

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2010

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 Cordina called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine present. A quorum was present.

Staff present: City Administrator Dena Daniel, City Attorney Jim Shepherd, Assistant City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, City Secretary Carrie Smith, Finance Manager Johnna Boyd, and Police Sergeant Price.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Sumrow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The City Council invites any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda to speak to the Council. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

No comments were made from the floor.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FOR: June 7, 2010; June 9, 2010; June 15, 2010; July 12, 2010; July 13, 2010; July 20, 2010.

Councilmember Marshall noted a correction to the June 15 minutes on page 2, Item 5, strike through "Marshall" in the second of the motion. Councilmember Levine abstained from the July 20 minutes due to his absence.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to approve all meeting minutes with noted correction. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Levine requested all exhibits be included in the business packet for future minutes.

2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2010-303 AMENDING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR ACTION; AND APPROVING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED 2010 TAX RATE INCREASE.

Finance Manager Boyd told Council the "Effective Tax Rate", 0.38101, figured by the Collin County Tax Office was higher than the proposed rate of 0.37708. Given the "Effective Tax Rate" was higher than the proposed rate; the City is exempt from holding public hearings. As a courtesy to the citizens it was recommended and agreed to hold one public hearing on the budget and tax rate on September 7, 2010.

City Secretary Smith noted the public notice for the public hearing and vote on the proposed tax rate and budget would be posted on the City bulletin board, in the Dallas Morning News and City website.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to hold a public hearing and vote on the proposed tax rate and budget September 7, 2010. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

City Secretary Smith noted the proposed budget would be posted by August 6, 2010 on the City website.

3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2010-302 APPOINTING THE 2010 AUDITOR.

Finance Manager Boyd recommended Pingleton and Howard to perform the 2010 Fiscal Audit. Councilmember Marshall agreed they have been very diligent, competent, effective, and responsive to the City staff. This will be the fourth year Pingleton and Howard has prepared the City's audit.

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall moved to approve Resolution 2010-302. Councilmember Threadgill seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SCOUT PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Assistant City Administrator Flanigan reviewed the list of scout projects recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- Before the Trail in the Preserve is completed:
 - Additional bird houses
 - Plant trees
 - Landscape projects
 - Split Rail Fencing
- After the Trail in the Preserve is completed:
 - Build a border around the Council Ring
 - Build and install groups of additional bird houses
 - Build and install hitching posts
 - Botanical name plates for specimen plants/trees made of durable, weatherproof material

- Progress (mile) markers along trail
- Exercise/stretch/cool down areas along trail
- Stand to hold a map and map of the preserve, showing locations and names of specimen trees/plants and handouts that could be taken to review while walking through the preserve.

The projects were not prioritized and would provide staff with a list of projects that could be shared with Scouts when projects are requested. One item was added, "thinning of trees".

MOTION: Councilmember Evans moved to approve the list of scout projects subject to adding "thinning trees". Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motioned carried 5-0.

5. DISCUSSION ON APPOINTING 2010-2011 BOARD MEMBERS.

City Secretary Smith noted three applications for boards and commissions had been received. There are 4 vacancies on the three boards. The current policy and procedure, adopted by Council, states, "Council will perform interviews at a public meeting and make all nominations and appointments."

Should the Council wish to make additional changes to board/commission members, staff recommends the appointment of one or two Councilmembers to work with the City Secretary and Assistant City Administrator on a Boards and Commissions Selection Panel to review current appointments and visit with all applicants. This is an opportunity for both the Panel and the applicant to visit informally about the committee and board appointment. The Panel would review current members and appointments as they see necessary. The Panel would bring back a recommendation to Council and the City Council will make all nominations and appointments in open session.

Council held a lengthy discussion about appointing a panel to conduct interviews and recommendations. Councilmember Sumrow and Levine felt the interviews should be done by the whole Council at a public meeting. Councilmember Sumrow stated the applicant should do their research, learn what the board does and speak with other members. Councilmembers Marshall and Threadgill felt the initial interview and discussion should be held in a less formal environment.

Council requested the ordinance for all boards and commissions to be brought before Council for review.

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall moved to modify the appointment process by setting up a selection panel of two councilmembers and two staff members. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

City Secretary Smith was directed by Council to invite all applicants to the August 17, 2010 meeting for interviews.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION FILLING A VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Council interviewed applicant Cindy Stachiw.

MOTION: Councilmember Evans motioned to appoint Cindy Stachiw to Place 7 of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term of 2 years. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

ROUTINE ITEMS

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS.

Review of Board Missions, Performance, and Ordinances

8. UPDATES

None

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.

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

Mayor Cordina recessed the regular meeting into Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.

a. Govt. Code 551.074-Personnel-evaluate duties, of City Administrator and Department Heads.

10. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Cordina reconvened the regular meeting at 9:55 p.m.

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

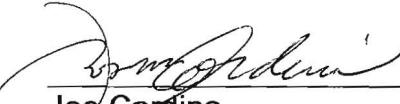
No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

12. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



APPROVED:


Joe Cordina
Mayor

ATTESTED:



Carrie L. Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED on the 17th day of
August, 2010.