

CITY OF HENDERSON – RECORD BOOK

Record of Minutes of A Regular Meeting on February 28, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Henderson, Kentucky, was held on Tuesday, February 28, 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 Bradley S. Staton presiding:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Austin P. Vowels
 Commissioner Rodney Thomas
 Commissioner Robert N. Pruitt, Sr.
 Commissioner Nicholas E. Whitt

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. William L. “Buzzy” Newman, Jr., City Manager
 Mr. Eric Shappell, Acting City Attorney
 Ms. Maree Collins, City Clerk
 Mr. Heath Cox, Assistant City Manager
 Mrs. Holli Blanford, Public Information Officer
 Mr. Robert Gunter, Finance Director
 Mr. Sean McKinney, Police Chief
 Mrs. Connie Galloway, Human Resources Director
 Mr. Scott Foreman, Fire Chief
 Mr. Trace Stevens, Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Director
 Ms. Jordan Webb, Emergency Communications Director
 Ms. Dawn Winn, Assistant Finance Director
 Mr. Steve Davis, Codes Administrator
 Mr. Dylan Ward, Project Manager
 Mr. Josh Dixon, Fire Division Chief
 Ms. Shelly Melloy, Accounting Manager
 Mrs. Karla Beckgerd, Human Resources Specialist
 Mr. Travis Owens, Assistant IT Director
 Mr. Victor Carson, IT Network Administrator I
 Mr. Tom Williams, Henderson Water Utility Senior Project Manager
 Mr. Alex Caudill, Governor Beshear’s Office Field Representative
 Rev. Adrian Brooks, Seventh Street Baptist Church
 Ms. Bobbie Jarrett, Seventh Street Baptist Church
 Rev. R.T. Hill, Seventh Street Baptist Church
 Mr. Charles Pruitt, Seventh Street Baptist Church
 Rev. Gayla Gilbert, Seventh Street Baptist Church
 Ms. Mary Rapiere, Seventh Street Baptist Church
 Ms. Antonia White, Seventh Street Baptist Church
 Ms. Emma Harris, Seventh Street Baptist Church
 Rev. Charles Johnson, Human Rights Commission Executive Director
 Mr. Eric Chambers, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.
 Mr. Dwight Williams
 Mr. Marty Wilson, Police Officer

PRESENTATION: “Governor Beshear’s Office Field Representative Report”

ALEX CAUDILL, Governor Beshear’s Office Field Representative, the first and only Field Representative for a Governor of Kentucky from Henderson, invited all local elected officials to a Green River Area Development District (GRADD) training to be conducted at the Henderson County Library on March 6th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Caudill reported that the Governor would be in Henderson on March 8th at 4:30 p.m. at the Gallery 101 to announce the

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distribution of \$1.5 million of grant funds to local non-profit organizations.

PRESENTATION: “Citizens Advocating for Improvements at Dr. Anthony Brooks Park”

REVEREND ADRIAN BROOKS, son of Dr. Anthony Brooks, and members of the Seventh Street Baptist Church encouraged the Board of Commissioners to look at replacing the current playground equipment in the Park now and plan other improvements in the near future. They would also like to see an annual event celebrating the accomplishments of Dr. Brooks and others from the neighborhood.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Minutes: February 14, 2023, Regular Meeting
 February 15, 2023, Called Work Session/Inner City Improvement
 Plan Orientation

Resolutions and Municipal Orders:

Res. 15-23: Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Kentucky 911 Services Board for Funds in the Amount of \$170,921.00, with a Ten Percent (10%) Required Match, to be Used for the Purchase of the Intrado Viper System to Replace the Current 911 Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) Provider, Accepting Grant if Awarded; and Authorizing Mayor to Execute all Necessary Documents

Res. 16-23: Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute All Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation Forms for Benefits (OPIOID) Pursuant to Agreements with the Allergan Settlement, the CVS Settlement, the Teva Settlement, the Walgreens Settlement, and the Walmart Settlement

Res. 17-23: Resolution Designating the Finance Director as Agent for the City of Henderson for the Purpose of Obtaining Certain Federal Financial Assistance Funds Under the Disaster Relief Act (DR4497)

Res. 18-23: Resolution Acknowledging List of City Maintained Roadways and Alleyways

M.O. 08-23: Municipal Order Awarding Bid for Purchase of 78 LF 12’ X 4’ Reinforcement Box Culvert and Two (2) 12’ X 4’ Reinforcement Concrete Box Culvert Headwalls for the Barret Boulevard Extension Project to Encore Precast, LLC of Seven Mile, Ohio in the Amount of \$97,712.00

M.O. 09-23: Municipal Order Awarding Bid for Purchase of a Trimble Forensics X7 Scanning System for the Police Department to Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, Missouri, in the Amount of \$53,587.25

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MOTION by Commissioner Pruitt, seconded by Commissioner Vowels, 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: Commissioner Whitt - Aye:
 Mayor Staton ----- Aye:

WHEREUPON, Mayor Staton declared the consent agenda items approved.

 /s/ Bradley S. Staton
 Bradley S. Staton, Mayor
 February 28, 2023

ATTEST:
 Maree Collins, CKMC, City Clerk _____

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 10-22:

MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE ROOF OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AT 1990 BARRET COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,700.00

MOTION by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Vowels, to adopt the municipal order authorizing the purchase of emergency repairs in the amount of \$44,700.00 to the roof of the Public Safety Building (formerly known as the Peabody Building) located at 1990 Barret Court. Bids were previously opened in the fall of 2022 that came in well over budget estimates. Repairs were necessary to keep the roof membrane from deteriorating to prevent further damage.

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

Commissioner Vowels --- Aye: Commissioner Pruitt - Aye:
 Commissioner Thomas --- Aye: Commissioner Whitt - Aye:
 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
 February 28, 2023

ATTEST:
 Maree Collins, CKMC, City Clerk _____

RESOLUTION NO. 19-23:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY’S INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR THE COST OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

MOTION by Commissioner Pruitt, seconded by Commissioner Whitt, authorizing the City’s intent to reimburse itself for the cost of capital expenditures from the future proceeds of tax-exempt general obligation bonds.

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

Commissioner Vowels --- Aye: Commissioner Pruitt - Aye:
 Commissioner Thomas --- Aye: Commissioner Whitt - Aye:
 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

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BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: “Board of Zoning Adjustment”

Rob Toerne – Term to Expire February 24, 2023

MOTION by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Whitt, upon recommendation of Mayor Brad Staton, to reappoint, Rob Toerne to a four-year term on the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Said term to expire February 24, 2027.

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

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

CONNIE GALLOWAY, Human Resources Director, and KARLA BECKGERD, Human Resources Specialist, reported on the new online application software and process, Neo.gov that was implemented in late January. This has been a year long collaboration process with all City departments, HR staff, and the company. The reports indicate that in just the last four weeks there have been over 10,600 views of the City’s job postings. We are encouraged that we have received 96 applications for the 27 open positions that we currently have posted. The online process also posts our job openings on gov.com and we have received applications from across the country. We are hopeful that this will encourage applications to check out other opportunities within the community, not just government jobs.

WILLIAM L. “BUZZY” NEWMAN, JR., City Manager, reported that Fire Chief Scott Foreman had decided to retire at the end of March.

FIRE CHIEF SCOTT FOREMAN, indicated that he hadn’t prepared anything for today, but it is exciting and also sad at the same time. He stated that for 22 years this is all that he has known and he’s given 150% his entire career and will continue to give 150% to the City until the end of March. He expressed appreciation to the Henderson Fire Department for hiring him and the promotions along the way to ultimately Fire Chief. He commended Fire personnel as well as the great working relationship that all of the departments have with each other. That isn’t always the case in all communities.

MAYOR STATON indicated that Chief has been a true advocate for his department and will be missed. He wished Chief Foreman good luck with future endeavors.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER PRUITT reported that he found out that he is historical in an article in today’s newspaper. Commissioner Pruitt indicated that he is blessed to have been able to serve the community over these many years.

MAYOR STATON reported that he has a few trips coming up. One is tomorrow with a group to meeting with the Transportation Department regarding the I69 bridge funding; in the next few weeks he will be meeting in Frankfort on a local project; and then in late March he and most of the Commissioners will be traveling to Washington DC to meet with legislators and one of the topics for discussion is the potential removal from the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO).

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MEETING ADJOURN:

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

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

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

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Mayor Staton declared the Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Bradley S. Staton, Mayor
March 14, 2023

Maree Collins, CKMC
City Clerk