

CITY OF HENDERSON – RECORD BOOK

Record of Minutes of A Work Session *Meeting on* February 19, 2019

A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Henderson, Kentucky, was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, immediately following a special called meeting that began at 5:00 p.m., in the third floor Assembly Room, Municipal Center, 222 First Street, Henderson, Kentucky.

There were present the Mayor Steve Austin presiding.

PRESENT:

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

CITY STAFF MEMBERS included William L. “Buzzy” Newman, Jr., City Manager; Dawn Kelsey, City Attorney; Maree Collins, City Clerk; Donna Stinnett, Public Information Officer; Holli Melton, Administrative Intern; Robert Gunter, Finance Director; Dawn Winn, Assistant Finance Director; John Stier, Accounting Manager; Trace Stevens, Parks & Recreation Director; Heath Cox, Police Chief; Brian Williams, Public Works Director; Scott Foreman, Fire Chief; Connie Galloway, Human Resources Director; Greg Nunn, Information Technology Director; Ray Nix, Code Administrator; Dylan Ward, Project Manager; Theresa Richey, Development Liaison; and Mike Richardson, Reserve Police Officer.

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

1. Fiscal Year 2019 Mid-Year Budget Review
 - ✓ Finance Director Robert Gunter reported that approximately 94.2% of all current property taxes that were billed were collected by year-end with an increase in revenue of \$200,562.00 or 1.4%; a large increase in payroll in July due to an early payment; the unemployment rate increased slightly from 3.4% in December 2017 to 3.5% in December 2018 with an estimated 93 increase of employed over the same time period; franchise taxes were down \$186,865.00 or 34.9%, however last year’s payments were well ahead of the previous year and even with a decrease, payments received this year were still \$180,864.00 higher than what was received in December 31, 2016; no department is over the 50% mark in expenses; most expenses are tied to personnel with overall salaries up three tenths of one percent; employee pensions are anticipated to increase 14%; overall personnel expenditures increased by 3.9%; health insurance increased \$229,257.00 or 10.3%; the General Fund will finish the first six months \$744,336.00 under budget in personnel expenditures which equates to 96.3% of budget; total salaries could be \$190,025.00 under budget and benefits could finish \$554,311.00 under budget; the fire department’s overtime is tracking to finish at 114.7% or \$164,540.00 over budget or 71.2% of the estimated General Fund’s overage; the fire department’s operational salaries are also tracking to exceed budget by \$45,525.00, with a combined \$210,065.00 in estimated overages in salaries and due to the 35.34% contribution rate, the fire department’s pension costs are also expected to exceed budget by \$74,208.00; the police department’s overtime is tracking to finish \$52,254.00 or 130.2% over budget; the police department’s total personnel expenditures is on track to finish \$487,573.00 under budget; it is estimated that there were eight full-time vacant positions in the General Fund at the end of the month, which equates to 3.5% of the General Fund’s budgeted positions; across all funds there were ten full-time and two part-time vacancies; health insurance claims averaged \$126,199 per week compared to \$105,683.00 last year and \$96,970.00 the year before; he detailed the budget amendments – storm warning sirens, bunker gear, mural located at the Perch, ballistic vests, CMRS grant match, two buses ordered in a previous year, and grant and donation funds received for some of these

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projects along with Lakeland Detention Basin project; and to recap \$105,000.00 increase in expenses with \$56,000.00 coming from General Fund reserves.

- ✓ Discussion on Wathen Lane Bridge bids coming in over budget and how to fund the overages.
- ✓ Discussion on Children’s Kit Program funding donation-possibly matching up to \$1,000.00 if like funds are obtained from the County and the School Board. This would take formal action at a future regular meeting.
- ✓ Mr. Gunter indicated that we are on track to spend at least \$945,000.00 of reserves this fiscal year, \$700,000.00 is for the new golf course. Moody’s may have issues but we will be able to explain going from \$10.2 million to \$9.3 million in reserves

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

2. Angel Program Update

- ✓ Commissioner Bugg explained that about a year and a half ago Brittney Garrett, Jeffersontown Police Department, gave a presentation on the Angel Program. Now that the new Police Chief has settled into his position, we would like to move forward with finding the resources to start our own program.
- ✓ Police Chief Heath Cox reported that he had spoken with Brittney Garrett to get an idea of how their Program had progressed. She indicated that they received a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for a social worker and will be relying less on Angels (volunteers) to provide those services. He suggested that we reach out to resources within the community to assess the issues and fit a program to our communities needs.
- ✓ Discussion was held regarding including the County Sheriff’s office, drug court, family court and others; that when J-town started their program the intent was to increase enforcement while offering an alternative path for treatment; and that other communities have similar programs, but each is set up for the specific issues in those communities.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

MEETING ADJOURN:

MOTION by Commissioner Staton, seconded by Commissioner Bugg 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 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steve Austin, Mayor
March 26, 2019

Maree Collins, CKMC
City Clerk,