

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 15, 2011

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 5:30 p.m. with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill and Evans present. A quorum was present. Levine was absent.

Staff present: City Administrator Dena Daniel, City Attorney Jim Shepherd, Assistant City Administrator Jeff Flanigan Finance/H.R. Manager Johnna Boyd and Police Sergeant Kenny Price.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Cordina recessed the regular meeting at 5:32 p.m.

1. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551:
 - a. REVIEW OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S AND MAYOR'S POSITION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES. (551.074)
 - b. LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF CITY ORDINANCES IN RELATION TO ACTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES. (551.071)
 - c. DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS; (1) the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or (2) a security audit. (Sec. 551.076).
LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING ITEM 1.C REGARDING APPLICATION TO CHAPTER 46 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE.
2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Cordina reconvened the regular meeting at 7:06 p.m.

3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY ACTION REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

American Pledge: City Attorney Jim Shepherd led the pledge.

Texas Pledge: Mayor Cordina led the pledge.

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 public comments.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 18, 2011.

Councilmember Marshall requested an addition to Item 8, "Mr. Perrin recommended Council deny the rate request."

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to approve the minutes as amended. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow and Evans voting for. Threadgill abstained. Motion carried 3-0.

5. PRESENTATION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT.

Auditor Tom Pingleton presented the prepared audit. (Exhibit 5A)

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall moved to receive and approve the audit as presented for fiscal year 2009-2010. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill and Evans voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PLANO WATER SUPPLY.

Assistant City Administrator Flanigan explained the Parker and Plano interlocal agreement for Emergency Water Supply. The last time the water line was used was in 2003, prior to the current pump station being built. Plano's new ordinance requires Parker to install a backflow prevention device at an estimated cost of 10 - 15 thousand dollars. City Engineer John Birkhoff prepared a letter for Council discussing options. (Exhibit 6A)

Item was tabled. John Birkhoff, Jeff Flanigan and Jim Shepherd are to discuss other options with Plano.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A KEY BOX TO THE CITY OF PARKER.

The Mayor was presented with a GE Keybox as a result of touring a trade show. He is offering this keybox to the City as a gift with a nominal retail value of \$90. The City Administrator believes this can be put to good use by the City staff.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill moved to accept the donation. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill and Evans voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CREATING A HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE CITY OF PARKER.

Ed Standridge reviewed his letter presented to Council:

The City of Parker has gained significant visibility over the past years as reflected by D Magazine and recognized as the number one suburb in the entire Metroplex. It is easy to view the city today and gain excitement for the affluent country living, the new homes and the rustic country living, but what is the history of Parker?

The Parker Women's Club has identified the start of our city was 160 years ago. It started as fields covered with prairie grass; grass so high and thick the first settlers had to burn their fields two straight years to prepare the land for farming. The early settlers washing their clothes in the artesian wells bubbling up in the area that is now Sycamore Lane, the tribes of Indians that made their way through the western part of Parker where Indian arrows are still found today. Additionally we hear the names of Dillehays, Gregorys, Hogges and Parkers. Who were they and what did they look like?

What did the town look like in the early years? Did we really once have a gas station, a Post Office? As I have talked to some of the more senior Parker residents I find that a tremendous amount of history is in their minds and experiences. There are pictures of the early days in a growing and struggling Parker tucked away in boxes and drawers as keepsakes. There are artifacts that our senior citizens treasure and would be happy to exhibit if they knew there was a real interest.

The purpose of this Agenda item is to identify and create interest in the creation of a volunteer committee for contacting the mature citizens of our community for stories, pictures and artifacts that could be displayed for keeping the history of Parker alive.

It is about setting aside an area in our Parker public building as a "Parker Museum", a place we can bring friends, family and guests. A place in Parker where we can show our roots and reflect our pride in the pioneers that created our great city!

Let's not let Parker history disappear!

There was discussion about the use of City facilities for meetings and storage. These issues will be addressed at a future date.

A Proclamation is to be presented in support of a Historical Society and brought back at the next meeting. Information is to be added to the website and newsletter.

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE CITY TREE INITIATIVE GOAL.

MOTION: Councilmember Evans moved to join the City Tree Initiative and commit to 1170 trees being planted in Parker over the next 10 years. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmembers Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill and Evans voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

10. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MONITORS FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Jeff discussed installing two, 40-50 inch, monitors in council chambers for better viewing of presentations. The estimated cost is \$2800, including mounting brackets and wiring.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to pass on action at this time and have staff bring back additional information at the planning session. Councilmember Threadgill seconded with Councilmembers Sumrow, Threadgill and Evans voting for. Marshall opposed. Motion carried 3-1.

11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ACCEPTING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

City Attorney Shepherd reviewed the proposal with Council. Staff is to gather market data, refine the process with the current vendor and bring back to Council.

ROUTINE ITEMS

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS.

- Resolution - Collin County Representation – Next Meeting
- Proclamation in support of the Historical Society- Next Meeting
- City Council Chamber Rentals – TBD
- Security – TBD
- Investment Report – as reports- Next Meeting

13. UPDATES

- a. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: ANIMAL CONTROL, POLICE, BUILDING DEPARTMENT, WEBSITE AND FINANCE

14. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at [REDACTED] p.m.

APPROVED:


Joe Cordina
Mayor

ATTESTED:



Carrie L. Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary



APPROVED on the 1st day of
March, 2011.

**INSERT
5A Final Audit
6A Birkhoff Letter**