

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

14 July 2014

PRESENT

Mayor James D. O'Geary, Presiding; and Council Members Sara M. Coffey, Michael C. Inscoe, D. Michael Rainey, Brenda Peace-Jenkins, Garry D. Daeke, Fearldine A. Simmons, and George M. Daye.

ABSENT

Council Member James C. Kearney, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager A. Ray Griffin, City Attorney John H. Zollicoffer, Jr., City Clerk Esther J. McCrackin, Assistant City Manager Frank Frazier, City Engineer Clark Thomas, and Interim Recreation & Parks Director Steve Osborne.

CALL TO ORDER

The 14 July 2014 Regular Meeting of the Henderson City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Geary at 6:00 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.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Peace-Jenkins led those present in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor O'Geary welcomed everyone present.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor O'Geary asked if there were any adjustments to the Agenda. City Clerk McCrackin advised an additional Attorney/Client matter will be added to the *Closed Session Pursuant to GS 143-318-11(a)(3)*. Council Member Rainey moved to accept the Agenda as adjusted. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor O'Geary asked for any corrections to and/or approval of the minutes. Council Member Inscoe moved the approval of the 23 June Short Regular Meeting and 23 June Work Session minutes, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Daeke and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk advised the Mayor and Council Members that no citizen wished to speak to Council on agenda matters.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorizing an Application to the Francis Abbott Powers Endowment Fund 2014 Grant in the Amount of \$15,000 for Improvements to the Fox Pond Park Facility. (*Reference: CAF 14-81; Resolution 14-62*)

City Manager Griffin asked Interim Recreation and Parks Director Steve Osborne to summarize this request. Mr. Osborne explained this project originated with the now retired Recreation and Parks Director Alan Gill, along with a citizen, Mr. George Watkins. Fox Pond recently underwent over \$100,000 in renovations but there were no funds available for demolishing and rebuilding the restrooms. He said this building was built in 1974 and has received only minor upgrades since then. Mr. Osborne said this grant, if awarded, will provide \$15,000 toward demolition/renovation and is a natural progression with improvements at the Park. One of the local Boy Scout leaders is a general contractor and he and a Boy Scout Troop, along with City Staff, will be providing in-kind help to rebuild the restrooms/concession structure.

Council Member Rainey asked if only one structure will be rebuilt. Mr. Osborne said the footprint will be the same and it will be ADA accessible. Mr. Rainey also asked if the project cost includes disposal of materials. Mr. Osborne said the City will be taking care of this as part of the in-kind staff labor.

Council Member Coffey asked if there was a good chance of obtaining the full \$15,000. Mr. Osborne felt very positive that the full amount would be awarded.

Council Member Daeke asked about the \$1,798 being used from the Fund Balance. Mr. Griffin responded due to budget cuts, this project was eliminated from the FY15 Recreation and Parks budget. Since this type of expense is what the Fund Balance is for, Mr. Griffin said he has no problem recommending this expenditure.

Council Member Inscoe said this is a worthy project and is in favor of it but requested a breakout of the funds available in the Recreation and Parks Trust Fund. Mr. Griffin said he would provide that information to Council. Mr. Inscoe also suggested contacting various businesses in town for donations toward this project.

As a reminder, City Attorney Zollicoffer, Jr. said the County shares ownership with the City.

With no further questions, Mayor O'Geary asked for Council's pleasure.

Council Member Coffey moved the approval of Resolution 14-62, FY15 BA#1, *Authorizing an Application to the Francis Abbott Powers Endowment Fund 2014 Grant in the Amount of \$15,000 for Improvements to the Fox Pond Park Facility*. Motion seconded by Council Member Inscoe and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Coffey, Inscoe, Rainey, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney. (*See Resolution Book 4, p 71*)

Amending the Annual Fee Schedule Providing for Technical Corrections (FY15 Budget Amendment #1). (*Reference: CAF 14-62-C; Ordinance 14-34-A*)

City Manager Griffin said two errors were made while transcribing the Annual Fee schedule. One regarded the adjustments to the water rates for large quantity water users and the second was a failure to include the irrigation rates which Council amended on 25 November 2013. This amendment corrects both errors.

There was no discussion. Mayor O'Geary asked for Council's pleasure.

Council Member Rainey moved the approval of Ordinance 14-34-A, FY15 BA#1, *Amending the Annual Fee Schedule Providing for Technical Corrections (FY15 Budget Amendment #1)*. Motion seconded by Council Member Daye and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Coffey, Inscoe, Rainey, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney. (*See Ordinance Book 9, p 131-A*)

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda, summarized as follows:

Adopting the Comprehensive System-Wide Master Plan for the Recreation and Parks Department. (*Reference: CAF 14-45; Resolution 14-28*) The Henderson, Vance Recreation and Parks Department, the Henderson-Vance Recreation and Parks Commission and the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments worked together to create a thirty (30) year master plan. (*See Resolution Book 4, p 3*)

Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Relative to the Chavasse Avenue Widening Project (WBS Element: 38404) Contingent on Review of Bids and Final Approval by the City Prior to NCDOT Awarding a Contract. (Reference: CAF 14-29; Resolution 14-16)
During prior discussions, Council learned the NCDOT agreement for this project held the City responsible for any cost overruns. To protect the City and limit expenses, this agreement gives the City the right to review and approve the bid(s) received by the NCDOT for the Chavasse Avenue Widening Project. (See Resolution Book 3, p 297)

Awarding the Departmental Handgun and Badge to Retiree Lieutenant Irvin W. Robinson, Jr. (Reference: CAF 14-80; Resolution 14-61). Lt. Robinson, Jr. has served on the City of Henderson Police Force since February 1979 and will retire from the Henderson Police Force on 1 August 2014. Traditionally the City of Henderson awards the retiring officer his/her badge at no cost and also awards the service side arm at the said price of \$1.00. (See Resolution Book 4, p 69)

Mayor O'Geary asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. There were no requests. Mayor O'Geary then asked for a motion to approve the consent Agenda

Council Member Inscoc moved the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Inscoc, Rainey, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Simmons, Daye and Coffey. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

City Clerk McCrackin advised no citizen wished to address Council.

REPORTS

a) Mayor/Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Pro-Tem Rainey asked for a discussion regarding the addition of filling swimming pools to the watering credit issued every year by Council. Mayor O'Geary and City Manager Griffin both said this item will be added to a future work session.

b) City Manager

City Manager Griffin said the flyer *Your Dollars at Work* has been finalized and will be going out in the water bills in the very near future.

c) City Attorney (No Report)

d) City Clerk (No Report)

With no further discussion, Mayor O'Geary asked if Council was prepared to go into Closed Session and stated there would be no report following the session.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Rainey moved for Council to convene in closed session pursuant to three (3) matters. G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) for two Attorney-Client Privilege Matters, and G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) for an Economic Development Matter. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Coffey moved for Council to convene in open session. Motion seconded by Council Member Simmons and unanimously approved.

Mayor O’Geary asked if Council was prepared to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Coffey moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by Council Member Inscoc, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

James D. O’Geary
Mayor

ATTEST:

Esther J. McCrackin
City Clerk