



AGENDA

**Henderson City Council Work Session
Monday, 26 October 2015 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
Mayor Elect Eddie Ellington

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

Councilmember Brenda Peace
Councilmember Garry D. Daeke
Councilmember Fearldine A. Simmons
Councilmember George M. Daye

City Officials

Frank Frazier City Manager
D. Rix Edwards, 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 Resolution 15-89, Authorizing a Contract with Point & Pay to Provide On-line Credit/Debit & E-check Payment Service to Water and Sewer Customers. (CAF 15-124) [See Notebook Tab 15]
 - Resolution 15-89
- b)* Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 15-34, Amending Sections 15-20 and 15-20.1 of the City Code Relative to Water Cross Connections and Backflow Prevention. (CAF 15-87) [See Notebook Tab 16]
 - Ordinance 15-34

c) Consideration of Approval of Resolution 15-72, Authorizing a Water Tower Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership C/B/A Verizon Wireless. (CAF 15-121) [See Notebook Tab 17]

- Resolution 15-72

V. ADJOURNMENT

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PRESENT

Mayor James D. O'Geary, Presiding; and Council Members Sara M. Coffey, Michael C. Inscoc, D. Michael Rainey, Brenda Peace, and George M. Daye and Mayor Elect Eddie Ellington

ABSENT

Council Member James C. Kearney, Sr., Garry Daeke, and Fearldine A. Simmons.

STAFF PRESENT

Assistant City Manager Frank Frazier, City Clerk Esther McCrackin, Customer Service Supervisor Shay Bennett, Public Services Director Mike Ross, Engineering Director Clark Thomas and Kerr Lake Regional Water Director Christy Lipscomb.

CALL TO ORDER

The 26 October 2015 Work Session of the Henderson City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Geary at 7:52 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 Coffey moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Daye, and unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Authorizing a Contract with Point & Pay to Provide On-line Credit/Debit & E-check Payment Service to Water and Sewer Customers (*Reference: CAF 15-124; Resolution 15-89*)

City Manager Frazier explained the City currently takes debit/credit cards over the phone and in person. There have been many citizen requests to accept payment on-line and in an effort to do

this, several companies have been researched and staff feels Point & Pay would best serve the needs of the community. The current system incurs a cost with First Citizens of less than \$20,000 per year. If a new system is implemented, the customer could be charged a convenience fee or the City could absorb the fee.

Council Member Inscoe asked for more details, including the cost of opting-out of the three year agreement. It was the consensus of Council to bring back more information to a future meeting.

Amending Sections 15-20 and 15-20.1 of the City Code Relative to Water Cross Connections and Backflow Prevention. (*Reference: CAF 14-87; Ordinance 15-34*)

City Manager Frazier asked Public Services Director Mike Ross to give a brief explanation regarding the need for amending these sections. Mr. Ross explained the importance of protecting the water system. There is the potential that cross-connections could allow contaminants into the system and many local regulatory agencies mandate a cross-connection/backflow prevention program. Mr. Ross explained OSHA requires an annual check by certified backflow technicians.

Council Member Inscoe asked if existing connections will need to be changed. Mr. Ross said no – not until they need to be revamped. Mr. Inscoe asked if the City has a certified person to perform the checks.

Kerr Lake Regional Water Director Christy Lipscomb said the technician has to be certified by the State and the City would not do the inspections.

Mr. Frazier said a list is being compiled of certified plumbers.

The consensus of Council is more information is needed about the structure and fees for this program.

Authorizing a Water Tower Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless. (*Reference: CAF 15-121; Resolution 15-72*)

City Manager Frazier explained a proposed lease has been received from Cellco for the rental of the same water tower, located at the intersection of Andrews Avenue and Water Street, which SprintCom is currently renting. This would provide additional revenue to the City; however, it is felt the lease amount of \$24,000 for an initial term of five (5) years to be paid in monthly installments is low and the City is working to renegotiate.

The consensus of Council is \$24,000 is not an acceptable lease amount and the City should continue to negotiate with Cellco.

There was no further discussion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Coffey then moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by Council Member Inscoe, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

James D. O'Geary
Mayor

ATTEST:

Esther J. McCrackin, City Clerk