



AGENDA

Henderson City Council Work Session
Monday, 27 February 2012 Immediately Following Regular Session
R. G. (Chick) Young, Jr. Council Chambers, Municipal Building
134 Rose Avenue
Henderson, North Carolina

Mayor and City Council Members

Mayor James D. O'Geary, Presiding

Councilmember James C. Kearney, Sr.
Councilmember Sara M. Coffey
Councilmember Michael C. Inscoc
Councilmember D. Michael Rainey

Councilmember Brenda G. Peace—Jenkins
Councilmember Garry D. Daeke
Councilmember Lonnie Davis, Jr.
Councilmember George M. Daye

City Officials

A. Ray Griffin, Jr., City Manager
John H. Zollicoffer, Jr., City Attorney
Esther J. McCrackin, City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IV. REGULAR WORK SESSION

- a)* Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 12-22, FY 12 Budget Amendment #33, Authorizing Funds to Various Street Repair Projects. *(CAF 12-28) [See Notebook Tab 9]*
- Ordinance 12-22
- b)* Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 12-18, FY 12 Budget Amendment #34, Creating Contingency Budget for Construction of the US Hwy #1 Sewer Project. *(CAF 12-31) [See Notebook Tab 10]*
- Ordinance 12-18

- c) Water and Sewer Availability Fee Discussion (*CM 12-04*) [*See Notebook Tab 11*]
 - CM 12-04
- d) Discussion on Security Deposits between 1 November 2011 and 20 February 2012 (No Attachment)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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PRESENT

Mayor James D. O'Geary, Presiding; and Council Members Sara M. Coffey, Michael C. Inscoe, D. Michael Rainey, Brenda G. Peace—Jenkins, Lonnie Davis, Jr., and George M. Daye.

ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Ray Griffin, City Attorney John Zollicoffer, City Clerk Esther J. McCrackin, Finance Director Kathy Brafford, and Engineering Director Peter Sokalski.

CALL TO ORDER

The 27 February 2011 Work Session of the Henderson City Council was called to order by Mayor James D. O'Geary at 8:35 p.m. in the R. G. "Chick" Young, Jr. Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 134 Rose Avenue, Henderson, NC.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll and advised Mayor O'Geary a quorum was present.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor O'Geary asked if there were any adjustments to the Agenda. Council Member Inscoe requested two items on the work session be postponed until the next Council meeting. Those items were *Ordinance 12-22, FY 12 Budget Amendment #33, Authorizing Funds to Various Street Repair Projects* and *Ordinance 12-18, Y12 Budget Amendment #34, Creating Contingency Budget for Construction of the US Hwy #1 Sewer Project*. O'Geary asked for the pleasure of Council. Council Member Rainey moved to accept the Agenda as changed. Motion seconded by Council Member Daye and unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Water and Sewer Availability Fee Discussion. *(Reference: CM 12-04)*

City Manager Griffin said since the last Council meeting concern had been expressed regarding this fee.

Council Member Daeke said he did not feel good about the decision made previously as people were being charged for a service they were not receiving. He felt the minimum fee did not generate a lot of revenue and there was no incentive for people to hook onto the system. He had citizens contact him who wanted to know if they could hook on at the same rate offered ten (10) years ago and others said this new policy goes against what citizens were told ten (10) years ago which said they did not have to hook on until their private system failed.

Council Member Davis cautioned that whatever decision is made, it should be without chaos. Council Member Kearney felt if there was an ordinance in force stating citizens were to hook on, then it should be enforced. Council Member Inscoe asked if such an ordinance actually existed. City Manager Griffin said he was unsure.

There was a discussion regarding grandfathering and whether the costs should be spread onto the general public and how to make the policy fair without penalizing those already on the system. Council Member Daeke asked how other cities handle situations like this and Council Member Coffey asked why this had not been enforced before now. She also inquired about how citizens with two meters (one for irrigation and one for the home) would be handled.

The final decision was to ask the City Attorney for the ordinance if it exists and to bring back to the next work session.

Discussion on Security Deposits between 1 November 2011 and 20 February 2012 *(No Attachment)*

City Manager Griffin said questions are still being asked about security deposits and asked Council Member Peace-Jenkins to express her concern. Council Member Rainey shared his understanding of the policy and discussion ensued.

City Manager Griffin asked that Council consider crediting accounts if Council agreed to lower the security deposits for those who were in arrears at the time of implementation of the policy.

After discussion it was the consensus of Council for a credit to be established for those that had paid the \$150 security deposit in the amount of \$75 for City residents and \$100 for those with City water outside the City. Both Council Member Coffey and Daeke felt citizens should have a choice between a credit and refund.

It was also the consensus of Council that a late fee not be charged on any account with an agreement for payment but that a minimum transaction fee be charged.

Council Member Kearney made the point that with all these reductions in fees and refunds there will be a need to set increased during budget time.

City Manager Griffin will draft these changes for review at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Inscoe moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by Council Member Kearney and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

James D. O'Geary
Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk