

MINUTES OF THE
HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Rescheduled Meeting

October 28, 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 5 p.m.

Council members present were Stephen Strong, Greg Jackson, Melissa Morton, and Gina Juarez. Council Member Michael Searcy was not able to attend.

Staff members present were City Manager Jay Abercrombie, City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson, 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:

Council Member Greg Jackson gave the invocation, Council Member Melissa Morton led the Pledges.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes and taken in the order they are received. By State law, no action may be taken on items not on the agenda.

Ms. Todd stated she felt like the Council should put off the appointments of the HEDCO and Preservation Boards. She also stated that every applicant was not interviewed and that is not fair to the applicants. She had already been told some of the preservation board applicants had already been told they had been selected to be on the board even though the Council had not had a recommendation come in front of them yet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Convene into executive session to consult with the City Attorney in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Section 087.

Mayor Pace convened into executive session at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

2. Convene into regular session and take action necessary as a result of the closed session.

Mayor Pace reconvened into regular session at 6:19 p.m. stating there was no action to take from the executive session.

3. Consider and possible action to approve the Performance Agreement between Velvin Oil and Henderson Economic Development Corporation.

Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to table this item, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

4. Tabled item; Consideration and Possible Action upon a recommendation from the interview committee on appointments of vacancies on the HEDCO Board. (Abercrombie/Mayor)

Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to table this item, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

5. Consideration and possible action upon awarding Lone Star Global of Henderson, the low bidder of the bid proposal submitted for the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Grant for a generator to be located at 300 W. Main Street. (Holland/Wick)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve the final payment to Lone Star Global of Henderson, duly seconded by Council Member Greg Jackson. The vote was unanimous.

6. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of Ordinance 2025-09-03 canceling the November 4th, 2025 Municipal Election, declaring the unopposed applicants as Council Members for Districts one, four and five. (Jimerson)

Council Member Greg Jackson made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance canceling the Municipal Election, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration and possible action upon amending resolution 2023-05-02, changing the verbiage from shall to may, and change the resolution number to 2025-05-02A. (Jimerson)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve amending resolution 2023-05-02 changing the verbiage from shall to may, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

8. Consideration and possible action upon the second reading of an ordinance changing the zoning from commercial to residential on Hubbard Drive. (Breitenberg)

Council Member Stephen Strong made a motion to approve the zoning change, duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

9. Consideration and possible action upon a minor plat application submitted by Wallace Woods combining lots 12 and 13 of BLK 420 Reedy Addition into one lot. (Breitenberg)

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

10. Consideration and possible action upon a minor plat application submitted by Ricky Gibson combining lot 1 BLK 362 and lot 6 BLK 636 into one lot. (Breitenberg)

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

11. Consideration and possible action upon resolution 2025-10-01 updating the Master fee Schedule. (Kimbrell)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve the Master fee schedule, duly seconded by Council Member Stephen Strong. The vote was unanimous.

12. Consideration and possible action upon approving Main Street to commence working with an architect to remodel Heritage Square. (Duke)

Council Member Greg Jackson made a motion to approving Main Street to work with an architect, duly seconded by Council Member Gina Juarez. The vote was unanimous.

13. Consideration and possible action upon a contract with Jacob's Water Supply providing them emergency water if needed. (Hortman)

Council Member Gina Juarez made a motion to approve providing emergency water, duly seconded by Council Member Melissa Morton. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pace read and signed a 70-year service proclamation for the Rotary.

Mayor Pace read and signed a Hospice Care proclamation.

14. Update on the Historical Preservation Committee. (Jimerson)

City Secretary Cheryl Jimerson updated the Council on the interviews that are continuing on a selection for the Council to appoint next month.

CONSENT AGENDA

15. Consideration of possible action upon the minutes of August 19, September 2, September 9, and September 25, 2025. (Jimerson)

16. Consideration and possible action to approve HEDCO financial's for the month of August 2025. (Gardella)

17. Consideration and possible action upon street closure for the Downtown Henderson Trick or Treat event. (Kimbrell)

18. Consideration and possible action upon adopting the annual Investment Policy for the City of Henderson. (Arnall)
19. Consideration and possible action upon the Hallelujah Fest street closure for part of Webster Street from 4 pm to 9 pm on October 31st, 2025.
20. Consideration and possible action upon street closures for the Syrup Festival. (Kimbrell)
21. Consideration and possible action for street closure for the annual Saftey Fun Night. (Ybarra)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Council had no questions or comments on the monthly 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

HEDCO August 2025 Sales Tax.

- L. Director of Operations Departmental Reports below.

Civic Center
Main Street/Tourism Municipal
Court

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Board of Adjustments Minutes there was no meeting in September.
Planning and Zoning Minutes
Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes
Main Street Meeting Minutes
Preservation Minutes
HEDCO Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

23. Adjourn

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

ATTEST:



Cheryl Jimerson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Pace, Mayor