

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 21, 2010

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

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

Mayor Cordina called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Councilmembers 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/HR Manager Johnna Boyd, Police Chief Tony Fragoso and Court Clerk Lori Newton.

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.

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

Mayor Cordina recessed the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

A. Govt. Code 551.074— Personnel—to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, or duties, of a public officer or employee---City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Secretary, Finance/HR Manager, Police Chief, Police Officers, Court Clerk, Building Official, Water Department Employees, Administrative Assistant, Utility Billing Clerk, Mayor and Councilmembers.

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Cordina reconvened the regular meeting at 7:15 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

Court Clerk Newton led the pledge to the American Flag.
City Administrator Daniel led the pledge to the Texas Flag.

- Cindy Meyer 6618 Poco Estados – She spoke about the cost of the City newsletter and requested it be sent out for bids. She also would like to see more information that would directly impact the citizens of Parker, such as the bridge proposed to go over Lake Lavon and down Parker Road.
- Mayor Cordina said citizen articles are always welcomed and are greatly appreciated.
- Dave Leamy 5801 Rathbone Drive – commended staff and council on the budget and requested Council to take his request for police recognition seriously.
Item 15 - spoke in opposition to a large number of reserved parking spaces. The only time there is an issue with parking is when the fire department holds their training on Tuesday night and it may be time to consider changing their training to another night or adding more parking.
- Patti Cordina 4302 Boulder Drive – Patti presented the Council and Citizens with reserved parking signs to be placed at City Hall. She thanked Council for all their hard work and wanted to honor them.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2010.

Corrections: page 1 – Meeting date; page 3 last paragraph “...investments in the past **two** years”.

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE COUNCIL IN CASTING THE VOTE OF THE CITY IN THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION.

Council chose not to take action on this item. Staff was directed to send a letter to TML explaining Council did not feel they knew enough about the candidates to cast a vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Threadgill moved to have staff prepare a letter stating thank you for the opportunity, but Council has declined because they do not know enough about the candidates and their backgrounds to cast a vote. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmember Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2010- 310 RECEIVED FROM COMMISSIONER JOE JAYNES, REGARDING THE REVISIONS OF STATE AND FEDERAL DISTRICT LINES FOR ELECTED OFFICES.

City Attorney Shepherd's written statement:

"The original resolution from the Commissioner is included in the packet, as is a revised version. My belief is the original is tendered in support of as many new representatives as possible, so long as the new districts are primarily composed of Collin County voters. I believe the intent is not to have districts which, for example, are composed of a third each of Collin, Hunt, and Grayson Counties. The concern is longstanding distinctions between counties might dilute the effectiveness of elected officials representing diverse populations, or political views. The revised version offers language intended to make that clear. The goal of the redistricting committee is sometimes simply to draw districts of relatively equal populations, but configured in a manner to help elect a candidate of certain political views, or party affiliation. This can lead to strangely drawn (gerrymandered) districts. The resolution stands in opposition to that practice."

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill moved to approve Resolution 2010-310 as written. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2010-311 ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY.

Councilmember/Investment Chief Officer Marshall said the committee had met and made no changes to the 08-09 policy.

MOTION: Councilmember Evans moved to approve Resolution 2010-311 as written. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2010-312 APPOINTING THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE.

After some discussion it was agreed the committee terms shall be for one year beginning October 1 and ending September 30.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to approve Resolution 2010-312 subject to adding the committee terms for one year, beginning October 1 and ending September 30. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2010- 313 APPROVING THE USE OF A CONSENT AGENDA.

After Council discussion it was the general consensus that a consent agenda was not needed at this time. No action was taken.

10. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 659 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 656 AND ADOPTING A BUDGET.

Finance/HR Manager Boyd's written statement:

The reason for the change is the receipt of corrected tax base data from Collin County. The change in the allocation between the maintenance and operations tax rate; and interest and sinking fund tax rate results in an increase in tax revenue of \$4738.00 for maintenance and operations, and the City Council finds it necessary to repeal Ordinance 656, and allocate the additional \$4,738.00 to street maintenance.

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall moved to approve Ordinance 659 as written. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 660 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 657 AND ADOPTING A TAX RATE.

Finance/HR Manager Boyd's written statement:

The reason for the change is the receipt of corrected tax base data from Collin County.

The City tax rate adopted in ordinance 657 of \$0.37708 shall remain the same, though the tax rate for maintenance and operations of the City increases by \$0.000232, and the tax rate for interest and sinking fund is reduced by the same amount, and

The change in the allocation between the maintenance and operations tax rate; and interest and sinking fund tax rate results in an increase in tax revenue of \$4738.00 for maintenance and operations.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill moved to approve Ordinance 660 as written. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

12. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 210-314, REGARDING LIMITING APPOINTEES TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO ONE APPOINTMENT PER PERSON.

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

13. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 658, REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 608, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

14. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON WATER METER TECHNOLOGY.

Court Clerk Newton gave the Council a presentation on different water meter reader technology and devices.

Taken from presentation.

Methods available:

- Manual entry (Current method)
- Manual entry w/handheld
- Touch Read w/handheld
- Radio device w/handheld
- Drive by system
- Network Tower read

Current Method:

- Manually read and write on printed route sheets
- Manual entry into computer
 - **PRO's**
 - Minimal cost (\$18,000 annually)
 - **CON's**
 - Requires staff time to input data
 - Error factor
 - Duplicate handling of data
 - No daily usage information
 - Requires physical presence at each meter
 - Dependence on contract resource

Assistant City Administrator Flanigan requested direction from Council.

Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill requested a report on the read errors for the past year. Assistant City Administrator Flanigan will gather the data and provide Council with a report.

Councilmember Marshall asked if a plan has been prepared if our current contract employees were to resign. Assistant City Administrator said the City Staff would read the meters.

Court Clerk Newton provided an estimated 3-year cost plan. (Exhibit 14A.) Staff is looking for more direction from Council before a more detailed cost estimate is prepared.

Mayor Cordina said this is the first step to a long term plan.

15. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESERVED PARKING SIGNS FOR COUNCIL, CITIZENS, AND STAFF AT CITY HALL.

Mayor Cordina had staff purchase reserved parking signs prior to Council approval. Councilmember Sumrow had requested this be an agenda item prior to the purchase of the signs. Mayor and Patti Cordina paid for four of the signs and then donated them.

The general consensus of the Council was not to put up the citizen or council parking signs. Staff signs will be left to City Administrator Daniel.

ROUTINE ITEMS

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS.

- October 5 Resolution 2010-314 – limiting board appointments
- October 5 Ordinance 658 – amending number of board members on PRC.
- October 5 - Compensation Plan presentation by Councilmember Sumrow.
- October 5 - Acceptance of Gifts
- October 19 - Board appointments
- October 19 – EDC
- Future – Wind Turbine recommendations from Planning and Zoning Commission
- Future – Additional discussion on water meter technology

17. UPDATES

- a. Reports: Building, Fire, Police, Website, Finance
- b. City Organizational Chart – the chart is to be posted in the lobby of City Hall and City website.
- c. Review of Council Liaison positions
- d. Staff Action List

18. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.



APPROVED:


Joe Cordina
Mayor

ATTESTED:


Carrie L. Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED on the 5th day of
October, 2010.