



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE WATER SEWER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Operations Center - Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville NC 28792
Monday, October 25, 2021 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

- Present: County Commissioner & Chairman Daniel Andreotta, City of Hendersonville Council Member & Vice Chair Jeff Miller, Village of Flat Rock Council Member David Dethero, Henderson County Water/Sewer Customer Representative Andrew Riddle, City of Saluda Council Member Stan Walker, Town of Fletcher Council Member Sheila Franklin, Town of Laurel Park Council Member Paul Hansen, City of Hendersonville Water/Sewer Customer Representative Chuck McGrady, Alternate- Mills River Town Manager Daniel Cobb
- Absent: Town of Mills River Council Member Roger Snyder, Chamber of Commerce Business Representative Wade Anderson,
- Vacant Seat: Partnership for Economic Development Representative
- Staff Present: City Manager John F. Connet, Assistant City Manager Brian Pahle, City Clerk Angela Reece, Communications Manager Allison Justus, Budget Manager Adam Murr, Brent Detwiler, City Engineer, Lee Smith, Utilities Director, Adam Steurer, Assistant to Utilities Director, Drew Finley, and others.
- Others Present: Laurel Park Town Manager Chris Todd, City of Saluda City Manager Steve Orr, County Engineer Marcus Jones, Larry Rogers PEP
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Daniel Andreotta called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chuck McGrady moved to approve the agenda as presented. A unanimous vote of the Council Members followed. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 26, 2021- Minutes – Angela Reece, City Clerk

David Dethero moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2021, as presented. A unanimous vote of the Council Members followed. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Annual Schedule of Meetings 2022– John Connet, City Manager

Council Member Chuck McGrady moved to adopt the annual schedule of meetings for 2022 as presented A unanimous vote of the Council Members followed. Motion carried.

B. Presentation of Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan - McKim and Creed Consulting Engineers

Zach Trammel, Project Manager of McKim & Creed presented the Wastewater Treatment Master Plan to the Council. Mr. Trammel outlined the need for master planning and discussed capacity limits. Mr. Trammel discussed ultraviolet disinfection replacement and said the efficiencies of new equipment will offset the project and energy costs. Mr. Trammel stated biosolids treatment costs have doubled and said landfills can impose additional rate increases or refuse disposal at any time and said the unexpected increased in tipping fees was due to management changes in a landfill in another county. Chuck McGrady inquired if the proposed costs are adjusted for inflation and Mr. Trammel stated they have included a 3% inflation rate. Mr. Trammel also clarified failing septic systems were considered.

City Manager John Connet discussed the next steps for presenting to City Council and incorporation into the CIP. Manager Connet stated the city will conduct rate reviews and analysis as part of ongoing revenue bonds and said good communication between the city and county is critical to the project success. Manager Connet also recalled a prior rate study where the decision was made to increase rates to pay for capital projects and said system development fees are another option given the amount of growth and development in the area as this will spread costs out, so all the burden is not on the rate payers who already live here. Chairman Daniel Andreotta discussed the County's position on extension of water and sewer to the Ednyville community and said they want the community to have as much input as possible.

7. STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Council Members provided updates to the group and each other.

City Manager John Connet expressed thanks and appreciation to Council Member Jeff Miller for his leadership in issues in the last few years. Manager Connet stated issues are going to require tough decisions and recommendations due to the growth the area and region is seeing. Manager Connet reminded everyone that infrastructure is critical.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. upon assent of Council Members present.

ATTEST:

Angela L. Reece, City Clerk

Jerry A. Smith Jr., J.D., City Council Member & Vice Chairman