

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Scheduled Meeting

May 21, 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, Deputy Chief of Police Randall Hudman, 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/Building Official Cliff McElfresh, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Executive Leadership Assistant/HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, and HEDCO Director John Clary.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Community Development Manager/Building Official Cliff McElfresh gave the invocation, Council Member Stephen Strong led the pledges.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Glen Spears of 305 Hubbard Drive was not here to complain, he just wants to draw Council's attention to cleaning out the ditches, cutting limbs and repairing potholes on Hubbard Street.

James Creer of 1612 N. Heights Street, wanted to draw the Council's attention to the Crimcrest Addition. Mockingbird, Crim and Monroe streets are all grown up and coming into the streets, limbs and vines hanging onto the streets.

Eileen Johnson 1606 Cindy Lou Street wanted to share an incident that occurred at Lakewood Cemetery. At Mrs. Sarpy's funeral services her casket was dropped sideways in the grave.

They are not interested in a lawsuit. They are not seeking the loss of jobs or revenue. They are seeking accountability and an apology, as well as resolution to the list of items made in the written presentation on standards, requirements and responsibilities of Lakewood Cemetery.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of possible action upon the minutes and the Regular Council Meeting of April 16, 2024 and the Special Council Meeting of May 9, 2024. (Jimerson)
2. Consideration and possible action upon street closures on the new route for the Juneteenth Parade and event at Yates Park June 15, 2024 starting at 10:30 a.m. (Taylor/Ybarra)
3. Consideration and possible action upon the official dedication and certificate of acceptance from Management and Training Corporation (MTC) on the closing of Industrial Drive for the West Fraser project. (Abercrombie)
4. Consideration and possible action upon allowing Mike Adams to have a fireworks show at the request of HISD at the 2024 Graduation Class Ceremony. (Ybarra)

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

18. Consideration upon the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-04 amending chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances enforcing Sex Offenders residency restrictions. (Taylor)

Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen requested to move item 18 up to the first item of the regular business section.

Deputy Chief Randall Hudman introduced retired Lt. Sullivan and he explained the requirements for the sex offender registration overview. Before his retirement, Lt. Eric Sullivan met with the City of Tyler on their ordinance restrictions; offenders must not be within 1000 feet of a child safety zone. This Ordinance is another law enforcement tool to keep children safe.

Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-04.

5. Consideration and possible action upon renaming Emma Street to Roquemore Street authorizing an ordinance to be put in place for the name change. (Jimerson)

Council Member Reggie Weatherton directed the City Secretary, Cheryl Jimerson, to go forward with the creation of an ordinance changing the name of Emma Street to Roquemore Street, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

6. Consideration and possible action on a Stokes and Associates agreement to furnish engineering services for street contract #24. (Brown/Holland)

Council Member Reggie Weatherton made a motion to approve Stokes and Associates as the engineering firm to furnish services on Street Contract #24, duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon possible public utility infrastructure upgrade or replacement related to street contract #24. (Holland/Boyd)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve Stokes and Associates as the engineering firm to furnish services on possible public infrastructure upgrade or replacement related to Street Contract #24, duly seconded by Council Member Reggie Weatherton. The vote was unanimous.

8. Consideration and possible action upon a Preliminary Major Plat for 7 acres to be cut out of a 381.36 acre tract known as the Wylie Farm. (Williams)

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve a preliminary major plat known as the Wylie Farm Subdivision, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

9. Open the second public hearing on the City of Henderson proposed annexation of Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Right of Way (ROW) into the city limits including parts of Loop 571, State Highway 323 and FM 2276. (Jimerson)

Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen opened a public hearing for parts of TXDOT ROW on Loop 571, State Highway 323 and FM 2276 to be annexed by the City of Henderson.

10. Consideration and possible action upon closing the public hearing.

Council Member Reggie Weatherton made a motion to close the public hearing, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

11. Consideration upon the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-01 on the proposed annexation for parts of TXDOT ROW on Loop 571, State Highway 323 and FM 2276. (Jimerson)

Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-01.

12. Open the second public hearing on the City of Henderson proposed voluntary annexation of the Jim Allen Estate on Loop 571 and FM 2276 now owned and submitted by HEDCO. (Jimerson)

Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen opened a second public hearing on the proposed annexation of the Jim Allen Estate into the city limits that includes part of Loop 571 and part of FM 2276.

13. Consideration and possible action upon closing the public hearing.

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to close the public hearing, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

14. Consideration upon the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-02 on the proposed annexation of the Jim Allen Estate owned by HEDCO located on the corner of Loop 571 and FM 2276. (Jimerson)

Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-02.

15. Open the second public hearing on the City of Henderson proposed voluntary annexation of an application for the East Texas Regional Business Park located on the corners of Loop 571, State Highway 323 and FM 2276 owned by HEDCO. (Jimerson)

Mayor John (Buzz) Fullen opened a second public hearing on the proposed annexation of the East Texas Regional Business Park into the city limits that includes part of Loop 571, part of State Highway 323 and part of FM 2276.

16. Consideration and possible action upon closing the public hearing.

Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to close the public hearing, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

17. Consideration upon the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-03 on the proposed annexation of the East Texas Regional Business Park owned by HEDCO located on the corner of loop 571 and between State Highway 323 and FM 2276. (Jimerson)

Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-03.

18. *Moved up on agenda*

19. Consideration upon a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-05 changing the zoning from R1 a Residential Zone, to IS an Institutional Zone for the Rusk County Emergency Services District located at 1515 Whippoorwill. (Williams)

Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2024-05-05.

20. Consideration and possible action upon a minor plat request submitted by Gerardo and Nancy Deleon to subdivide 1500 Price Street into two lots. (Williams)

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve a minor plat to subdivide 1500 Price Street into two lots, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

21. Consideration and possible action on a contract for auditing services with Gollob, Morgan, Peddy, CPA for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (Arnall)

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve Gollob, Morgan, Peddy, CPA firm for auditing services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

22. 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
- L. Director of Operations Departmental Reports below.

Civic Center

Main Street/Tourism

Municipal Court

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustments Minutes

Planning and Zoning Minutes

Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

Main Street Meeting Minutes

Preservation Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

REGULAR SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

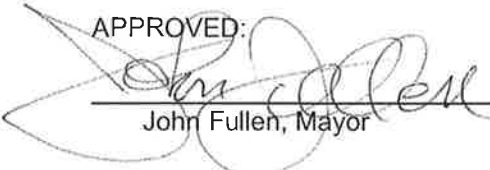
23. Adjourn

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Henry Pace. The vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John Fullen, Mayor