

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Scheduled Meeting

June 17, 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 Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, Chief of Police Chad Taylor, Fire Chief Sonny Yabarra, 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, Animal Center Director Charissa Pool, Civic Center Manager Stephanie Kimbrell, Executive Leadership Assistant/HR Specialist Hillary Faulkner, Communications and Marketing Coordinator Phedra Johnson, and Code Enforcement Officer/Health Official Wes Breitenberg.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chaplin Scott Whitfill gave the invocation, Council Member Michael Searcy led the Pledges.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Cason Weatherton of 204 Bell Street wanted to invite the City Mayor, Council and staff to a fundraiser to help him on his journey to the finals for traveling expenses. It gets very expensive traveling from one event to the other. Mayor Pace congratulated Cason on all his journeys and stated he is an inspiration to so many people.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of possible action upon the minutes from the Council meeting of May 20, 2025. (Jimerson)
2. Consideration and possible action upon street closures for the Freedom Fest to be held on July 4, 2025, with an alternate date of July 6.
3. Consideration and possible action upon street closures for the Juneteenth Parade and event at Yates Park June 21, 2025 starting at 10:30 a.m.
4. Consideration and possible action upon the HEDCO financials for the month of April 2025.
Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION

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. (Breitenberg)
Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone 900 E. Main for a Planned Development, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

6. Consideration upon the first reading Ordinance 2025-05-02 rezoning a property from an R1 Zone to a PD Zone located at 900 E. Main Street. (Breitenberg)

Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2025-05-02.

7. Consideration upon the first reading of Ordinance 2025-06-01 changing the zoning from Low Intensity Industrial to Institutional for an application submitted by the City of Henderson to arena the zoning map on a property owned by the Henderson Soccer Association located on FM 782. (Breitenberg)

Council had no questions or comments on the first reading of Ordinance 2025-06-01.

8. Consideration and possible action upon the second 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 Scout Crossing. (Breitenberg)

Code Enforcement Officer/Health Official Wes Breitenberg stated this was part of the Crimcrest Addition that BIH purchased and replatted into one lot. The property has been replatted and named Scout Crossing rezoned to an R1 Zone.

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion approving Ordinance 2025-05-02, duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. The vote was unanimous.

9. Consideration and possible action upon a replat of the BIH Subdivision to be known as the Scout Crossing Subdivision. (Breitenberg)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve this minor plat, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

10. Consideration and possible action upon a Minor Plat combining lots 1 and 2 of Block 7 in the Gray Street Subdivision. (Breitenberg)

Council Member Greg Jackson made a motion to approve this minor plat, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

11. Consideration and possible action upon a Minor Plat combining lots 6,7,8 and 0.507 acre lots into Lot 6 and 6A of the Noble Subdivision. (Breitenberg)

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to approve this minor plat, duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

12. Consideration and possible action upon a Minor Plat subdividing a parcel at 900 State HWY 43 for the Cervantes. (Breitenberg)

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve this minor plat, duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

13. Consideration and possible action upon moving the July 15, 2025, Council meeting to July 8, 2025. (Jimerson)

Council Member Michael Searcy made a motion to approve moving the regular July meeting to the 8th, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

14. Consideration and possible action upon the reappointment of four Cemetery Board members: John Dulin, Elidia Ramirez, Lisa Wallace, and Scott Crawford. (Kimbrell)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve the reappointment of the cemetery board members listed, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

15. 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

Director of Utility Infrastructure and Delivery David Hortman gave a verbal presentation this month to the Public Services Department. He updated the Council on the GIS System. GIS is a digital platform used for storing, analyzing, and displaying maps and location-based data. Key benefits of the GIS in Water and Sewer:

1. Asset Management

- Maintain a live inventory of pipes, valves, hydrants, manholes.

2. Improved Planning and Design

- Identify future service areas and model network expansion.

Operational Efficiency:

• Work Order Integration

Field crews use phones or tablets with GIS maps to locate and service assets.

• Emergency Response

Instantly locate shutoff valves to isolate pipe breaks.

Cost Savings and Risk Reduction:

• Preventative Maintenance

Target inspections and repairs before failures occur.

• Prioritize Investments

Focus resources on high-risk areas.

GIS for Capital Improvement Planning:

• Project Prioritization

Use data layers like pipe condition, break history, and nearby development.

• Data-Driven Justification

Produce visuals to show return on investment and risk reduction.

GIS in Lake Striker Water Project:

GIS will assist in planning and executing our future project of transporting water from Lake Striker to the City of Henderson.

• Infrastructure Integration

Using GIS to connect new infrastructure with existing infrastructure.

Regional Benefits of GIS-Based Water Expansion:

1. Revenue Generation

Expand service to rural areas to generate revenue and fund upgrades to our existing system.

2. Regional Resilience

Support drought, fire, and emergency preparedness.

3. Stronger Regional Partnerships

Strengthen inter-local relationships and future collaborations.

Public Utilities Director Randy Boyd had a lot of great pictures rehabbing the filter system at the Water plant and Wastewater plant pumps and piping. Clean-out of the sludge pump and the re-coat of the tank. Pictures of the clarifier, backwash pump and wastewater pumps and piping.

H. Finance Department

I. City Secretary

J. Communications and Marketing

K. HEDCO

Sales Tax Revenue for April 2025.

L. Director of Operations Departmental Reports below.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

REGULAR SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

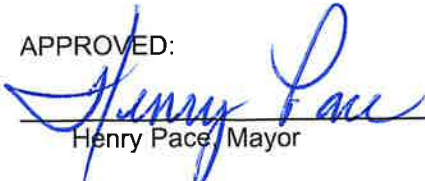
16. Adjourn

Council Member Melissa Morton made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m., duly seconded by Council Member Michael Searcy. The vote was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Pace, Mayor