

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Scheduled Meeting

November 19, 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 Pace called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Council members present were Stephen Strong, Michael Searcy, Greg Jackson, 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, Director of Utility Infrastructure and Delivery David Hortman, Community Development Manager/Building Official Cliff McElfresh, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell, Executive Leadership Assistant/HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Reggie Weatherton gave the invocation, Council Member Stephen Strong led the Pledges.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sophia Moland with the Scouting of America, her Eagle Scout project, and community Christmas dinner will be at the Civic Center December 10 at 6 p.m. Sophia personally invited all of the Council Members and Mayor to join her at this dinner.

Don E. Smith with the Toastmasters Club at Bradshaw recognized Mayor John "Buzz" Fullen, Don has appreciated everything Mayor Fullen has done behind the walls of the prison. Mayor Fuller has gone over and beyond with speaking and networking with the prisoners during his term. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Canvass November 5, 2024 election returns by Mayor John "Buzz" Fullen, Presiding Officer of the Canvassing Authority, to issue Summary of Returns and certification that figures on tally sheets correspond with figures on returns for: Mayor, Council Members in Districts Two and Three. (La eleccion del 5 noviembre de 2024 del sondeo vuelve por Alcalde John "Buzz" Fullen, Presidente de la autoridad de solicitud de votos, al resumen de la edicion de las vueltas para: Alcalde y Distrito Dos del Miembro del Consejo y Distrito Tres del Miembro del Consejo.)

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson read the summary of the Returns and Tally sheets from the November 5th 2024 Municipal Election.

For Mayor - Henry Pace unopposed, he received 3,199 votes. (The most votes this City Secretary with 20 years of Municipal experience has ever seen, congratulations)

For Council District 2 - Reggie Weatherton received 234 votes and Michael Searcy received 244 votes.(City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson commented on how close this race was and congratulated Michael Searcy)

For Council District 3 - Greg Jackson unopposed received 281(City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson congratulated Greg)

2. Issue certificates of election and oath of office to persons elected to the following offices: Mayor, Council Member District Two and Council Member District Three. (Publique los certificados de eleccion y de juramento de toma de posesion a las personas elegidas a las oficinas siguientes: Mayor, Distrito Dos del Miembro del Consejo, Distrito Tres del Miembro del Consejo.)

Municipal Judge James Holmes swore in all the new members and issued the certificates of election. City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson asked the outgoing members to step down and asked the new members to take their place at the council dais.

3. Presentation to outgoing Mayor and/or Council Members

Mayor Henry Pace presented outgoing Mayor John "Buzz" Fullen with a beautiful glass photo of Lake Forest Park with Inscription.

4. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem. (Mayor)

Mayor Pace nominated Council Member Gina Juarez as the Mayor Protem, A motion was made by Council Member Stephen Strong for Council Member of District 5 Gina Juarez as the Mayor Protem, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Consideration of possible action upon the minutes of the meeting held October 15, 2024. (Jimerson)

6. Consideration and possible action upon street closures for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade December 5, 2024 (Ybarra/Taylor) at 6 p.m.

7. Consideration and possible action upon a contract with MPA Fireworks for the Independence Day Fireworks display to be held July 4, 2025 (Ybarra)

8. Consideration and possible action upon the HEDCO financials for the month of September 2024.

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

9. Consideration and possible action upon the re-appointment of the Planning and Zoning Members William Garmon III and Scott Droddy for a two-year term. (Jimerson)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve the re-appointments of two members to the Planning and Zoning Commission, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. The vote was unanimous.

10. Consideration and possible action upon a minor plat combining lots in the Brookridge Addition, also known as the Zied Addition. (Jimerson)

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve minor plat combining lots in the Brookridge Addition, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

11. The City Council may deliberate and make inquiry into any item listed in the Departmental Reports.

A. City Manager

B. Fire Department

Fire Chief Sonny Ybarra gave an overview of what the Fire Department has had going on with events, training and daily operations.

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 for September 2024
- L. Director of Operations Departmental Reports below.

Civic Center

Main Street/Tourism

Municipal Court

Council had no questions or comments on the monthly reports.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustments Minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2024.

Planning and Zoning Minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2024.

Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

Main Street Meeting Minutes

Preservation Minutes

Council had no questions or comments on the Board meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

REGULAR SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

12. Adjourn

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Pace, Mayor