



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE WATER SEWER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Operations Center - Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville NC 28792
Monday, October 24, 2022 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

- Present: County Commissioner & Chairman Daniel Andreotta, City of Hendersonville Council Member Debbie Roundtree, City of Hendersonville Water/Sewer Customer Representative Chuck McGrady, Henderson County Water/Sewer Customer Representative Andrew Riddle, Village of Flat Rock Council Member David Dethero, Town of Fletcher Council Member Sheila Franklin, City of Saluda Council Member Stan Walker, Town of Mills River Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Austin, and Partnership for Economic Development Representative Carsten Erkel
- Staff Present: City Manager John Connet, Assistant City Manager Brian Pahle, Budget Manager Adam Murr, City Engineer Brent Detwiler, Water Treatment Facilities Manager Ricky Levi, Assistant to the Utilities Director Drew Finley, and others.
- Others Present: Mills River Town Manager Daniel Cobb, Henderson County Engineer Marcus Jones, Stantec Senior Principal David Hyder
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 MINUTES

- A. Approval of the August 15, 2022 Minutes.

Council Member Carsten Erkel moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022 as presented. Council Member Chuck McGrady seconded. A unanimous vote of the Council Members present followed. Motion carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Stantec Water and Sewer Rate Study Presentation – Drew Finley, Asst. to the Utilities Director
Assistant City Manager Brian Pahle introduced David Hyder, Senior Principal from Stantec – the City's water and sewer financial consultant firm. David Hyder provided a presentation on an ongoing water and sewer rate study, system development charge study, and agreed upon procedures letter for future water and sewer system revenue bonds. Mr. Hyder provided the Board with information regarding cost of service models, rate design, water and sewer industry challenges, challenges to the City of

Hendersonville's water and sewer utility, existing rate structure, observations, pricing considerations, and next steps. Mr. Hyder stated that information will be provided to the City of Hendersonville City Council at the October 26, 2022 meeting. Mr. Connet provided that the Water and Sewer Advisory Council will be given another opportunity to provide feedback before City Council takes action on rate recommendations through the City's fiscal year 2023-2024 budget process.

B. Water Quality Update – *Ricky Levi, Water Treatment Facilities Manager*

Ricky Levi, Water Treatment Facilities Manager, provided a water quality update which included discussion on the regulatory requirements and professional water quality testing performed by the City of Hendersonville Water and Sewer Department's staff. Mr. Levi discussed certain water quality issues and trends, including perfluorooctanoic sulfonic acid (PFOS). Mr. Levi stated that, at the State level, there will be changes to testing and regulatory requirements related to PFOS and that the City's water quality is in excellent standing, with no PFOS detectable.

5. STAKEHOLDER UPDATES

Chair Andreotta called for stakeholder updates. John Connet provided information regarding capital planning and ongoing projects. Andrew Riddle expressed gratitude for the quality of the City of Hendersonville's water. Chair Andreotta expressed gratitude for water quality and the economic development the resource brings, Chair Andreotta further requested County Engineer Marcus Vance provide an update on the Edneyville sewer project. Marcus Jones provided an update on the sewer project and highlighted sewer connections to various public facilities in the Edneyville area pending State approval of permits. David Dethero expressed thanks to City Engineer Brent Detwiler for the City's completed work on a Halfway Tree Mobile Home Park sewer connection which has drastically improved environmental and public health near the Village of Flat Rock area.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Daniel Andreotta, County Commissioner & Chairman

ATTEST:

Jill Murray, City Clerk