

CITY OF HENDERSON – RECORD BOOK

Record of Minutes of A Work Session Meeting on April 16, 2019

There were present 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; Brian Williams, Public Works Director; Sam Lingerfelt, Sanitation Superintendent; and Mike Richardson, Reserve Police Officer.

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Heimgartner, Henderson Municipal Power and Light General Manager; and Douglas White, *The Gleaner*

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

1. Alleyway Streetlight Plan Update

- ✓ Chris Heimgartner, Henderson Municipal Power and Light General Manager gave a brief overview of the policy that was implemented several years ago to not replace alleyway streetlights when they were in need of repair. He explained that 40 or 50 or more years ago it was the policy to place streetlights in alleyways. That practice and those systems are being retired nationwide. Several years ago, when the Utility was cash starved a policy was implemented not to replace or repair those alleyway lights. To date approximately 20% of that system or 30 of 180 to 190 have been removed.
- ✓ Poles that are located in very narrow alleyways have been hit and damaged over the years. Also, the poles are rotting and replacing them would be a real challenge in some of the really narrow alleyways.
- ✓ The light fixtures themselves are old, deteriorated, and parts are almost impossible to find. Other light fixtures within the streetlight system have been replaced with new LED lighting.
- ✓ The policy has been revised and the alleyway light system will be rebuilt to historical locations with new poles and lighting fixtures; however, the lights will be oriented more toward right-of-way and not back yards as some have been in the past. Funds have been included in the FY2020 budget to begin the project which may take a couple of years to complete.
- ✓ Due to the narrow width of some of these alleyways it is possible that additional right-of-way will be required in order to place the poles out of the driving path so that they are not continually damaged as in the past. Mr. Heimgartner indicated that he may be coming to this Board for assistance with getting those necessary rights-of-way.

Mayor Austin indicated that Mr. Heimgartner would be presenting a proposed rate strategy at the next regular meeting.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

2. Sanitation Operations

- ✓ William L. “Buzzy” Newman, Jr., City Manager, indicated that Finance Director Robert Gunter could not attend tonight.
- ✓ Brian Williams, Public Works Director, and Sam Lingerfelt, Sanitation Superintendent, presented a brief overview of seven Sanitation Evaluation Options.
- ✓ Option 1-Current Approach/No Rate Increase. Currently anticipated to have a \$109,000.00 deficit FY2019 and projected deficit of \$242,500.00 for FY 2020.

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- ✓ Option 2-Current Approach/New Rates Proposed. \$1.00 p/y Increase for next four fiscal years. Currently anticipated to have a \$109,000.00 deficit FY2019, projected deficit of \$118,500.00 for FY 2020, and a projected surplus of \$52,500.00 for FY2021.
- ✓ Option 3-Current Approach/New Rates Proposed with Bulk Crew Service. Requires one additional seasonal employee, purchase of totes & tippers (\$795,000.00). Purchase new rear-loaded truck biennially.
- ✓ Option 4-City/Hybrid/No Rate Increase. Purchase of two new automated trucks, six new tippers for existing trucks, new 96 gallon totes for citywide, reduction of regular full-time employees from 13 to 10 and temporary from three to two. Purchase of new rear-loaded truck biennially.
- ✓ Option 5-City/Hybrid/New Rates Proposed. Purchase of two new automated trucks, six new tippers for existing trucks, new 96 gallon totes for citywide, reduction of regular full-time employees from 13 to 10 and temporary from three to two. Purchase of new rear-loaded truck biennially.
- ✓ Option 6*-P3 Approach. City 40% of residential and 100% of commercial; partner 60% residential only; new 96 gallon totes for city wide; six new tippers for existing trucks; Bulk Crew included; reduction of regular full-time employees from 13 to four and temporary from three to zero.
- ✓ Option 7*-Franchise/Rate Immediately to \$20.00. 100% residential and commercial, bulk four times per year, City establish on-call service utilizing four employees; reduction of regular full-time employees from 13 to four and temporary from three to zero.

*Options 6 and 7 could have impact on Interlocal Agreement and need to be reviewed further as to where will trash go, transport fees, impact on recycling.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD relating to the details of each of these Options and how it would affect workforce and budget; a truck lease program for truck replacement; a program nicknamed "Catch and Release" for the purchase and disposal of trucks in a financially responsible annual rotation-Hopkinsville and Madisonville are part of a program that disposes of vehicles meeting certain set specifications and criteria and guarantees the sale price of a minimum of 85% of the original purchase price of the vehicle; expectations of how and when a Bulk Crew would be utilized during peak and off-peak times; and reduction of staff and how those employees would fill positions in other departments when and where available.

It was determined that staff would work to fine tune Option 5 by gathering further information on the truck purchase program and if that is something that we can do, the proposed rate increases, including a Bulk Crew without increasing manpower and bring the revised plan to a future meeting.

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

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WHEREUPON Mayor Austin declared the work session adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steve Austin, Mayor
May 14, 2019

Maree Collins, CKMC
City Clerk,