

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Scheduled Meeting

April 16, 2024

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 Stephen Strong, Reggie Weatherton, Henry Pace, Melissa Morton, and Gina Juarez.

Staff members present were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, City Attorney Russell Brown, Chief of Police Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Sonny Ybarra, Director of Operations Davis Brown, Director of Public Services Kirk Kimbrell, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, Planning and Zoning Administrator/Building Official Dennis Williams, Community Development Manager and Building Official Cliff McElfresh, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell, HEDCO Director John Clary and HEDCO Director of Marketing/Business Development Shelby Jacobs..

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council member Stephen Strong gave the invocation, Mayor Buzz Fullen led the Pledges.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation.

Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell stated this proclamation is required annually for the Main Street Certification program.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consideration of possible action upon the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 19t, 2024 and of the Special Meeting of April 2nd, 2024. (Jimerson)

3. Consideration and possible action upon the re-appointment of three Civic Center Advisory Committee members. (S. Kimbrell)

Reappointment for David Hill, Nancy Preston, and Deborah Kangerga

4. Consideration and Possible Action upon HEDCO financials for the month of February 2024. (Clary)

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

5. Consideration and possible action upon a letter of support for The Learning Lab. They will provide personalized education and foster an inclusive environment for students with special needs to be located at 119 S. Marshall Street. (Jimerson)

Kristal Clay introduced herself as the Director of The Learning Lab and its vital role in our community. Kristal's commitment to providing personalized education and fostering an inclusive environment for students with special needs is truly commendable.

6. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2024-04-01 on the proposed annexation of Bradshaw State Jail Facility located on the corner of Loop 571 and Industrial Park Drive, also known as County Road 203 and/ or Morris Street. (Jimerson)

Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion approving Ordinance 2024-04-01 on the proposed annexation of the Bradshaw State Jail, duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2024-04-01 setting two public hearing dates on the City of Henderson proposal to Annex Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Right of Way (ROW) into the city limits parts of Loop 571, State Highway 323 and FM 2276. (Jimerson)

Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-01 setting two public hearing dates on the proposed annexation of part of TXDOT ROW located on Loop 571, State Highway 323, and FM 2276 for May 9 and May 21, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

8. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2024-04-02 setting two public hearing dates on an application for annexation of the Jim Allen Estate on Loop 571 and FM 2276 submitted by HEDCO. (Jimerson)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-02 setting two public hearing dates for a voluntary annexation application submitted by HEDCO previously called the Jim Allen Estate on Loop 571 and FM 2276 for May 9 and May 21, duly seconded by Council Member Reggie Weatherton. The vote was unanimous.

9. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2024-04-03 setting two public hearing dates on an application for annexation of the East Texas Regional Business Park on Loop 571 submitted by HEDCO. (Jimerson)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-03 setting two public hearing dates for a voluntary annexation application submitted by HEDCO for the East Texas Regional Business Park on Loop 571, FM 323 and FM 2276 for May 9 and May 21, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

10. Consideration and possible action upon the creation of a new position titled Director of Utility Infrastructure and Delivery. This position, in accordance with the Henderson 2050 Comprehensive Plan, will focus on water and wastewater related infrastructure for future growth and versatility. (Abercrombie)

Council Member Reggie Weatherton made a motion to approve a new position titled Director of Utility Infrastructure and Delivery, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

11. Consideration and possible action on confirmation of the appointment of a Director of Utility Infrastructure and Delivery for the City of Henderson. (Abercrombie)

City Manager Jay Abercrombie introduced David Hortman as the selection for this position. David has been with Bullard for 18 years and has 26 years of Municipal government experience. David will be able to start the second week of June.

Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to approve the appointment of David Hortman as the Director of Utility Infrastructure and Delivery, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. 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 Recreation Department

G. Public Utilities

H. Finance Department

I. City Secretary

J. Communications and Marketing

K. HEDCO Sales Tax Revenue February 2024

L. Director of Operations Departmental Reports below.

Council Member Reggie Weatherton asked Director of Operations Davis Brown when is the projected start date for the street program? Davis stated that hopefully in two months, the engineers have it, in their hands right now.

Civic Center

Main Street/Tourism

Municipal Court

The council had no questions or comments on the monthly reports.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustments Minutes

Planning and Zoning Minutes

Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

Main Street Meeting Minutes

Preservation Minutes

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

REGULAR SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

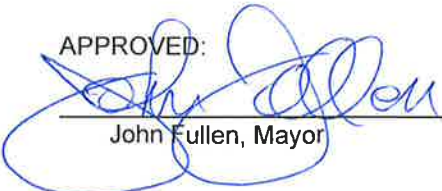
13. Adjourn

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John Fullen, Mayor