

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2018

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 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Cindy Meyer, Cleburne Raney, Edwin Smith, Ed Standridge and Patrick Taylor were present.

Staff Present: Finance/H.R. Manager Johnna Boyd, City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, Courts Administrator Lori Newton, and Public Works Director Gary Machado

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. – Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code the City Council may hold a closed meeting.

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

- Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
- Government Code Section 551.071(1)—Consultation with City Attorney concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation

Mayor Lee Pettle recessed the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Lee Pettle reconvened the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Tom MacDuff led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Peggy Threadgill 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.

John Griego, 6601 Poco Drive, voiced his concerns about drainage issues, stating he and his wife, Jennifer, moved to Parker for the country setting. He said their home has flooded five (5) times. Mr. Griego requested the City have a drainage plan based on current information for the entire City. He asked that the City find a solution to the

drainage issues and volunteered to work with City Engineer John Birkhoff, Councilmember Patrick Taylor and the drainage committee for resolution.

Billy Barron, 6707 Overbrook Drive, noted in the proposed Municipal Complex, the City Council Chambers are to be the same size as the current space. Mr. Barron strongly suggested the new Municipal Complex have a larger room to accommodate more people. He also commented on Home Rule, stating he was the secretary for the past Home Rule Commission and he was willing to serve again. Mr. Barron requested that any board, commission and/or committee not repeat the mistake of the last Home Rule Charter Commission, commenting the Commission met a couple of times then was suspended due to the election, and eventually abandoned due to the changes the election brought. He asked Council to plan for similar situations. He encouraged Council to reform the Commission and move forward for a possible charter for the May 2019 ballot.

Roxanne Bogdan, 6701 Overbrook Drive, said she supported the proposed budget with the tax rate increase. Ms. Bogdan said she understood the increase is necessary to meet the City's needs, especially the City's public safety needs. She also spoke regarding the new City Hall, or proposed Municipal Complex, stating it is important to get this right as the City only wants to do this one (1) time, noting our City Council and City Staff deserve a good working environment, and residents deserve a facility to accommodate larger groups.

Joe Cordina, 4302 Boulder Drive, noted the City received additional income last year and this year from 70-75 new homes each year, generating approximately \$154,000 per year or a 9% increase. Mr. Cordina suggested the City investigate outsourcing some of its services. The City would pay certain fees for the services but would not be responsible for the cost of the equipment or maintenance of that equipment. He said it worked well for the City in the past. Finally, Mr. Cordina voiced concern for individuals on a fixed income, stating some of our residents were unable to afford to live in Parker any longer.

Tom Macduff, 4313 Sycamore Lane, said the traffic on Parker Road was increasingly unsafe. Mr. Macduff suggested the City consider adding additional stop lights for better traffic control. (See Exhibit 1 – Tom Macduff's email, dated August 21, 2018, noting additional concerns.)

Scott Livesay, 7305 Moss Ridge Road, stated he believes the City needs a 5-year plan to address drainage issues. (See Exhibit 2 – Scott & Therese Livesay's email, dated August 20, 2018.)

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. DISCUSSION AND PROJECT UPDATE BY ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FIRM RANDALL SCOTT ARCHITECTS, INC. [RANEY]

Architect Randall Scott reviewed the proposed Municipal Complex proposal, stating a community room has been added to the proposal along with the municipal offices and police department needs, but the proposal does not include fire sleeping quarters. After an additional needs assessment was completed, this information was used to begin the design process. Parker can have either a one or two-story building. A two-story building would be more expensive but match the two-story homes in the area. While a one-story building would be less expensive, there is still a range of costs depending on design, materials, and size. Costs also increase due to the

project schedule delays, as does material and labor costs. Mr. Scott said the project is currently on schedule and ready for City Council approval of design and building. Funding for the Municipal Complex can be by Certificate of Obligation (CO) or General Obligation (GO) Bonds. A CO needs City Council approval, while a GO requires an election. It was noted that an election would *NOT* be a cost to the City since it would probably be held in May 2019 with the regular election, it would increase the buildings' cost by \$500,000 due to that delay. If construction started today, the Municipal Complex would be completed in 24 months. He indicated the building would range in cost from 5.4 million to 7.3 million on the low end and 8.6 million to 11 million on the high end. A two-story building would run about 9.4 million to 12.8 million, depending on design and materials. Mr. Scott also noted from comments earlier in the meeting, the 40 seat City Council Chamber needs to be increased. (See Exhibit 3 – Architect Scott Randall's brochure, dated July 29, 2018.)

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2018-2019 BUDGET AND TAX RATE. [PETTLE/BOYD]

Mayor Lee Pettle opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the FY 2018-2019 Budget and Tax Rate at 7:43 p.m.

Finance/H.R. Manager Boyd gave an overview of the proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget and Tax Rate. Ms. Boyd explained the tax rate increase was partially the result of staffing the Fire Department to provide fire and medical services to our residents and to address some of the City's drainage issues.

Thomas Brennan, 6002 Tamsworth Court, voiced concern over the 20% increase in the proposed budget and inquired whether the City went 20% over in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. He questioned the recent sell of Certificate of Obligation (Cos) for the Pump Station Project. Ms. Boyd responded, stating the City must have a balanced budget and at times reserve funds are used; the City did not go over budget this fiscal year; and added the 24/7 Fire Department staffing was responsible for some of the proposed budget increase.

Terry Lynch, 5809 Middleton Drive, adamantly opposed the proposed FY2018-2019 Budget and Tax Rate. Ms. Lynch said property taxes increased 11% in Parker, Total payroll increase 25% (\$252,000) without fire and police. There are \$187,000 in contingency funds. She suggested removing one (1) vehicle and putting the contingency funds back into the reserves. No tax increase would be needed and there would be extra funds. She insisted the proposed budget needed to be revised with no tax increase.

Stephanie Casson, 5401 Westfield Drive, remarked the proposed budget was given to City Council minutes prior to the beginning of tonight's meeting. The proposed budget was not available to the public prior to tonight's meeting. One Councilmember made a motion to table the discussion, so City Council and the public had time to review it before voting on it. The motion died for lack of a second. So, the proposed budget was approved with little discussion. Ms. Casson asked for more consideration for Parker residents. She commented that budgeting was a part of our daily lives, but she did not understand this budget or the increased tax rate. Finally, she asked that City Council reconsider their vote on the tax rate increase.

Ed Lynch, 5809 Middleton Drive, said the tax value increased 10% yet a two (2) cent tax rate has been proposed. A \$5 million increase, but the City cannot decrease taxes and/or cut spending. There are five (5) contingency funds totally \$187,000 and 4.3 million in reserve funds. Mr. Lynch said the City of Parker has been run fiscally

well, so use the “rainy day fund” and do not raise the tax rate by two cents. He asked City Council to use reserves, rather than raising the tax rate. If not, he threatened a rollback petition would be circulated. He asked City Council to do the right thing.

Tom Macduff, 4313 Sycamore Lane, inquired about the City’s debt service.

Richard Lavender, 6810 Overbrook Drive, said he had a friend that moved due to the property taxes and he has heard others may do the same. Mr. Lavender asked if the City needed a Police Department or could those funds be better used elsewhere.

Scott Livesay, 7305 Moss Ridge Road, voiced his concerns regarding the contingency funds. He urged City Council to really look at the two-cent tax rate increase.

Councilmember Meyer, 6618 Estados Drive, thanked all the Parker residents for attending tonight’s meeting and requesting a tax reduction. She said she will review the proposed budget line items, including contingency funds, to see if the City can work with what we have without a tax rate increase.

Councilmember Standridge, 3607 Hogge Drive, asked Parker residents to try to be less negative, try being more positive and offer suggestions that City Council and staff can use to help the City. Mr. Standridge said the Fire Department would be costing more and more as the City moves from a volunteer department to a full time paid department. He also noted road maintenance is a large expense. The City needs to be prepared to handle unexpected items that come up during the budget year. City Hall is getting older, requiring more maintenance, and the City has already incurred the expense of leasing a modular building for the Police Department, due to issues such as mold. A new City Hall is necessary. Councilmember Standridge said Finance/H.R. Manager Boyd did a fantastic job drafting this year’s proposed budget with the instructions she was given, just as the staff has done what they can to maintain the City with what they have. Residents, Mayor and City Council and City Staff deserve a nice, safe building in which to work and gather.

Joe Cordina, 4302 Boulder Drive, spoke about Collin County Commissioner Keith Self, who proposed the same tax rate countywide. Mr. Cordina said we are being taxed to death. He suggested everyone contact their State Representative for tax relief, especially school taxation, and everyone take a hard look at the proposed budget.

Mayor Pettle read an email from Andy Redmond, 7275 Moss Ridge Road, into the record. (See Exhibit 4 – Andy Redmond’s email, dated August 21, 2018.)

No one else came forward and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 8:21 p.m.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 763, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF UNSCHEDULED, MAJOR REPAIRS TO CITY FIRE APPARATUS. [SHEFF/BOYD]

Fire Division Chief Joe Flowers reviewed the item and invoice provided in the City Council packet.

Councilmember Meyer noted resident Andy Redmond’s emailed comments, regarding this item.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Ordinance No. 763, amending the FY2017-2018 Budget and authorizing the use of City Contingency funds for the payment of unscheduled, major repairs to City Fire Apparatus. Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Meyer, Raney, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CANCELING THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 REGULAR MEETING DUE TO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO). [PETTLE]

MOTION: Councilmember Standridge moved to cancel the October 2, 2018 regular meeting due to National Night Out (NNO). Councilmember Taylor seconded with Councilmembers Meyer, Raney, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CANCELING THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING DUE TO ELECTION DAY VOTING. [PETTLE]

MOTION: Councilmember Standridge moved to cancel the November 6, 2018 regular meeting due to Election Day voting. Councilmember Taylor seconded with Councilmembers Meyer, Raney, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. DISCUSSION ON HOME RULE AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON HOME RULE. [RANEY/STANDRIDGE]

Mayor Pettle asked for a motion to table the discussion on Home Rule. She indicated she felt the City, City Council and its residents were not ready to proceed at this time. The process seemed rushed.

MOTION: Councilmember Meyer moved to table discussion on Home Rule. There was no second; therefore, the motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Raney moved to continue the discussion and process, regarding Home Rule and selection of Home Rule Charter Commission members.

There was discussion on developing the criteria for the Home Rule Charter Commission selection.

Councilmember Taylor seconded with Councilmembers Raney, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Councilmember Meyer voting against the motion. Motion carried 4-1.

ROUTINE ITEMS

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Lee Pettle asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda. There being no suggestions at this time she asked everyone to please email her any requests. She said the next scheduled meeting would be next Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

REMINDER(S):

- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018, 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Mayor Pettle reminded Parker residents to schedule their National Night Out (NNO) activities for October 2. If any resident or group of residents would like the Police Department to visit, please contact Sgt. John Paul at jpaul@parkertexas.us; if anyone would like the Fire Department to visit, please contact Chief Sheff at msheff@parkertexas.us; and finally, if you would like the Mayor and/or City Council members to visit, please contact City Secretary Patti Scott Grey at pgrey@parkertexas.us.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.



ATTESTED:



Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Mayor Lee Pettle

Approved on the 13th day
of November, 2018.

ON THE PREMISE THAT CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS PROMOTE THE WELLBEING OF ITS CITIZENS, ANSWERS &/OR ACTIONS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- A) Under what circumstances can, or does, the city council burden its citizens with additional per household/capita debt: with voter approval; without voter approval?
- B) To what level can those debt level go?
- C) Does the city council maintain a – one; two; three; five year -forward looking pro-forma schedule of citizen's expected tax levels? Are these projections based on professionally formulated projections from county, regional or other authoritative bodies i.e. (DOT)?
- D) Will funding for the Municipal Building Enhancement project be put before the citizens before a binding set of contracts are signed by the city council?
- E) Will such a vote be preceded with pro-forma projections of future per household debt service pertaining to both 'General' and 'Activities' budget categories?
- F) Separately, given the ever increasing east and west bound traffic on Parker Road, is the City contemplating adding an additional set of stop lights on Parker Road?

August 21, 2018

Submitted: Tom Macduff
4313 Sycamore Lane
[REDACTED]

Patti Grey

From: Scott & Therese Livesay [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Lee Pettle; Patti Grey; Cleburne Raney; Ed Standridge; Edwin Smith; Cindy Meyer; Patrick Taylor
Subject: Agenda Item to Address Storm Drainage Concerns for Parker Texas

To: Lee Pettle, Cleburne Raney, Ed Standridge, Edwin Smith, Cindy Meyer, and Patrick Taylor

Greetings:

I request the Parker City Council accept an agenda item to develop a long term, five year plan of action to address and resolve the storm drainage/flooding issues that exist in the City of Parker. While the current approach to the storm drainage issue addresses the emergency and safety problems as they develop, it does not address the overall deteriorating condition of the city easements and the resulting flooding that occurs. The condition continues to erode driven by both the newer developments that direct more drainage into the existing systems, as well as the lack of maintenance once the drainage easements are established. Implementing a plan of action will, in the long run, be a building block for the future growth and reputation of the City of Parker, and needs consideration as the next year(s) budget is being developed.

Thank You, and Best Regards:

Scott Livesay
7305 Moss Ridge Road
[REDACTED]

Cc: Patti Grey



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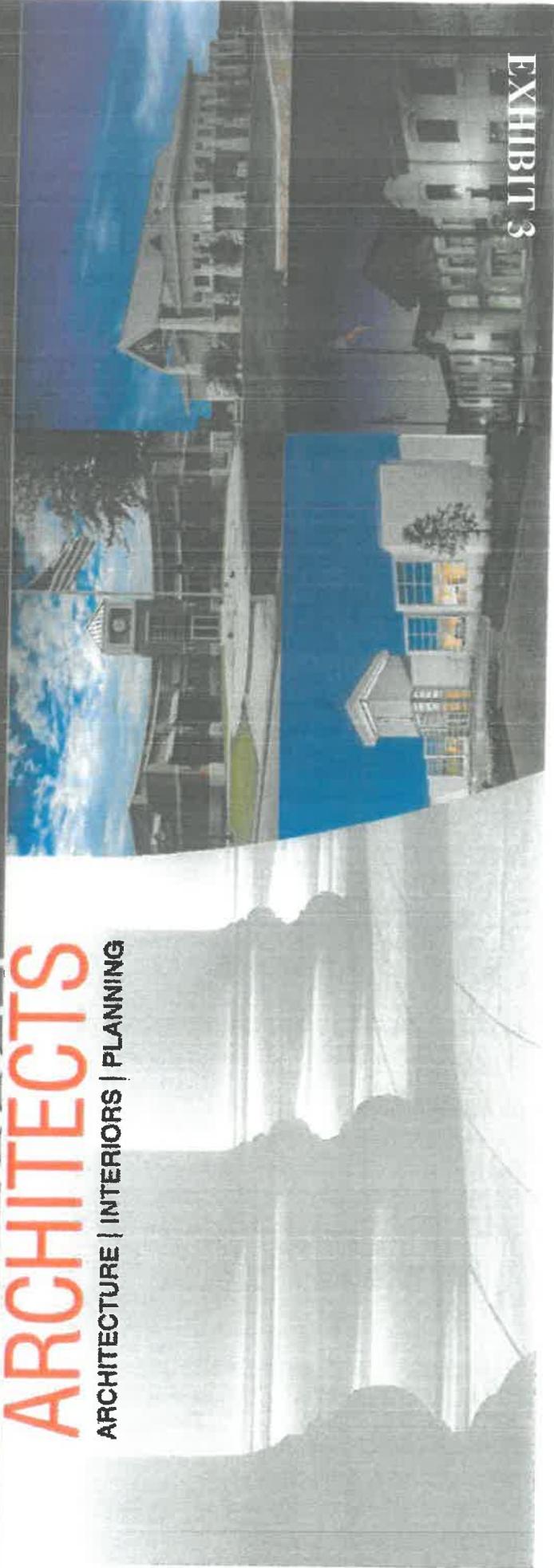
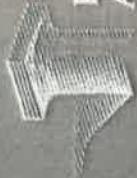


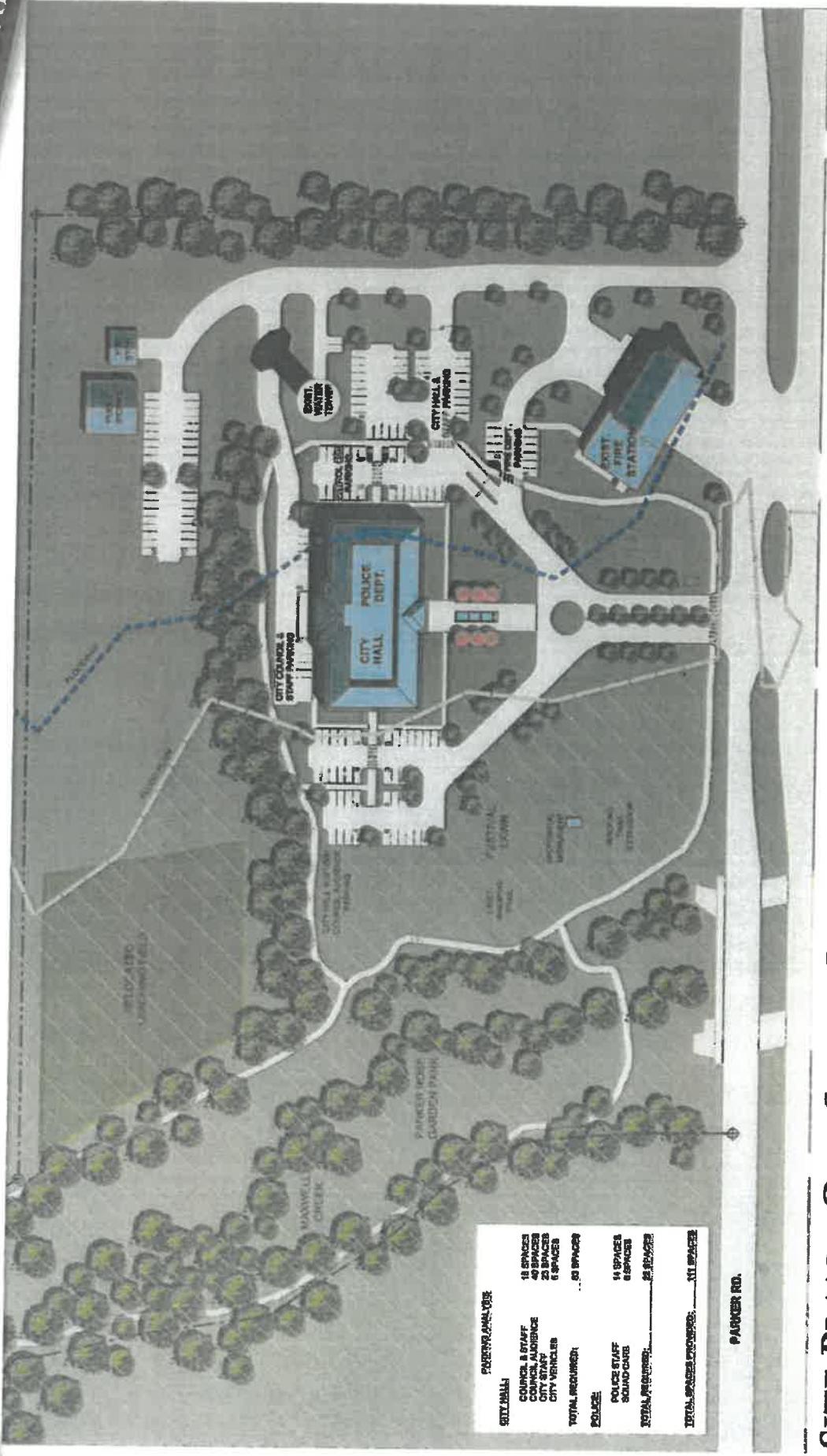
EXHIBIT 3



RANDALL SCOTT
ARCHITECTS

HESITATION IN ENGLISH

CITY OF PARKER MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - PROJECT UPDATE



SITE PLAN - ONE STORY OPTION

PROPOSED SF & COST ESTIMATE

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - CITY HALL/POLICE & COMMUNITY CENTER

PROJECT UPDATE

Estimated Costs		
	Lower End of Range	Upper End of Range
New (1) Story City Hall, Community Center & Police Complex		
• New 17,263 SF City Hall & Community Center	\$5,437,742	\$7,336,636
• New 10,218 SF Police Facility	\$3,197,218	\$4,315,214
Total Construction Only Cost Estimate¹	\$8,634,960	\$11,651,850
Total Project Cost Estimate²	\$11,052,749	\$14,914,368

Pro's

- Provides new facility for City Administration and Police accommodating full build-out of City's population (12,000)
- Provides 100 person Community Room with banquet type seating
- All City services provided under one roof for citizens' convenience

Con's

- Provides less prominent (1) Story building
- Requires more land area leaving less green space on site

1. Construction Only Cost (CCL) – Contains only the hard construction costs from the General Contractor or Construction Manager.
2. Total Project Cost (TPC) – Includes the Construction Cost Only plus soft costs (fees), project contingency, IT costs, furniture, surveying and geotechnical engineering costs.
3. The above estimated CCL and TPC costs have been revised to approximate a June 3, 2019 notice to proceed (NTP) date for the beginning of construction resulting in a Substantial Completion (occupancy) date of September 30, 2020. This requires allowing RSA to proceed with the final design and construction documents phases of the project no later than Sept. 1, 2018.

CITY OF PARKER MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - PROJECT UPDATE

PROPOSED SF & COST ESTIMATE

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - CITY HALL/POLICE & COMMUNITY CENTER

	Estimated Costs	
	Lower End of Range	Upper End of Range
New (2) Story City Hall, Community Center & Police Complex		
• New 19,907 SF City Hall & Community Center	\$6,270,702	\$8,460,472
• New 10,218 SF Police Facility	\$3,197,218	\$4,315,214
Total Construction Only Cost Estimate¹	\$9,467,920	\$12,775,686
Total Project Cost Estimate²	\$12,118,938	\$16,352,878

Pro's

- Provides more prominent municipally scaled building
- Provides new facility for City Administration and Police accommodating full build-out of City's population (12,000)
- Provides 100 person Community Room with banquet type seating
- All City services provided under one roof for citizens' convenience
- Occupies less site area, leaves more green space, sustainable approach

Con's

- More expensive solution

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CITY OF PARKER MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - PROJECT UPDATE

PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE

CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM & POLICE

JULY 29, 2018

Signed Agreement for A/E Services & NTP	Feb. 2018	
Completion of Needs Assessment & Conceptual Design Study	Aug. 2018	
Benchmarking Tours	Aug. 2018	
Schematic Design Phase Services	Sept. 2018 - Oct. 2018	2 mo.
Bring CMAR on Board	Oct. 1, 2018	
Design Development Phase Services	Nov. 2018 - Jan. 2019	3 mo.
Construction Documents Phase to 50%	Feb. 2019 - Mid Apr. 2019	2 1/2 mo.
Issue Pricing Documents to CMAR	Apr. 16, 2019	
GMP Pricing Due from CMAR	May 16, 2019	1 mo.
Notice to Proceed to CMAR	June 3, 2019	2 wks
Complete 100% CD Documents	Mid June, 2019	2 mo.
Final Buyout Pricing from CMAR	Mid July, 2019	1 mo.
Substantial Completion/Owner Occupancy	Sept. 30, 2020	16 mo.
Final Completion (Punch List Completed)	Nov. 13, 2020	1 mo.

CITY OF PARKER MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - PROJECT UPDATE

ESCALATION PROJECTIONS



PARKER CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM & POLICE COMPLEX		BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION					FY 2025
		FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
ONE STORY OPTION							
Lower End of Range Construction Cost Only	\$ 8,634,960	\$ 9,153,058	\$ 9,702,241	\$ 10,284,376	\$ 10,901,438	\$ 11,555,524	\$ 12,248,856
Lower End of Range Total Project Cost	\$ 11,052,749	\$ 11,715,914	\$ 12,418,869	\$ 13,164,001	\$ 13,953,841	\$ 14,791,071	\$ 15,678,536
Upper End of Range Construction Cost Only	\$ 11,651,850	\$ 12,350,961	\$ 13,092,019	\$ 13,877,540	\$ 14,710,192	\$ 15,592,804	\$ 16,528,372
Upper End of Range Total Project Cost	\$ 14,914,368	\$ 15,809,230	\$ 16,757,784	\$ 17,763,251	\$ 18,829,046	\$ 19,958,789	\$ 21,156,316
TWO STORY OPTION							
Lower End of Range Construction Cost Only	\$ 9,467,920	\$ 10,035,995	\$ 10,638,155	\$ 11,276,444	\$ 11,953,031	\$ 12,670,213	\$ 13,430,425
Lower End of Range Total Project Cost	\$ 12,118,938	\$ 12,846,074	\$ 13,616,839	\$ 14,433,849	\$ 15,299,880	\$ 16,217,873	\$ 17,190,945
Upper End of Range Construction Cost Only	\$ 12,775,686	\$ 13,542,227	\$ 14,354,761	\$ 15,216,046	\$ 16,129,009	\$ 17,096,750	\$ 18,122,555
Upper End of Range Total Project Cost	\$ 15,352,878	\$ 17,334,051	\$ 18,374,094	\$ 19,476,539	\$ 20,645,132	\$ 21,883,840	\$ 23,196,870



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THANK YOU!

Patti Grey

From: Johnna Boyd
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 11:32 AM
To: Patti Grey
Subject: FW: City Budget, Tax Rate, potential municipal complex

For the meeting tonight

Johnna Boyd
City of Parker
Finance Manager
(972) 442-6811

From: andy redmond <redmonde@tx.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 11:06 AM
To: Johnna Boyd <JBoyd@parkertexas.us>; Lee Pettle <LPettle@parkertexas.us>
Subject: City Budget, Tax Rate, potential municipal complex

Kindly read this at the public forum/council meeting, as I am unable to attend.

Hello Acting Manager Ms.Boyd, Ms. Mayor and Council:

My name is Andy Redmond and I reside at 7275 Moss Ridge Rd.

I would urge you all to reign in public spending and put it before a vote to the citizens. Grave concerns exist about the lavish expenditures/planned expenditures in the following areas—

1. Please vote no on a city tax rate increase (mill rate).
2. Please vote to place additional revenues from this years certified tax revenue increase into a rainy day fund. Such funds should only be expended after a budget for such is placed before and affirmed by a majority vote by Parker residents.
3. Please freeze salary increases and appointment of additional city staff. Example: in a small city such as ours, it is not unreasonable to suggest that the replacement city manager manage public works, fire, police and city office staff.
4. Please adopt last year's budget, minus any one time expenditures in that budget.
5. Please cease further expenditures on architectural "what it might cost fees" fees for an unnecessary "municipal complex." Weak justifications for such exist, rather it seems apparent that we are merely trying to "keep" up with surrounding cities that may have a need for such, whereas Parker does not!

Consider that Parker residents already have an excessive combined property tax burden, many citizens will be impacted by the increase in property taxes. My taxes have doubled since 2013!

6. Please table the vote on amendment of ordinance 763 major repairs/budget reallocation, until council/city staff can further assess the need for such.

Myself and my family proudly support both our Police and Fire departments.

However, it seems that each department is in a "race to out-spend the other." We have such Department's for the same reason we insure our homes, automobile's etc. in case of disaster. However, similarly we likewise don't become "insurance poor" insuring against such losses excessively. We are a small city, and as such require far fewer services than do larger cities that are not residential only such as our city.

Examples of wasteful spending are more police vehicles—for about 25% of the cost of a new police vehicle substantial refurbishments can ensue to maintain a safe and effective vehicle for the officer's. We don't do high speed pursuits in our small city footprint, nor do we have structural corrosion issues as does a "norther state" or a "beach community." Therefore, vehicle lifecycle could be 15 or 20 years or perhaps more.

Further, we should be mindful of repair costs of existing vehicles—one such example is the Fire Department "one time invoices." At cursory review, it seems the Fire Department maybe have been double-charged for the "head gasket" repair listed on the Lone Star Invoice # 7645 (attached to tonite's agenda).

Notice the parts and labor on the 2nd/3rd page of the invoice, where LoneStar lists parts and labor for the said repair, yet an additional line item for "\$4,500" sub-let fee for said repair. It's understandable that the Lone Star Fire apparatus maybe the go to for the fire apparatus/special equipment repair, but they may need to sublet certain repairs. Let's hope they didn't charge the city \$4,500 for arranging (subletting) an engine repair!

If so, plenty local Dallas area vendors exist that could more inexpensively repair the chassis of the vehicle (examples—Cummins Southern Plains, Rush Truck, Holt Caterpillar etc.).

Similarly, budget line items exist for new city public works vehicles—this too is unnecessary, allocate adequate repair budgets to maintain the existing fleet only.

Let's focus on keeping Parker the "quaint" and "country" city that most of us appreciate and enjoy, rather than trying to "keep-up" with surrounding city services of which are unrequested or unneeded by the majority of Parker residents!

Thanks for the opportunity share my concerns and suggestions.

Best Regards,

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