

CITY OF HENDERSON – RECORD BOOK

Record of Minutes of A Regular Meeting on January 10, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Henderson, Kentucky, was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the third floor Assembly Room of the Municipal Center, 222 First Street, Henderson, Kentucky, designated as the primary location for this video teleconference meeting allowed under KRS 61.826.

MAYOR STATON led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to our American Flag.

There were present Mayor Brad Staton presiding:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Austin P. Vowels
 Commissioner Rodney Thomas
 Commissioner Robert N. Pruitt, Sr.
 Vacancy

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs. Dawn Kelsey, City Attorney
 Ms. Maree Collins, City Clerk
 Mr. Robert Gunter, Acting City Manager
 Mrs. Holli Blanford, Public Information Officer
 Mrs. Connie Galloway, Human Resources Director
 Mr. Greg Nunn, Information Technology Director
 Mr. Sean McKinney, Police Chief
 Mrs. Donna Madden, Administrative Secretary
 Mr. Daniel Lehman, Police Lieutenant
 Mr. Travis Owens, IT Programmer/Analyst
 Mr. David Wright, IT Network Administrator II
 Mr. Victor Carson, IT Network Administrator I
 Mr. Bart Boles, HWU General Manager
 Mr. Tom Williams, HWU Special Projects Manager
 Ms. Missy Vanderpool, Henderson Economic Development Executive Director
 Ms. Whitney Risley, Henderson Economic Development
 Rev. Charles Johnson, Human Rights Commission Executive Director
 Mr. Dwight Williams
 Mr. Marty Wilson, Police Officer

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:

REVEREND CHARLES JOHNSON, Henderson-Henderson County Human Rights Commission Executive Director, reported that the Henderson-Henderson County Human Rights Commission will be hosting the Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Celebration – Our Youth of Today & Leaders of Tomorrow event at noon on Monday, January 16th at the First United Methodist Church, 338 3rd Street. The keynote speaker is Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, Sr. Pastor, St. Stephen Baptist Church and president, Simons college of Kentucky (Louisville 's only HBCU).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MAYOR STATON asked the City Clerk to read the Consent Agenda.

Minutes: December 22, 2022, Called Meeting

Municipal Orders & Resolutions:

M.O. 01-23: Municipal Order Accepting Notice of Intent Not to Take Oath of Office of City Commissioner on January 1, 2023, From Michael “Jay” Randolph, Creating One (1) Vacant Seat on the Board of Commissioners

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- Res. 01-23: Resolution Appointing Commissioner Austin Vowels and Commissioner Robert Pruitt to Board of Trustees of Civil Service Pension Fund
- Res. 02-23: Resolution Appointing Commissioner Rodney Thomas to the Board of Occupational License Appeals
- Res. 03-23: Resolution Appointing Commissioner Austin Vowels to Serve on Downtown Henderson Partnership Committee
- Res. 04-23: Resolution Appointing Commissioner Rodney Thomas and Commissioner Austin Vowels to City/County Cooperative Study Team
- Res. 05-23: Resolution Appointing Mayor Bradley S. Staton to Serve on the GRADD (Green River Area Development District) Board

MOTION by Commissioner Pruitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Commissioner Vowels	Aye:	Commissioner Pruitt	Aye:
Commissioner Thomas	Aye:	Vacancy	
Mayor Staton	-----	Aye:	

WHEREUPON, Mayor Staton declared the consent agenda items approved.

 /s/ Bradley S. Staton
Bradley S. Staton, Mayor
January 10, 2023

ATTEST:
Maree Collins, CKMC, City Clerk_____

ORDINANCE NO. 01-23: FIRST READ
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, UTILITIES
ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 23-43, EMPLOYMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES, OF CHAPTER 23, UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, WATER AND SEWER SERVICE, DIVISION 3, WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION, TO REMOVE AN ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER POSITION AND TO ADD A CHIEF ENGINEER POSITION AND SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER POSITION FOR HENDERSON WATER UTILITY

MOTION by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Vowels, that the ordinance be adopted.

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

Commissioner Vowels	Aye:	Commissioner Pruitt	Aye:
Commissioner Thomas	Aye:	Vacancy	
Mayor Staton	-----	Aye:	

WHEREUPON, Mayor Staton declared the ordinance adopted on its first reading and ordered that it be presented for a second reading at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

MAYOR STATON opened discussion on the appointment of a City Commissioner to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER VOWELS asked if it might be appropriate to ask if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the issue. No attendees made comment.

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COMMISSIONER PRUITT indicated that it was his opinion that the person with the next highest votes should be appointed.

COMMISSIONER THOMAS agreed and indicated that this would set precedent if this ever happened again in the future.

COMMISSIONER VOWELS indicated that the logical thing to do is to appoint the person that received the next highest votes and that he believes Nick will make a good Commissioner and is willing and ready to serve.

MAYOR STATON indicated agreement and asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, he asked the Clerk to read the municipal order inserting the name of Nick Whitt.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 02-23:

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING NICK WHITT TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MOTION by Commissioner Pruitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the appointment of Nick Whitt to fill the vacant seat on the City of Henderson Board of Commissioners until such time as the seat is filled by election, pursuant to KRS 83A.165.

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

Commissioner Vowels	Aye:	Commissioner Pruitt	Aye:
Commissioner Thomas	Aye:	Vacancy	
Mayor Staton	-----	Aye:	

WHEREUPON, Mayor Staton declared the municipal order adopted, affixed his signature and the date thereto, and ordered that the same be recorded.

/s/ Bradley S. Staton
Bradley S. Staton, Mayor
January 10, 2023

ATTEST:
Maree Collins, CKMC, City Clerk_____

RESOLUTION NO. 06-23:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AUSTIN VOWELS AS MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE CITY OF HENDERSON, KENTUCKY

MOTION by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to appoint Commissioner Austin Vowels as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Henderson, Kentucky.

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

Commissioner Vowels	Aye:	Commissioner Pruitt	Aye:
Commissioner Thomas	Aye:	Vacancy	
Mayor Staton	-----	Aye:	

WHEREUPON, Mayor Staton declared the resolution adopted, affixed his signature and the date thereto, and ordered that the same be recorded.

/s/ Bradley S. Staton
Bradley S. Staton, Mayor
January 10, 2023

ATTEST:
Maree Collins, CKMC, City Clerk_____

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER VOWELS reported that he is excited to start a new year.

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COMMISSIONER PRUITT indicated that he too is excited to start a new year with new leadership. He reported that he will be presenting at the NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event at the Depot on Monday, January 16th.

MAYOR STATON reported that there will be a work session next Tuesday, January 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m. through approximately 2:00 p.m. at the UK Henderson County Extension Office on Zion Road.

BOARD/COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT: “Henderson City/County Airport Board”
Dwight Williams– Term to Expire January 05, 2023

MOTION by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, upon recommendation of Mayor Brad Staton, to re-appoint, jointly with the Henderson County Fiscal Court, Dwight Williams to a term of four years on the Henderson City/County Airport Board. Said term to expire January 05, 2027.

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

Commissioner Vowels Aye: Commissioner Pruitt Aye:
Commissioner Thomas Aye: Vacancy
Mayor Staton ----- Aye:

BOARD/COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT: “Water and Sewer Commission”
George F. Jones III – Term to Expire January 12, 2023

MOTION by Commissioner Vowels, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, upon recommendation of Mayor Brad Staton, to re-appoint, George F. Jones III to a term of three years on the Water and Sewer Commission. Said term to expire January 12, 2026.

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

Commissioner Vowels Aye: Commissioner Pruitt Aye:
Commissioner Thomas Aye: Vacancy
Mayor Staton ----- Aye:

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: “Water and Sewer Commission”
Vacancy (John Henderson Resigned) – Unexpired Term to Expire January 12, 2025

MOTION by Commissioner Pruitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, upon recommendation of Mayor Brad Staton, to appoint Steve Austin to the unexpired term of John Henderson on the Water and Sewer Commission. Said term to expire January 12, 2025.

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

Commissioner Vowels Aye: Commissioner Pruitt Aye:
Commissioner Thomas Aye: Vacancy
Mayor Staton ----- Aye:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: “Business Siting”

MOTION by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, that the Board

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of Commissioners go into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.810(1)(g) for the purpose of discussion for the possible siting of a new business entity.

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

Commissioner Vowels	Aye:	Commissioner Pruitt	Aye:
Commissioner Thomas	Aye:	Vacancy	
Mayor Staton	-----	Aye:	

WHEREUPON, Mayor Staton declared the Board adjourned into Executive Session.

MEETING RECONVENED:

MOTION by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, that the Board of Commissioners reconvene into regular session.

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

Commissioner Vowels	Aye:	Commissioner Pruitt	Aye:
Commissioner Thomas	Aye:	Vacancy	
Mayor Staton	-----	Aye:	

WHEREUPON, Mayor Staton reconvened the Board into regular session.

MEETING ADJOURN:

MOTION by Commissioner Pruitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Commissioner Vowels	Aye:	Commissioner Pruitt	Aye:
Commissioner Thomas	Aye:	Vacancy	
Mayor Staton	-----	Aye:	

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Mayor Staton declared the Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Bradley S. Staton, Mayor
January 24, 2023

Maree Collins, CKMC
City Clerk