utilities Randy Boyd reiterated from the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting this is mandatory by TECQ and the Texas Water Development Board to update the Water Conservation Plan every 5 years. Council Member Wes Breitenberg made a motion to approve amending the Water Conservation Ordinance, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. Vote was unanimous.

5. Consideration and possible action upon the City of Henderson's 2022-2023 Holiday Schedule. **(Jimerson)**  
City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson stated the holiday schedule has Juneteenth added to the annual holiday scheduled. Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion approving the 2022-23 Holiday Schedule, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. Vote was unanimous.
6. Consideration and possible action upon Place 3 reappointment of Brian Ballard and two new members to the HEDCO Board for Place one and two. **(Abercrombie/Clary)**  
City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated the interview Board was made up of Mayor Fullen, Mayor Protem Henry Pace, Director of HEDCO John Clary and himself. There were three applications submitted for Place one and two of the HEDCO Board. The Interview Board Recommended Council reappoint Place three Brian Ballard and appoint two new members, Micha Howard and Adam Dewy. The HEDCO Board will decide which new member is appointed to Place one and two. Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion for the reappointment and new appointment of the Board members listed above, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. Vote was unanimous.
7. Consideration and possible action upon naming Henderson News as the official newspaper for the City of Henderson. **(Jimerson)**  
City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson recommended Council designate Henderson News as the official paper for the City of Henderson.  
Council Member Wes Breitenberg made a motion designating Henderson News as the official paper for the City, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. Vote was unanimous.
8. Consideration and possible action upon entering an interlocal agreement with Texas Municipal League (TML) for Health Benefits.  
City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated there was a 1.9% increase the City absorbed instead of pushing the increase down to the employees. Recommendation to Council is authorizing the City Manager to sign the interlocal agreement for health benefits with TML.  
Council Member Henry Pace made a motion authorizing the City Manager to enter an interlocal agreement with TML for health benefits, duly seconded by Council Member Wes Breitenberg. Vote was unanimous.
9. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2022-09-01 on a Bullet Resistant Shield Grant for the Police Department. **(Taylor)**  
Police Chief Chad Taylor explained this is not a matching grant, the 15 vest are covered 100% with it.  
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion approving a Resolution for the Bullet Resistant Shields, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. Vote was unanimous.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

10. 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
- M. Director of Operations
  - 1) Civic Center
  - 2) Main Street/Tourism
  - 3) Municipal Court

There were no questions or comments from Council on the monthly reports.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Board of Adjustments Minutes of July 12, 2022.

Planning and Zoning Minutes of July 12, 2022. (not available yet)

Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2022. (not available yet)

Main Street Minutes of June 28, 2022.

Preservation Committee Minutes of August 1, 2022.

There were no questions or comments from Council on the Board meeting minutes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

11. Executive Session to Consult with City Attorney discussing real property located at 400, 402 and 404 W. Main Street. Economic Development Agreement in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 072.

Mayor Fullen convened into executive session at 6:23 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

12. Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

Mayor Fullen Reconvened into regular session at 6:44 p.m. stating there was no action to take from executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

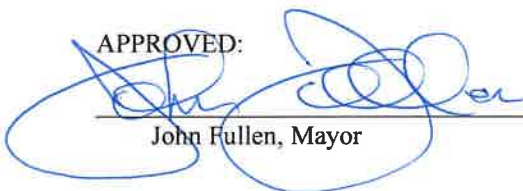
13. Motion to adjourn.

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. Vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:

  
Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
John Fullen, Mayor