

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Scheduled Meeting

May 20, 2025

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 Attorney Russell Brown, Chief of Police Chad Taylor, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Stoddard, Director of Operations Davis Brown, Director of Public Services Kirk Kimbrell, Director of Utilities Randy Boyd, Director of Utility Infrastructure and Delivery, Community Development Manager/Building Official Cliff McElfresh, Finance Director Karen Arnall, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell, Executive Leadership Assistant/HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, and HEDCO Director Bret Gardella.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chaplin Stacy Horne gave the invocation, and Council Member Stephen Strong led the Pledges.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Reggie Weatheron complimented the city on the completion of the street construction that he lives on and was pleased to see the guard rail was being worked on. Thank you so much.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of possible action upon the minutes of April 15, 2025, Regular Council Meeting (Jimerson)
2. Consideration and possible action upon the HEDCO financial's for the month of March 2025.
3. Consideration and possible action upon the Auditors Engagement letter for the 2024-2025 budget. (Arnall)
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

4. Consideration and possible action upon Resolution 2025-05-01 for a Police Department grant. (Taylor)
Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to approve the resolution, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. The vote was unanimous.
5. Consideration and possible action upon the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone the property located at 900 E. Main Street from an R1 zone to a PD Zone. (Jimerson)
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to table this item, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.
6. Consideration upon the first reading Ordinance 2025-05-01 rezoning a property from an R1 Zone to a PD zone located at 900 E. Main Street. (Jimerson)
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to table this item, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission changing the zoning from an M2 Medium Density Multi-family Residential Zone to an R1 Low Density Single-Family Zone on two parcels known as the BIH Subdivision owned by HEDCO. (Jimerson)
Council Member Greg Jackson made a motion to approve the zoning change recommendation, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. The vote was unanimous.
8. Consideration upon the first reading of Ordinance 2025-05-02 changing the zoning from an M2 Medium Density Multi-family Residential Zone to an R1 Low Density Single-Family Zone on two parcels known as the BIH Subdivision owned by HEDCO. (Jimerson)
Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2025-05-02.
9. Consideration and possible action upon a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission changing the Zoning from Low Intensity Industrial to Institutional for an application submitted by the City of Henderson to amend the zoning map on property owned by the Henderson Soccer Association located on FM 782. (Jimerson)
Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to approve a zoning change recommendation, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The Council had no questions about the monthly reports.

10. 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

Mayor Pace announced this month's oral report would be from the Public Services/Parks and Recreation Department.

Director of the department, Kirk Kimbrell, thanked the Council for everything they do. He stated the department is made up of two categories: Public Services with four crews of 3 to 5 employees and the Parks and Recreation department.

First is the Public Services Department.

1. Building and Grounds Crew

- Ensures safe and functional city facilities
- Preventive maintenance
- Roadway markers
- Special Events

2. Construction and Fabrication Crew

- Unlimited building potential
- Transforming spaces with remodel
- Welding and fabrication
- Cross-Team collaboration
- Street sweeping

3. Roadway Maintenance

- Maintains approximately 75 miles of city streets
- Cross-Team collaboration
- Right of Way mowing
- Machinist/Fabrication
- Tree trimming

4. Concrete and Drainage Crew

- Storm drain repairs and replacement
- Custom concrete work
 - curb and gutter
 - sidewalk repairs
 - drainage flumes
- Right of Way drainage

Second is the Parks and Recreation Department, also under the direction of Kirk Kimbrell.

- Ground and maintenance of city properties
- Landscaping at parks and facilities
- Right of Way maintenance and beautification
- Turf management program
- Special events

The Parks and Recreation department has teamed up with HOPE, giving individuals the opportunity to volunteer to work with the Parks and Recreation department under the direction of Harriet Craig.

Kirk introduced Shannon Ferarra from MTC. Shannon is the facility Administrator at HOPE. HOPE is owned and operated by MTC. The program has been designed to transition individuals within this program to go back into society. The ticket in the door of HOPE is through the Federal system. Everyone goes through a 6-to-9-month treatment program successfully to get into the HOPE program. Some individuals are not always ready to be released back into the community right off the bat. Their probation or parole officer evaluates everyone. If they feel they are not ready to be released into the community, they are sent through this 6-to-9-month treatment program. Shannon wanted to thank all the local businesses that hire these individuals and the city for the volunteer program helping them transition back into society.

Kirk Kimbrell proceeded with handing out certificates of appreciation to the MTC team and HOPE volunteers.

G. Public Utilities

H. Finance Department

I. City Secretary

J. Communications and Marketing

K. HEDCO

Sales Tax Revenue for March 2025.

L. Director of Operations Departmental Reports below.

Civic Center

Main Street/Tourism

Municipal Court

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Board of Adjustments Minutes

Planning and Zoning Minutes

Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

Main Street Meeting Minutes

Preservation Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

REGULAR SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjourn

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Pace, Mayor