

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

May 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: *The Mayor will call the meeting to order, declare a quorum if present, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.*

Mayor Fullen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Council members present were Wes Breitenberg, Reggie Weatherton, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton, and Gina Juarez.

Staff members present were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Joe Shumate, Chief of Police Chad Taylor, Deputy Chief of Police Randall Hudman, Fire Chief Rusty Chote, Director of Operations Davis Brown, Director of Public Services Kirk Kimbrell, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Zoning Coordinator Billy Hughes, Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell, Executive Leadership Assistant/HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, and HEDCO Director John Clary.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Reggie Weatherton gave the invocation, Council Member Wes Breitenberg led the Pledges.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jennifer Geddie of 406 Shawnee Trail announced there was a Spec home built near her. She stated the new construction has rain water coming onto her property, causing foundation problems.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fullen acknowledged Council Member Reggie Weatherton's grandson making an all stars team and going to Austin.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and possible action upon the minutes of April 18, 2023 Workshop and Regular Council Meeting. (Jimerson)
2. Consideration and possible action upon HEDCO financials from the month of March 2023. (Clary)
3. Consideration and possible action upon the request from the Juneteenth Committee for approval on the Juneteenth Parade route and on duty officers for escort, directing traffic and activities scheduled for Saturday June 17, 2023. (Taylor/Chote)

Council Member Reggie Weatherton made a motion to approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

4. Consideration and possible action upon awarding a bid proposal for the City Hall elevator project. (Holland)
Neal Holland of Stokes and Associates submitted the bid proposal minutes to the Council stating the city received three bids on the elevator project. The low bidder was Paragon Construction and Associates out of Whitehouse. As stated in the recommendation, the project is due to be completed after notice to proceed in 143 days.

Council Member Mellisa Morton made a motion to approve Paragon Construction on the elevator project for \$500,554.69, duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

5. Consideration upon the first reading of Ordinance 2023-04-05 renaming Pope Street to Bob Allen Way. (Hughes/McElfresh)

Mayor Fullen presented the Allen family with a framed copy of the ordinance, including a small version of the Bob Allen Way street sign within the frame, renaming Pope Street to Bob Allen Way. Mayor Fullen also acknowledged the barbecue restaurant was featured in the Texas Monthly magazine as the best Bar B Que in Texas for one year and has been in operation for 43 years.

Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2023-04-05.

6. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2023-05-01 Intent to establish the City of Henderson Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program and setting a public hearing date. (Jimerson/Abercrombie)

Council Member Reggie Weatherton made a motion to approve a resolution with the intent of establishing the PACE program and set a public hearing date for June 20 at the regular Council meeting. Duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon the renewal of a Curfew Ordinance 2023-04-04. (Jimerson/Taylor)

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson and Police Chief Chad Taylor agreed there are no updates needed to the ordinance, just our annual renewal.

Council Member Henry Pace made a motion to renew the Curfew Ordinance, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

8. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance # 2023-04-03 annexing HEDCO property located on Industrial Drive/Morris Street into the city limits. (Jimerson)

The City Secretary stated there have been no public comments at either of the two public hearings previously held. She recommended the Council approve the second reading of said ordinance annexing 25.119 acres into the city limits. The property is located at 1702 Industrial Drive (Morris Street).

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve the second reading of said ordinance annexing HEDCO property into the city limits, duly seconded by Council Member Wes Breitenberg. The vote was unanimous.

9. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2-23-04-05 a zoning change from Institutional (IS) to low density Multi-family 1 (M1) for a property located at 1112 Longview Dr. (Hughes/McElfresh)

Zoning Coordinator Billy Hughes stated no changes have been made to ordinance 2023-04-05 since the first reading occurred on April 23, 2023. The property owners want to continue with the zoning change from Institutional to low density multi-family 1 zone. He recommended the Council approve the second reading of this ordinance.

Council Member Wes Breitenberg made a motion approving the second reading of ordinance 2023-04-05, duly seconded by Council Member Reggie Weatherton. The vote was unanimous.

10. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution # 2023-05-02 allowing the same Board members to serve on Main Street and The Historic Preservation Boards. (S.Kimbrell)

Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell stated members would serve on both Main Street and Preservation boards.

Council Member Reggie Weatherton made a motion approving Resolution 2023-05-02 using the same seven board members for the Main Street and the Historical Preservation Boards, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

11. Consideration and possible action upon amendment #2 to the HEDCO Employment Agreement with the City of Henderson. (Clary)

HEDCO Director John Clary, stated five years ago, HEDCO did the same thing with the marketing person, Karen Greene. Karen Smith has announced her retirement. John stated there is a need for amendment #2 of the HEDCO Employment Agreement. He wants the amendment to state all HEDCO members to have the same benefits and to be paid out of the same program as regular city employees are paid through. HEDCO will fully reimburse the city for all compensation and salaries.

Council Member Henry Pace made a motion to approve amendment #2 of the HEDCO Employment Agreement, duly seconded by Council Member Reggie Weatherton. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

12. 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/Parks and Rec Departments
- G. Public Utilities
- H. Finance Department
- I. City Secretary
- J. Communications and Marketing
- K. HEDCO
- L. Director of Operations

Civic Center

Main Street/Tourism

Municipal Court

Council Member Reggie Weatherton asked the Animal Center Director Charissa Pool how to surrender animals. She stated how and if the center was at full capacity (which it usually is), they would not be able to accept the animals at that time.

Council Member Melissa Morton asked how many of the animals in the kennel are strays? Charissa stated about 30.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustments Minutes of the meeting from April 11, 2023

Planning and Zoning Minutes of the meeting from April 11, 2023.

Cemetery Board Minutes of the meeting from April 19, 2023.

Main Street did not meet in the Month of April.

Preservation did not meet in the Month of April.

The council had no questions or comments on the Board meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

13. Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney discussing real property located in the 1800 Block of HWY 64 West, and in the 1700 Block of HWY 259 South in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 071 and 072.

Mayor Fullen closed the regular meeting at 6:51 p.m. to go into the executive session.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

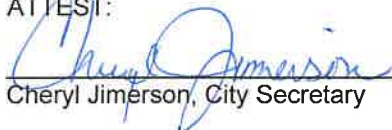
Mayor Fullen reconvened into regular session stating there was no action to take.

ADJOURNMENT

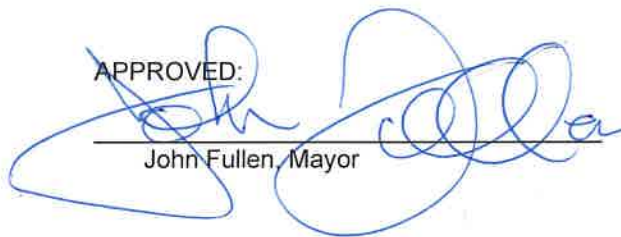
15. Adjourn

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John Fullen, Mayor

