



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

The Parker City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002.

Mayor Lee Pettle called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Meyer and Councilmembers Terry Lynch, Jim Reed, and Michael Slaughter were present. Councilmember Diana M. Abraham was absent (due to family emergency).

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/Human Resources Director Grant Savage, Interim City Attorney Scott D. Levine, Public Works Director Gary Machado, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Tom Macduff led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Don Reynolds led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The City Council invites any person with business before the Council to speak. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

No comments

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- PEANUT BUTTER FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK
There is a box in the foyer of City Hall to place food donations with an emphasis on peanut butter and jelly September 1-30, 2021, for the North Texas Food Bank.
- Canceled - PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021, 6 PM
The Wednesday, September 8, 2021, Parks & Recreation Commission (P&R) meeting is canceled.
- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (COMP) COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, 6 PM
The Wednesday, September 15, 2021, Comprehensive Plan (Comp) Committee meeting is planned, and the agenda is available on the City's website, www.parkertexas.us.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021, 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M
- EARLY VOTING OCTOBER 18, 2021 – OCTOBER 29, 2021 & NOVEMBER 2, 2021, ELECTION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 17	October 18 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 19 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 20 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 21 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 22 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 23 Early Voting 7am–7pm

October 24 Early Voting 1pm-6pm	October 25 Early Voting 7am-7pm	October 26 Early Voting 7am-7pm	October 27 Early Voting 7am-7pm	October 28 Early Voting 7am-7pm	October 29 Early Voting 7am-7pm	October 30
October 31	November 1	November 2 Election Day 7am-7pm				

- NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, AT PARKER CITY HALL, 5700 E. PARKER ROAD, PARKER, TEXAS
- PARKERFEST - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

CONSENT AGENDA Routine Council business. Consent Agenda is approved by a single majority vote. Items may be removed for open discussion by a request from a Councilmember or member of staff.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 17, 2021.
2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-676 DESIGNATING THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF PARKER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CANCELING THE OCTOBER 5, 2021, REGULAR MEETING DUE TO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO).
4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CANCELING THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021, REGULAR MEETING DUE TO ELECTION DAY VOTING.

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 4, as presented. Councilmember Reed seconded with Councilmembers Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2021-2022 BUDGET AND TAX RATE.
 Finance/H.R. Director Savage noted the first (1st) Public Hearing for the FY2021-2022 Budget and Tax Rate was on August 31, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and tonight the second (2nd) and final Public Hearing will be held. Mr. Savage then reviewed the FY2021-2022 Tax Rate and FY 2021-2022, stating the proposed tax rate is the same as the last few years, \$0.365984 and noting the 2021 Certified Totals.
 Mayor Lee Pettie opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding FY2021-2022 Budget and Tax Rate at 7:10 p.m. and the following residents came forward to speak:
 Andy Redmond, 7275 Moss Ridge Road, said the “No-New-Revenue Tax Rate” of 0.349195 should be adopted instead of the 0.365984 Proposed Tax Rate, stating

home valuations in Parker have increased, which should provide adequate funding for expenses and could possibly be used to pay down debt and obligations.

Scott Livesay, 7305 Moss Ridge Road, agreed with Mr. Redmond, commenting home valuations have increased. Those funds go in the general fund for future use, and he suggested the funds be used for a reduction of the tax rate.

Don Reynolds, 6805 Cheswick Court, said he agreed with Mr. Redmond and Mr. Livesay. Mr. Reynolds questioned the purpose of the "Facility Improvement Fund" and inquired if the City needed \$350,000 in the fund with another \$350,000 for the next year. He asked what the money would be spent on and why it was necessary if the City received a bond for the facility. Mr. Reynolds asked that the City adopt the "No-New-Revenue Tax Rate".

No one else came forward. The Mayor declared the 2nd public hearing to receive comments regarding FY2021-2022 Budget and Tax Rate closed at 7:16 p.m.

A. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 805, ADOPTING THE 2021 TAX RATE.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to adopt the "No-New-Revenue Tax Rate" of 0.349195. Councilmember Reed seconded with Councilmembers Lynch and Reed voting for the motion and Councilmembers Meyer and Slaughter voting against the motion. With the vote for the motion tied 2-2, Mayor Pettle voted against the motion. Motion failed 2-3.

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 805, and the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.365984 per \$100 valuation (same tax rate as last several years), which is effectively a 4.81 percent increase in the tax. Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded with Councilmembers Meyer and Slaughter voting for the motion and Councilmembers Lynch and Reed voting against the motion. With the vote for the motion tied 2-2, Mayor Pettle voted for the motion. Motion carried 3-2.

B. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 806, ADOPTING THE 2021-2022 BUDGET.

Mayor Pettle asked if there any comments or discussion. There being no additional comments or discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Councilmember Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 806, adopting the FY2021-2022 Budget. Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion and Councilmember Lynch voting against the motion. Motion carried 3-1.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 807, AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AND APPROVING AMENDMENT(S) TO THE FY 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET.

Finance/H.R. Director Savage reviewed the amendments to the FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget, with the following correction:

Fund	Account	Description	Budget	Budget Amendment	Revised Budget
General	01-900-8902	Hardware/Software	-	175,981	175,981
General	01-310-8903	Motor Vehicles	-	125,000 90,000	125,000 90,000
Water	03-900-8605	Professional Services	82,000.00	39,710	121,710

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to adopt Ordinance No. 807, authorizing expenditures and approving amendment(s) to the FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget with the above described correction. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-677, ACCEPTING A TEXAS FOREST SERVICE COST-SHARE REIMBURSEMENT GRANT OF UP TO \$20,000 TO REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN FIRE/RESCUE EQUIPMENT.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-677, accepting a Texas Forest Service Cost-Share Reimbursement Grant of up to \$20,000 to reimburse the department for the purchase of certain fire/rescue equipment. Councilmember Reed seconded with Councilmembers Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERSONNEL WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF PARKER.

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve staffing adjustments and assignment of responsibilities and personnel within the Police Department of the City of Parker, with City Council confirmation of Police Chief's recommendation of Assistant Police Chief and Support Services Manager. Councilmember Meyer seconded with Councilmembers Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE MODIFICATION OF CURRENT CITY POLICIES RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND CITY VEHICLES.

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to table action on item #9, regarding the modification of current city policies related to the replacement of capital equipment and city vehicles, as further research is needed. City Administrator Olson will research this issue and bring recommendations and a resolution back to Council. Councilmember Slaughter also asked that other associated resolutions, regarding City equipment and vehicles be included in the backup information. If there are no other resolutions, generalize the item to capture various departments and capital items.

Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ROUTINE ITEMS

10. UPDATE(S)

- SWAGIT

City Administrator Olson advised tonight, Tuesday, September 7, 2021, was super Tuesday for SWAGIT, due to Texas cities passing their budgets and tax rates. Therefore, it will take SWAGIT a little time to get every city's video/agenda uploaded. It will be posted as soon as possible, although categorizing each agenda item may be a little delayed.

- THOROUGFARE & OTHER MAPS UPDATE

Public Works Director Machado said work is in progress on the maps. City Administrator Olson said he would like to have all the map information updated by the Comprehensive Plan (Comp) Committee - Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 6 PM, at City Hall.

- ACCEPTANCE OF FOOD DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND CITY STAFF DUE TO COVID-19 FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$500). [PETTLE]

- Carol Wolniewicz donated various snacks estimated value of \$75.00
- Judy Garrett donated Tiff's Treat's estimated value of 30.00

Mayor Pettle, on behalf herself, City Council, City and City Staff, thanked Ms. Wolniewicz and Garrett for their kind and generous donations.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pettle asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda.

Hearing no requests, Mayor Pettle encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated the City Council may hold a closed meeting.

12. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:

- Government Code Section 551.071(1)—Consultation with City Attorney concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation.

Mayor Lee Pettle recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

13. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Lee Pettle reconvened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

14. ANY APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION ON ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECTS LISTED ABOVE.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved, regarding Cause No. 471-03156-2020, Council authorizes City Administrator Olson to contact legal counsel to enter into an interlocutory agreed judgment. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.



APPROVED:



Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:



Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 21st day
of September, 2021.