

CITY OF HENDERSON – RECORD BOOK

Record of Minutes of A Called Work Session Meeting on May 21, 2019

A Called Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Henderson, Kentucky, was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the third floor Assembly Room, Municipal Center, 222 First Street, Henderson, Kentucky.

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, Community Relations Manager/Public Information Officer; Robert Gunter, Finance Director; Shelly Malloy, Acting Accounting Manager; Connie Galloway, Human Resources Director; Brian Williams, Public Works Director; Sam Lingerfelt, Sanitation Superintendent; Brenda Wethington, Mass Transit Superintendent; Heath Cox, Police Chief; Wendy Sugg, HPD Administrative Secretary; Greg Nunn, Information Technology Director; Cory Fischbeck, Application Program Manager; Scott Foreman, Fire Chief; Chad Moore, Assistant Fire Chief; Trace Stevens, Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Director; Owen Reeves, Gas System Director; Ray Nix, Code Administrator; Theresa Richey, Development Liaison; and Mike Richardson, Reserve Police Officer.

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM WAS DISCUSSED:

1. Review and Discussion of 2019-2020 Draft Operating Budget

- ✓ City Manager William L. “Buzzy” Newman, Jr. gave opening remarks regarding the draft budget and an overview of the overall approach to the budget process this year. Mr. Newman reported a number of decreases in expenses, capital improvement projects, and position reductions have been made over previous budgets in anticipation of budgetary issues in the coming year.
- ✓ Finance Director Robert Gunter Finance Director Robert Gunter gave a brief overview of the anticipated Expenses, Revenues and Capital Purchases. He and Mr. Newman detailed the recommended sanitation collection rate; the proposed property tax rate; the proposed occupational license/net profits fees; the proposed \$3.00 per water meter 9-1-1 fee for both the City and County; the projected Reserve balances as of the end of fiscal years 2019 and 2020; and some minor additions to the distributed budget which included: \$14,000.00 in the Public Works budget for leaf collection that will be reimbursed by Henderson Water Utility, \$95,000.00 in HART for a bus purchase that will be reimbursed by federal and state funds, and \$24,000.00 that was inadvertently left out of the Code Enforcement division for contractual temporary help.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD regarding the proposed revenues including: the proposed property tax rates and reasons not to take the compensating rate; the proposed occupational license/net profits fee rate increase; and the proposed 9-1-1 fees. It was determined that staff would make the following changes to the proposed draft 2020 budget – remove the compensating rate for property taxes and leave them at the current rate; increase the occupational license/net profit fee payroll tax portion from the current 1.29% to 1.69% (instead of the recommended 1.49%) and the net profits portion of the fee from the current 1% to 1.69% (due to the nature of the net profits, it would be prorated each month) each of the rates to become effective January 1st, 2020; and raise the new 9-1-1 fee, which will take the place of the current fee on telephone lines, from the proposed \$3.00 per water meter to \$4.00 per water meter to be effective January 1st, 2020.

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NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

MEETING ADJOURN:

MOTION by Commissioner Staton, seconded by Commissioner Royster 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:

WHEREUPON Mayor Austin declared the work session adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steve Austin, Mayor
June 11, 2019

Maree Collins, CKMC
City Clerk,