



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2020

The Council meeting was open to the public. The City of Parker provided disposable face masks and hand sanitizer. Citizens were told, if they felt uncomfortable attending the meeting in person, they should send public comments to the City Secretary at PGrey@parkertexas.us and their comments would be read into the minutes.

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 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Cindy Meyer, Edwin Smith, and Ed Standridge were present. Patrick Taylor was absent.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/H.R. Manager Grant Savage, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, Public Works Director Gary Machado, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Todd Fecht led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Andy Redmond led the pledge.

PROCLAMATION - Recognition

- PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING MARY REISINGER AS THE 2020 AMERICAN HONEY QUEEN. [PETTLE]

Mayor Pettle presented a proclamation, recognizing Mary Reisinger as the 2020 American Honey Queen. Miss. Reisinger accepted the proclamation and thanked everyone.

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.

Terry Lynch, 5809 Middleton Drive, said Republic Waste, Inc., the City's Solid Waste provider, is doing a great job servicing the City of Parker. Ms. Lynch also noted she could not support the City going to weekly brush and bulk trash. The waste would sit out week to week and residents' service fees would increase to pay for the additional service.

Mayor Pettle read Billy Barron's email into the record. Mr. Barron, 6707 Overbrook Drive, expressed concern, regarding possible additional bulk pickup service. (See Exhibit 1 – Billy Barron's email, dated June 14, 2020.)

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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2, 2020. [SCOTT GREY]
2. REPUBLIC WASTE QUARTERLY REPORT. [BERNAS]
3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - ANIMAL CONTROL (APR), BUILDING/CODE (MAY), COURT (MAY), FINANCE (monthly financials) (MAY), FIRE (1ST QTR), AND POLICE (MAY)

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 3, as presented. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0, noting Councilmember Taylor's absence.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. PRESENTATION BY REPUBLIC SERVICES MANAGER MUNICIPAL SALES NORTH TEXAS RICK BERNAS, ADDRESSING BRUSH AND BULKY ITEMS (STORAGE, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE) AND DISCUSSION ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INCREASE. [OLSON/BERNAS/SHELBY]

Republic Services Manager Municipal Sales North Texas Rick Bernas reviewed his PowerPoint presentation, discussing the current once a month services, up to twelve (12) yards on their designated Monday one time a month, vs. proposal for a weekly bulk and brush pickup with regular trash limited to four (4) yards a week. Mr. Bernas also reviewed the costs associated with additional bulk and brush items and how to contact Republic for those services. Parker Customers/Residents would receive a more consistent service with the ability to place up to 4 yards of bulk/brush out on a scheduled day – 52 weeks a year. Mr. Bernas said including the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate adjustment, the increase would be an additional \$1.86/month for an additional 40 services/year and without the proposed weekly bulk and brush pickup the CPI alone would be \$0.64/month [2020 Total Monthly Service charge \$20.13 – 2019 Total Monthly Service charge \$19.49]. (See Exhibit 2 – Republic Services of Plano's PowerPoint **City of Parker Bulk Services Presentation**, dated June 2020.)

No action was taken, as this item was placed on the agenda for presentation and discussion only. The item will need to be placed on a future agenda for action.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC) DIRECTION. [PETTLE/MACDUFF]

Home Rule Charter Commission (HRCC) represented by HRCC Chair Macduff, Vice Chair Kercho, Members Redmond, Adams Fecht, and Alternate Lynch, requested direction from the Mayor and City Council, regarding the form of government to be used in a proposed City of Parker Charter. The Mayor and City Council declined to give input or direction on the form of government, stating HRCC is an independent commission and therefore, authorized and charged with the task of making all decisions and bringing back a recommendation to Council. Once a Charter, recommendation, is created/developed, Council and HRCC would discuss, modify, and/or reject/accept parts or the entirety of the proposed Charter.

HRCC representatives asked Council if they had a preference on how the recommendation vote should be handled, by simple majority or two-thirds (2/3) vote. Again, Council agreed and reiterated this is a HRCC decision. While HRCC expressed concern the Charter may not receive full support or consensus of HRCC and that it would be difficult to get approval by Council and/or Parker residents, they also indicated HRCC may need to take a break and regroup before proceeding. HRCC Chair Macduff said he would meet with HRCC to determine what they would like to do. With that being said and deadlines approaching, it would be highly unlikely that a Charter could be finalized to include on the November 2020 ballot.

ROUTINE ITEMS

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

UPDATE(S):

- **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE [ABRAHAM]**

Councilmember/Emergency Communications Committee Chair Abraham spoke about Everbridge, an alert emergency communications system. The system could provide emergency notification by email, phone or text, at each resident's request or no notification. Mrs. Abraham indicated the information could also be automatically placed on the City's website or other approved social media, like Next Door or Facebook. Police Chief Brooks stated he could immediately notify certain affected areas during a crisis while not disturbing the rest of the City. The emergency communications system would not require additional personnel and it could be used at the scene of an incident to get information out to our residents quickly. The system would cost between \$12,000 and \$13,000/annually.

Next, the Committee suggested an outdoor siren/warning mainly for emergency weather conditions, located in or around The Preserve. The siren/warning system would be initiated by Murphy Dispatch under guidance of the City of Parker. The cost associated with this system would be a one-time \$30,000 fee for the siren and installation, and possibly a \$200 annual dispatch service fee.

- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) COMMITTEE [OLSON/TAYLOR]**

In Councilmember Taylor absence, City Administrator Olson spoke in regard to the CIP Committee, stating work is being completed on Interlocal Agreements with other cities; a review of shared costs is underway; and research was being completed on pricing information to be as cost efficient with the City's/residents' dollars as possible in hopes of getting the most infrastructure work at the best price.

- **COMPREHENSIVE (COMP) PLAN [SMITH]**

Councilmember/COMP Plan Committee Chair Smith said the City is overdue for an updated Comprehensive Plan. He has been researching other City's plans and what might work best for the City of Parker. Mr. Smith asked interested residents, who would like to serve on this committee, to please email City Secretary Patti grey at Pgrey@parkertexas.us by June 30 2020, including anyone who may have previously shown or emailed interest. Once a volunteer list is compiled, a committee will be formed. The committee will collect information and determine what is needed. He asked that the committee consist of residents only, no elected officials and no city staff; be representative of Parker; a manageable size; an odd

number to avoid tie votes, and finally volunteers be able to meet monthly. Councilmember Smith said he would give an update on progress in July.

- **WHITESTONE ESTATES AND KINGS CROSSING [OLSON/MACHADO]**

WHITESTONE ESTATES

Public Works Director Machado said Whitestone Estates Phase 2 Final Plat is in progress and nearing completion. After City Engineer review, the next step is Planning Commission.

KINGS CROSSING

Public Works Director Machado said Kings Crossing Phase 3 is in progress, but still has a way to go before being completed.

- **ACCEPTANCE OF FOOD DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND CITY STAFF DUE TO COVID-19 FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$500). [PETTLE]**

- 2020 0602 Jacqueline Nguyen donated approximately fifty (50) hand sewn masks to the Parker Police Department
- 2020 0603 Engin Dogan donated two (2) dozen Tiff's Treats Cookies to the Parker Police Department
- 2020 0604 Danny and Robin McKinley donated Power Aid, water and snacks to the Parker Police Department
- 2020 0609 The Lambouses Family donated Tiff's Treats Cookies to the Parker Police Department
- 2020 0610 David & Glynis Lumley donated \$100 to the Parker Police Department (See check.)
- 2020 0610 Bang Fuel Team (Energy Drink) dropped off 10 cases of energy drinks for the police and fire departments

Mayor Pettie on behalf herself, Council, City Staff, thanked each of the donors for their kind and generous donations, stating how greatly these gifts are appreciated.

Mayor Pettie asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda.

Hearing no requests, she encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting should be Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

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

Mayor Pettie asked City Council if anyone needed to recess into executive session at this time and hearing no requests the Mayor proceeded to the next item on tonight's agenda.

7. ADJOURN


Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.



APPROVED:


Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:


Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 21st
day
of July, 2020.

From: [Billy Barron](#)
To: [Patti Grey](#)
Subject: To Be Read at City Council
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:36:09 PM

Dear Mayor/Council,

I am strongly opposed to the additional bulk pickup proposal as I haven't used bulk pickup in years. As it is, I feel like the rate is already too high because we are paying for 2 trash carts instead of 1 like most cities. Again, I maybe use the second cart once a year and honestly could work around that easily if I needed.

Thanks for your consideration,

Billy Barron
6707 Overbrook

City of Parker Bulk Services Presentation



Republic Services of Plano
June 2020



REPUBLIC
SERVICES

Exhibit 2

Overview

- Currently once a month services up to 12 yards set out on Monday for services during the week one time a month.
- Citizens can have 144 yards a year of bulk / brush services.
- Issue – Citizens do not like the having to set out on Mondays and Republic having all week to service.
- City requested Republic Services look at an alternative weekly option for citizens.
- 2019 – 2020 comparison in volumes

2019 – 2020 Comparison - 5 Month Trends

2019

Trash – 633.19 tons
Recycle – 247.54 tons
Bulk – 129.90

Total tonnages – 1010.63



2020

Trash – 750.42
Recycle – 264.21
Bulk – 276.18

Total Tonnages – 1290.81

Increase of 27.69% and 280.18 tons

Bulk System was not designed for entire lots and trees to be set out for services.

Republic Services – Plano, TX

- Alternative option.
- Citizens can put up to 4 yards of bulk / brush neatly stacked on their service day weekly.
- 4 yards is approximately 4 feet in length X 5 feet in depth X 5 feet in height.
- Republic Services will pick up weekly on the service days and citizens will have up to 208 yards a year of brush / bulk. This does not mean you are allowed to put out 30 yards at once and count this towards your total yardage.

Better Together

- Additional brush
- Citizens can send an email and take pictures and send to parkerbulk@republicservices.com to schedule additional services.



•Calculating additional bulk items

Additional bulk will be calculated by taking the length x width x height and dividing by 27.

EXAMPLE – 4 feet L x 10 feet W x 8 feet H

This equals $320 / 27 = 11.86$ yards MINUS 4 yards allowed = 7.86 yards at a rate of \$12.50 per yard - additional service - \$98.25 billed directly to customer.

Calculation sheet

			
We'll handle it from here.™			
Bulk Services Proposal			
Customer Name:	Rick Bernas		
Address:	123 Dublin Rd.		
Date Requested:	2/14/2020		
Scheduled Service Date:	2/20/2020		
Dimensions (ft):			
	Height:	8	
	Length:	4	
	Width:	10	
	CU YDS:	11.85	
	Allowed:	4.00	
	Overage:	7.85	
	Charge:	\$98.15	
Customer Approval:			

Customer Experience

Customers will receive a more consistent product with the ability to put up to 4 yards of bulk / brush out on a scheduled day - 52 weeks a year.

Price – Including the current CPI rate adjustment the increase would be an additional \$1.86 per month for an additional 40 services per year.

Questions?



March 11, 2020

Mr. Luke Olson
City of Parker
5700 East Parker Road
Parker, TX. 75002

Re: Price Increase Request

Dear Luke,

Republic Services wishes to thank the City of Parker for the opportunity to be the provider of choice for your solid waste, recycling and disposal services. We enjoy working with the community and look forward to continuing our partnership for years to come.

This letter is to notify you of the annual rate adjustment for your city. Per the terms of the contract, we may request an adjustment to reflect changes in cost of doing business, and operating cost from year over year.

Per our agreement, we have utilized the Consumer Price Index (table water sewer trash) the index this year came in at 3.27%.

In addition, I have included the costs if the city decides to go to a weekly 4-yards bulk pick up on the citizens service days. The cost reflected for this would be an additional \$1.93 per home for bulk services.

To summarize - the rate for resident will be \$20.13 per home with the 2020 CPI adjustment. If a decision is made to go to weekly bulk the rate would be \$21.99 per home.

We trust that you will agree that our service provides your community with superior quality solid waste and recycling collection. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Bernas", written over a horizontal line.

Rick Bernas
Division Municipal Services Manager

**CITY OF PARKER
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLE
RATE SHEET
EFFECTIVE: March 1 , 2020**

Solid Waste Collection \$ 12.27
1 x wk: 2 carts MSW

Recycle Collection
1 x wk: 1 cart \$ 5.68

Brush/Bulk Collection \$ 2.18
Monthly

Total Monthly Service \$ 20.13

Extra Cart \$ 8.52

Carryout Service \$ 20.66

1 x wk: 2 cart MSW

Extra carry out cart \$ 11.39

City Hall - 4 Rolloffs per year/city event No Cost

30 yard rolloff city hall use No Cost

Additional Rolloff containers \$430.85

weekly Bulk 4 yards		2019 rate
\$12.27		\$ 11.88
\$ 5.68		\$ 5.50
\$ 4.04		\$ 2.11
\$ 21.99		\$ 19.49

2019 CPI INCREASE

Indices		2019	2020			103.27%
CPI - w/s/t	100%	238.938	246.74	7.804	3.27%	3.27%
Totals	100%				Increase	3.27%

Recycle adjustment

Services	Current	Inc/dec	New Rate	
MSW	\$ 11.88	\$ 0.39	\$ 12.27	
Recycle	\$ 5.50	\$ 0.18	\$ 5.68	
Brush/Bulk	\$ 2.11	\$ 0.07	\$ 2.18	
Extra cart	\$ 8.25	\$ 0.27	\$ 8.52	
Carryout	\$ 20.01	\$ 0.65	\$ 20.66	
Extra cart	\$ 11.03	\$ 0.36	\$ 11.39	
Add'l				
Rolloff	\$ 417.22	\$ 13.63	\$ 430.85	

**New
Monthly
\$ 20.13**