

CITY OF HENDERSON – RECORD BOOK

Record of Minutes of A Work Session Meeting on January 21, 2020

A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Henderson, Kentucky, was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the third floor Assembly Room, Municipal Center, 222 First Street, Henderson, Kentucky.

There were present Mayor Steve Austin presiding.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Commissioner Patti Bugg
 Commissioner X R. Royster, III
 Commissioner Bradley S. Staton
 Commissioner Austin P. Vowels

CITY STAFF MEMBERS included Dawn Kelsey, City Attorney; Maree Collins, City Clerk; Donna Stinnett, Community Relations Manager/Public Information Officer; Robert Gunter, Acting City Manager/Finance Director; Brian Williams, Public Works Director; Sam Lingerfelt, Sanitation Superintendent; Connie Galloway, Human Resources Director; Trace Stevens, Parks Recreation and Cemeteries Director; Ray Nix, Code Administrator; Theresa Richey, Administrative Liaison; and Leslie Blandford, Police Officer.

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Knight, City Commissioner Candidate; and Douglas White, *The Gleaner*

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

1. Sanitation Operations Report:

- ✓ Mayor Austin indicated that staff has reviewed possible cost saving actions and has recommended four possible options for changes to the sanitation operations. He also indicated that there would be a follow up review and discussion at the February mid-year budget review work session.
- ✓ Robert Gunter outlined the four options with Annual Gain/Loss (for the FY2021 budget) and Cumulative Gain/Loss (through the FY 2025 budget):
 - Option A: Current Operation (no changes) with an estimated FY 2021 gain of \$161,179.00 and a cumulative gain of \$12,053.00 – a new rear-loader truck will be necessary biennially, no loss of employees.
 - Option B: Keep Collections, Privatize landfill with an estimated FY 2021 gain of \$192,797.00 and a cumulative gain of \$241,982.00 – a new rear-loader truck will be necessary biennially, loss of three full-time positions at landfill, no loss of positions in collections.
 - Option C: Privatize both landfill and partial privatization of collections, keeping some personnel for use as a bulk crew and transition to all privatization over a two year period with a FY 2021 loss of \$88,738.00 and a cumulative gain of \$88,429.00 – purchase of four tote lifters for existing trucks, the company provides totes, loss of three full-time positions at landfill, loss of seven full-time positions in collections over two year period.
 - Option D: Complete privatization with a FY 2021 gain of \$343,981.00 and a cumulative gain of \$958,024.00 – privatization of landfill (CDD material moved to transfer station), company provides totes, annual increase of all services for life of contract is 3% per year, loss of 17.5 full-time positions.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD with Commissioners asking questions relating to each option and brief discussion of previously presented options; all of the estimates are based on current tonnages, current wages, estimated COLA and merit increases, estimated purchase price of equipment and costs provided in the RFPs; and that no decision would be forthcoming until after

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a second work session review was conducted with further information as requested from this meeting.

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2. Smoking Ordinance:

- ✓ Dawn Kelsey reported that she and Trace Stevens had reviewed several other city ordinances relating to smoking and determined that they range from very restrictive to ones similar to what we currently have. Some communities have incorporated smoking regulations in the Park Rules and Regulations instead of by ordinance.
- ✓ Ms. Kelsey suggested that prohibition of smoking in and near public transportation shelters be included in the ordinance.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD with Commissioner Staton indicating that he was not in favor of prohibition for the adult ball fields; Commissioner Bugg asked that special events that allow a smoking area include guidance on the location of the area; and it was determined that staff would move forward with drafting an amended ordinance to prohibit smoking in all city owned parks/recreation areas and public transportation shelters.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

MEETING ADJOURN:

MOTION by Commissioner Royster, seconded by Commissioner Vowels to adjourn.

The vote was called. On roll call, the vote stood:

- Commissioner Staton ---- Aye:
- Commissioner Vowels --- Aye:
- Commissioner Bugg ----- Aye:
- Commissioner Royster --- Aye:
- Mayor Austin ----- Aye:

WHEREUPON Mayor Austin declared the work session adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Maree Collins, CKMC
City Clerk,

Steve Austin, Mayor
February 25, 2020