

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 9, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

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

Mayor Z Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members Scott Levine, Lee Pettle, Cleburne Raney, Ed Standridge, and Patrick Taylor were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, Finance/H.R. Manager Johnna Boyd, City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, and Police Captain Kenneth Price

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Councilmember Patrick Taylor led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Lee Pettle 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.

Joe Cordina, 4302 Boulder Drive, spoke briefly about Collin County property appraisal notices and increasing property taxes, and then read a letter he noted was from Collin County Judge Keith Self, dated May 7, 2017 (See Exhibit 1.). Mr. Cordina said Parker City Council would vote the city's tax rate soon. He asked City Council to seek alternatives when preparing this year's budget without increasing taxes.

Stacy Patrick, 5202 Ravensthorpe Drive, Parker Women's Club President, approached City Council about her and another Parker resident co-chairing Parkerfest. Volunteers plan and organize the event. Ms. Patrick asked that an item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

**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. **CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FROM THE TURRENTINES FOR THE PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT. [BROOKS]**

2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2017-537 AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ~~FIVE~~ TWO CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION. [SHELBY]
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2017-538, REQUESTING A CLARIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE 2002 CITY-COUNTY PLAT APPROVAL AGREEMENT. [SHELBY]

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Levine moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-3,

- accepting a \$1,000 donation for the Parker Police Department from the Turrentines;
- approving Resolution No. 2017-537, authorizing continuing participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and the payment of two cents (\$0.02) per capita to the ACSC to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation [*This was a correction from five cents (\$0.05) per capita.*]; and
- approving Resolution No. 2017-538, requesting a clarifying amendment to the 2002 City-County plat approval agreement;

as presented. Councilmember Taylor seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Raney, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2017-536, RELOCATING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CITY WATER MAIN ADJACENT TO PARKER ROAD. [SHELBY] [TABLED – 04172017]

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-536, relocating certain portions of the city water main adjacent to Parker Road. Councilmember Raney seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Raney, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 747, THE RESERVE AT SOUTHRIDGE ANNEXATION. [SHELBY]

MOTION: Councilmember Standridge moved to approve Ordinance No. 747, annexing the Reserve at Southridge in the City of Parker. Councilmember Raney seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Raney, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SCHEDULING ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR KINGS CROSSING PHASE 4. [FLANIGAN]

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Levine moved to schedule two (2) public hearing, June 6, 2017 and June 20, 2017, for the Kings Crossing Phase 4 annexation and further consideration for the annexation adoption would be July 11 to July 14, 2017, as

prescribed by state law. Councilmember Taylor seconded with Councilmembers Levine, Pettie, Raney, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

### 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Marshall said the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, May 16, 2017. He noted the request by Parker Women's Club President Stacy Patrick, regarding Parkerfest and asked if there were any additional items to be added to the future agenda. Councilmember Standridge asked for an update on the Nature Preserve from Police Chief Brooks. Councilmember Pettie asked for a progress update on the City's website with CivicPlus. Mayor Marshall also noted City Council has scheduled a Budget Work Session for June 20, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

#### UPDATE(S):

- PROJECTED 2017 TAX RATE PLANNING CALENDAR

### 8. ADJOURN

Mayor Marshall adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.



ATTESTED:

Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Approved on the 6th day  
of June, 2017.

Here are some items we will consider as the process plays out between now and the FY2018 budget approval vote in mid-September...

1. Recent population growth plus inflation equals about 5.3%. That should be the absolute maximum that the county budget grows. This should not be a target number, but a cap.

2. We need to address the tightening job market and employee compensation. Frankly, our compensation policy needs improvement, and there are some good ideas being staffed now.

3. Huge one-time expenses in the Sheriff's Office (among others) exploded our final budget growth by 9% and almost 7% over the past two years. Those one-time expenses will have to be stripped out before we calculate the rough 5.3% maximum growth rate.

4. We have an opportunity to find and cut the fat out of the budget while at the same time slowing the growth of our surplus funds ([see last week's post](#)). For example, the Public Safety area spent more than a million dollars LESS than budgeted through last fiscal year.

Because budget decisions have a direct impact your current out-of-pocket costs and your future prospects, I encourage you to take a personal interest in the process.

Keith Self  
County Judge  
May 7, 2017

By now you have probably received your annual property appraisal notice from the Central Appraisal District. It is likely quite a bit higher than the year before, on average around 9% more.

That's some nice padding for your net worth, but, as you and I both know, when your property value goes up, your property taxes can increase dramatically.

And unlike the theoretical selling price of a home you don't intend to vacate any time soon, property taxes mean real money out of your pocket *right now*.

The fact is, local government budgets will grow by at least 9% if they do nothing, if they "keep the tax rate steady". But there is no reason local government should grow by 9% simply because your property is worth 9% more this year.

I understand the normal human impulse to enlarge one's sphere of influence. The Commissioners Court will be asked to fund lots of new services—all noble, well-articulated, and reasonable—as we discuss next year's budget.

At the same time, leaving more money in your pocket means more opportunity for you and your family. It's hard to quantify the value of that.

Although county taxes are only about 10% of your total tax bill, we want to do our part to relieve your tax burden. Every government should do its part, not just blame increases on school districts. That duty is top-of-mind as we enter the budget process.