

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
Budget Workshop

July 30, 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 workshop to order at 3:10 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, Chief of Police Chad Taylor, Fire Cheif Sonny Ybarra, Director of Operations Davis Brown, Director of Public Services Kirk Kimbrell, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, Director of Infrastructure and Delivery David Hortman, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Fullen gave the invocation, and led the Pledges.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

1. Open a budget workshop. (Mayor)

Mayor Fullen opened a budget workshop at 3:12 p.m.

City Manager Jay Abercrombie stated the certified values for the city came in a little more than the preliminary values, then went directly into explaining the proposed budget.

The proposed 2024/2025 budget has:

A 5% pay increase across the board for all employees

There is a proposed change of health care providers from TX Health's umbrella of Blue Cross/Blue Shield directly to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This will give a slight decrease to employees.

There is a certificate pay increase.

The sales tax projection has a 5% increase.

The Hotel Occupancy Tax has increased; hotels are full and paying on time.

The Solid Waste fees have a small increase.

The annual audit has a small increase to their fees.

The retirement line in court has an increase. It is for the Judge.

Data processing increases in court, and water for Kiosk fees.

Supervisor training is up a little in the departments that have Supervisors over crews.

The electricity line includes streetlights.

Message/Speed trailer purchase will be a shared cost between Public Services and PD.

PD has 1 vehicle for SRO, which is a cost share with the school.

The equipment replacement fund will have a replacement vehicle for the Director of Operations, a 1/2 ton pickup for Public Services, a 3/4 ton pickup for Water and a 3/4 ton truck for Animal Control.

The Community Center has audio and video related equipment budgeted.

The Civic Center Division has started a replacement schedule for the rooftop A/C units with a few other capital expenses.

Each department has started scheduling a couple of computers a year due to the life of computers.

The Water and Sewer revenue has a proposed 10% increase.

The Water and Sewer line maintenance has (2) small SUV's, a 1/2 ton pickup in the budget.

The Water Production capital has a compressor in the budget.

The Wastewater Treatment Division has \$55,850 budgeted for repainting the sludge tank.

The Water/Sewer Construction Fund has \$119,750 earmarked for the purchase of a trailer mounted generator that can be moved to well sites or lift stations as needed for power outages or other related needs.

Mayor Fullen asked Fire Chief Sonny Ybarra to explain what ISO is and what rating the city is. Fire Chief Sonny Ybarra said the city has a rating of 2, 1 being the best and 10 being the worst, (ISO) is the Insurance Services Office. Insurance companies consider a variety of different factors when calculating home insurance premiums, including the ISO fire rating in the community. ISO ratings reflect an area's preparedness to prevent and extinguish fires, such as the number of firefighters, the water supply, what building code the city has the Building and Inspections Department enforcing for newly built and remodels of residential and commercial buildings. Mayor Fullen added, next time you have to renew your homeowners' insurance, tell them what rating the city is to see if you qualify for a discount?

2. Close the Budget Workshop. (Mayor)

Mayor Fullen declared the budget workshop closed at 4:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

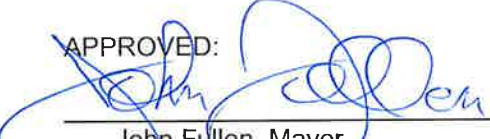
3. Adjourn

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


John Fullen, Mayor