



AGENDA

Henderson City Council Work Session
Monday, 22 September 2014 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 Peace-Jenkins
Councilmember Garry D. Daeke
Councilmember Fearldine A. Simmons
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)* Update on Request for Proposals from Environmental Firms with Respect to Two Projects:
1) Brownfield Assessment Grant and; 2) Inactive Landfill Assessment Grant. (CM 14-31)
[See Notebook Tab 11]
- b)* Installation of Water Spray Park. (CM 14-28-A) *[See Notebook Tab 12]*
- c)* Off Premise Advertisement Sign Ordinance. (CM 14-30) *(See Notebook Tab 13)*

V. ADJOURNMENT

City Council Minutes
Work Session
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PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None.

STAFF PRESENT

Assistant City Manager Frank Frazier, City Clerk Esther McCrackin, Finance Director Kathy Brafford, Interim Recreation and Parks Director Steve Osborne, Code Compliance Director Corey Williams and Engineering Director Clark Thomas.

CALL TO ORDER

The 22 September 2014 Work Session of the Henderson City Council was called to order by Mayor O'Geary at 7:37 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 Rainey moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Daeke and unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Update on Request for Proposals from Environmental Firms with Respect to Two Projects: 1) Brownfield Assessment Grant and 2) Inactive Landfill Assessment Grant. (CM 14-31)

Engineering Director Thomas explained requests for proposal have been solicited and are due today. He said once the RFPs are reviewed he will be getting back to Council.

Council Member Kearney asked if Mr. Thomas could reveal the names of the firms that responded so far. Mr. Thomas said Cardno, out of Raleigh and Locklear, Locklear and Jacobs, out of Pinehurst.

The Inactive Landfill Grant will be applied for through the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Solid Waste. Mr. Thomas said a consultant (Cardno) has performed on-site investigations at no cost to the city and its results will be submitted to NCDENR. DENR will then create a list prioritized by environmental risk. Mr. Thomas said he would keep Council abreast of the progress.

Council Member Coffey asked if there is any deadline for this project. Mr. Thomas said although he has asked, no deadline date has been provided.

Staff will keep Council up to date on any new developments with both projects.

Installation of Water Spray Park. (Reference: CM 14-28)

City Manager Griffin said Council Member Daeke asked for more information on the possibility of installing a water spray park. Interim Recreation and Parks Director Osborne has compiled the information presented this evening and the Recreation and Parks Commission will discuss the possibility at its October meeting.

Council Member Daeke said this is good information but on a larger scale than he envisioned. He has been in touch with Oxford about its park and will be meeting with them for further details. Council Member Rainey said there is also a small park at Triangle Town Center in Raleigh.

Council Member Simmons asked what locations are being considered. City Manager Griffin said it's too early in the process to determine. Council Member Coffey suggested open lots and Mr. Griffin said perhaps lots owned by the City/County. Mayor O'Geary said the park will have to be accessible to as many as possible.

Discussion will continue as details are obtained.

Governmental Signs. (CM 14-30)

Interim Planning Director Corey Williams said questions have been brought to his attention regarding Zoning Code Section 408, *Exempt Signs*. He said the Planning Board will meet on October 6 to review possible amendments and then this will be brought back to Council.

OTHER

Council Member Simmons asked what the City can do with rental property and landlords. She expressed concern regarding a specific property on Chavasse Avenue. City Manager Griffin asked Code Compliance Director Williams to explain the process.

Mr. Williams said there seems to be a recent influx of abandoned properties and explained briefly that due process starts with identifying property, then notices are issued, timeframes need to be met, and several other steps before legal action can be taken. He said sometimes finding the legal owner is difficult. Mr. Williams also shared abandoned property is occurring throughout the City, not in one specific area and emphasized local landlords are mostly responsible. He's finding it is the absentee property owners that he has the most difficulty with.

Council Member Rainey understands the department is short of staff and asked if the Police are working with Code Compliance regarding this issue. Mr. Williams responded yes.

There were no other questions so Mayor O'Geary asked if Council was prepared to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Peace-Jenkins moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by Council Member Daeke and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

James D. O'Geary
Mayor

ATTEST:

Esther J. McCrackin, City Clerk