



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 prior to 3:00 PM the day of the meeting.

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 Pro Tem Ed Standridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Cindy Meyer, Edwin Smith, Ed Standridge and Patrick Taylor were present. Mayor Lee Pettle (*It was noted Mayor Pettle self-quarantined due to her husband testing positive for 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID -19) global pandemic.*) 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: Abello “Marcos” Arias led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Terry Lynch 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.

The following residents’ emails were read into the record:

Billy Barron, 6707Overbrook Drive, expressed his thoughts regarding the Proposed FY2020-2021 Budget. (See Exhibit 1 – Billy Barron’s email, dated September 13, 2020.)

Andy Redmond, 7275 Moss Ridge Road, expressed concern regarding the Proposed FY2020-2021 Budget and Tax Rate. (See Exhibit 2 – Andy Redmond’s email, dated September 9, 2020 and September 15, 2020.)

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Pro Tem Standridge read the following Community Interest items:

- ANNUAL CANDIDATES NIGHT – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020, 7:00 PM
- HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC) – MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020, 7:00 PM - **TENTATIVE**
- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – OCTOBER 6, 2020 **HAS BEEN CANCELED**

- PARKS AND RECREATION (P&R) COMMISSION – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020, 6:00 PM – **VIRTUAL**
- PLEASE DONATE TO THE DRIVE BY LEAVING YOUR DONATION OF PEANUT BUTTER IN THE BOX IN THE FOYER AT CITY HALL OR IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. IF YOU PREFER TO MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION, PLEASE GIVE TO PATTI FOR SAFE KEEPING. THANK YOU. [PETTLE]
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, AT PARKER CITY HALL, 5700 E. PARKER ROAD, PARKER, TEXAS
- NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, IN FRONT OF POLICE STATION
- WATER RATES

Water Rates - Residential	Effective Oct. 2016	Effective Oct. 2017	Effective Oct. 2018	Effective Oct. 2019	Effective Oct. 2020
Min Chg. - Includes 1 st 4,000 Gal	\$ 40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gal.					
4,001 15,000	\$ 3.55	3.85	4.10	4.20	4.35
15,000 30,000	\$ 4.35	4.75	5.10	5.25	5.40
30,001 50,000	\$ 5.45	5.95	6.35	6.55	6.75
50,001 70,000	\$ 8.70	9.50	10.15	10.45	10.75
70,001 Above	\$ 12.00	13.10	14.00	14.40	14.85

- 2020 NOV. EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND ELECTION DAY (NOV. 3) INFORMATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 11 No Voting	October 12 No Voting	October 13 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 14 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 15 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 16 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 17 Early Voting 7am–7pm
October 18 Early Voting 1pm–6pm	October 19 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 20 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 21 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 22 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 23 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 24 Early Voting 7am–7pm
October 25 Early Voting 1pm–6pm	October 26 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 27 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 28 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 29 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 30 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 31
November 1	November 2	November 3 Election Day 7am-7pm				

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. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - BUILDING/CODE (AUG), COURT (AUG), FINANCE (monthly financials) (AUG), POLICE (AUG), AND WEBSITE (AUG)
2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-642 DESIGNATING THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF PARKER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. [SHELBY]

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2 as presented. Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2020-2021 BUDGET AND TAX RATE. [PETTLE/SAVAGE]

2nd Public Hearing - FY2020-2021 Tax Rate

Finance/H.R. Manager Savage reviewed the Proposed FY2020-2021 Budget and Tax Rate, stating the City Council is conducting the second and final of two (2) required public hearings on the proposed tax rate and proposed budget. The proposed tax rate is the same as the last several years at \$0.365984 and we have provided a balanced budget. Mr. Savage noted once again the certified totals have not arrived, so City Staff members are working from conservative estimates because the budget is due tomorrow. . (See Exhibit 3 – City Council Work Session FY 2020-2021 Tax Rate 2nd Public Hearing PowerPoint, dated Tuesday, September 15, 2020.)

Mayor Pro Tem Standridge opened the 2nd public hearing to receive comments regarding the Proposed FY2020-2021 Tax Rate at 7:11 p.m.

There being no comments Mayor Pro Tem Standridge closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

There was no action taken.

2nd Public Hearing - FY2020-2021 BUDGET

Finance/H.R. Manager Savage recapped the Proposed FY2020-2021 Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Standridge opened the 2nd public hearing to receive comments regarding the Proposed FY2020-2021 Budget at 7:13 p.m.

There being no comments Mayor Pro Tem Standridge closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

There was no action taken.

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 794, ADOPTING THE 2020 TAX RATE. [PETTLE/SAVAGE]

Mayor Pro Tem Standridge noted public hearings were held on September 9 and September 15, 2020, as required by law. The proposed 2020 tax rate was \$0.365984 per \$100 valuation, which was the same as last year's rate. (See Exhibit 4 – Tax Rate, dated September 15, 2020.)

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Ordinance No. 794 and the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.365984 per \$100 valuation (same tax rate as last several years), which is effectively a 1.61 percent increase in the tax. Councilmember Smith seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor in a record roll call vote, voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 795, ADOPTING THE 2020-2021 BUDGET. [PETTLE/SAVAGE]

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Ordinance No. 795 as presented. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor in a record roll call vote, voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-643, IMPLEMENTING AN AWARDS AND LONGEVITY PROGRAM. [OLSON]

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to table Resolution No. 2020-643, implementing an Awards and Longevity Program. Councilmember Meyer seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 796, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2020 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL. [SHELBY]

City Attorney Shelby reviewed the item and ordinance, stating once the ordinance is approved a negotiated settlement between the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and ATMOS Energy Corporation, Mid-TEX Division regarding the company's 2020 rate review mechanism will occur.

Mayor Pro Tem Standridge asked ATMOS Energy Sr. Industrial Account Manager George Long, who was present on behalf of ATMOS Energy Corporation Mid-Tex Division Jan F Rugg, if he had anything to add. Mr. Long said no but noted the impact of the settlement on the average residential rates is an increase of \$5.15 on a monthly basis, or 9.9 percent. The increase for average commercial usage will be \$15.48 or 6.56 percent.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to approve Ordinance No. 796, approving a negotiated settlement as described above. Councilmember Smith

seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON DONATION ACCEPTANCE FROM TEXAS LEGENDS GUN RANGE AND TRAINING CENTER, LLC. [BROOKS]

Parker Police Chief Brooks reviewed the item, requesting City Council's acceptance of a donation from Legends Gun Range and Training Center for our Police Officers to receive their required annual qualification training. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parker Police Department has been unable to schedule a range day with Collin College. Mandatory TCOLE firearms qualifications must be completed by the end of the 2020 Calendar year. This donation is valued at \$1,214.00. The City of Parker will have to pay \$480 for the full day of training.

Councilmember Smith inquired about the quality of training to make sure to make sure the quality met requirements. Police Chief Brooks said the quality of training was the same.

City Council thanked Legends Gun Range and Training Center for their generous donation.

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to accept the generous donation of \$1,214, with the City of Parker paying \$480 for the full day of training, from Legends Gun Range and Training Center so Parker Police Officers can receive their required annual qualification training. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ROUTINE ITEMS

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

UPDATE(S):

- SCADA SYSTEM PROJECT [OLSON/MACHADO]

Public Works Director Gary Machado and City Administrator Olson said the old system failed, the new system for the water department will monitor the system's functions better and allow employees to respond to alarms or citizens' calls remotely. The system is in the process of being installed, as data from the old XP computer system is moved to the new system. (See Exhibit 5 – Overview of the Login Page, dated Wednesday, September 16, 2020.)


Mayor Pro Tem Standridge asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda. There being no future agenda items at this time Mr. Standridge noted Mayor Pettie encourages everyone to email her any requests. He noted the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

10.– 13. Mayor Pro Tem Standridge asked City Council if anyone needed to recess into executive session at this time. Hearing no requests, Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



APPROVED:


Mayor Pro Tem Ed Standridge

ATTESTED:


Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 17th day
of November, 2020.

From: [Billy Barron](#)
To: [Patti Grey](#)
Subject: Comments for the Next City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:11:28 PM

Dear Council.

I am happy with both the proposed budget and tax rate. Please vote yes on them.

However, I want to comment on one item of the budget in particular. That's the salary increase bucket. I want to say that right now we have the best set of city employees since I've lived in Parker and we should do everything we can to retain them. As a former State of Texas employee myself, I know that local government jobs pay poorly compared to private industry. Though my experience isn't typical, I doubled my salary in 4 years when I left the government and went to the private sector. It makes me sad that some residents only look at the expense side of the equation and miss the big picture. Just one example is that our current staff found a way to save us tens of thousands on one of our existing bonds which I doubt would have happened previously. My years of experience in both government and the private sector is that you should give good employees appropriate raises. Now only is it cheaper in the long run but shows that their hard work is being appreciated. When you tie all salaries to something like the CPI, the best employees will find work elsewhere. Then you end up with low quality employees who give bad service and are not productive as is often the case in local government.

To Luke, Patti, Grant, Gary, Dillon, Chief Brooks and the rest of the city staff, it is clear to me that you all are working hard in making Parker the best it can be. Please accept my thanks.

Billy Barron
6707 Overbrook Drive

Patti Grey

From:
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Patti Grey
Subject: Comments for 9 / 9 /20 meeting

Hello Ms. Patti:

Trust you are well. Kindly enter my comments to be read for the meeting. Thanks,Andy

I'm Andy Redmond of 7275 Moss Ridge Road.

I would recommend a vote that reduces both the proposed budget and tax rate as per agenda by at least 5%!

Thanks for your time and careful consideration to how our money is spent!

Regards,
Andy Redmond



City Council Work Session
FY 2020-2021
Tax Rate 2nd Public Hearing

Tuesday, September 15, 2020



FY 2020-2021 Proposed Tax Rate

2nd Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate

- Proposed tax rate is \$0.365984 (same as last year)
- Although the rate remained the same, the City Council must hold public hearings on the proposed tax rate because it exceeds the “No-New Revenue” or “Voter Approval Tax Rate”.
- Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.



FY 2020-2021 Proposed Tax Rate

- Tax Rate

	2019	2020
Effective Tax Rate	0.350282	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate 0.360198
Rollback Rate (8%)	0.370919	Voter-Approval Tax Rate (3.5%) 0.360515
M&O Rate	0.317791	M&O Rate 0.32956
Debt Rate Rate	0.048193	Debt Tax Rate 0.036424
Adopted Tax Rate	0.365984	De minimis Rate 0.394399



FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget 2nd Public Hearing



FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget

Property Tax

- 2020 Certified Estimates - \$1,115,000,000
 - Increase of \$75,176,861 (7.13%) from previous year (\$271,731)
 - Of that amount, \$58,779,406 is from new taxable property added (\$215,123)
- Budget has been prepared using the current tax rate of \$0.365984 per \$100 of tax assessed value
 - \$0.01 change in property tax affects City budget by \$111,500
 - \$0.01 change in property tax affects average homeowner by \$65.40 (based on average value of home \$654,000)



FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget

COMBINED BUDGET SUMMARY - ALL FUNDS												
	FY 2019-20						FY 2020-21					
Fund	Fund Title	Audited Fund Balance 9/30/19	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Net Inc/(Dec)	Estimated Fund Balance 9/30/20	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Net Inc/(Dec)	Estimated Fund Balance 9/30/21		
01	General Fund	4,852,624	4,587,608	5,750,188	(1,162,580)	3,690,044	4,963,786	4,963,651	135	3,690,179		
03	Water/Wastewater Fund	1,773,836	3,467,000	3,409,395	57,605	1,831,441	3,685,600	3,681,967	3,633	1,835,074		
05	Solid Waste Fund	-	410,748	407,128	3,620	3,620	437,792	432,264	5,528	9,148		
21	Law Enforcement Fund	7,898	-	7,898	(7,898)	-	-	7,898	(7,898)	(7,898)		
22	Equipment Replacement Fund	-	275,000	104,274	170,726	170,726	275,000	65,600	209,400	380,126		
23	Court Security Fund	36,910	3,000	6,000	(3,000)	33,910	3,300	4,500	(1,200)	32,710		
24	Court Technology Fund	7,554	3,500	8,300	(4,800)	2,754	3,600	8,300	(4,700)	(1,946)		
25	Child Safety Fund	-	2,600	5,200	(2,600)	(2,600)	5,000	5,000	-	(2,600)		
26	Police Donations Fund	6,780	-	6,780	(6,780)	-	250	8,505	(8,255)	(8,255)		
27	Fire Donations Fund	174,469	180	102,200	(102,020)	72,449	2,180	64,200	(62,020)	10,429		
29	Parks Fund	500	-	-	-	500	10,000	10,000	-	500		
40	General Obligations Debt Service Fund	169,477	498,012	499,588	(1,576)	167,901	409,047	420,509	(11,462)	156,439		
41	Revenue Bond I&S Fund	-	561,948	561,948	-	-	554,702	554,702	-	-		
60	Utility Impact Fee Fund	961,104	150,000	150,000	-	961,104	200,000	200,000	-	961,104		
61	Street Construction Fund	-	400,000	400,000	-	-	400,000	400,000	-	-		
62	Utility Construction Fund	7,475,891	250,000	6,650,000	(6,400,000)	1,075,891	150,000	6,650,000	(6,500,000)	(5,424,109)		
63	Drainage Improvement Fund	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	-		
65	Facilities Improvement Fund	-	125,000	-	125,000	125,000	350,000	350,000	-	125,000		



Supplementals



FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget

CITY OF PARKER Supplemental Ranking Sheet FY 2020-21

Department: Overview

Item	Department Name	Supplemental Description (Short Name)	Cost	Recurring Cost	One-time Cost
1	Fire	Assistant Fire Chief	28,214	28,214	0
2	Fire	Night Crew Firefighter (1/2 year)	38,597	38,597	0
3	Fire	PTO Elimination	(29,143)	(29,143)	0
TOTAL:			\$ 37,668	\$ 37,668	\$ -



Comments or Questions?

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

Exhibit 4

PROPOSED TAX RATE	0.365984 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	0.360198 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	0.360515 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	0.394399 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Parker from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Parker may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Parker exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for City of Parker

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Parker, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Parker

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 09, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, TX 75002.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate, but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If City of Parker adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of Parker may petition the City of Parker to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the City of Parker will be the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Parker.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Standridge
Councilmember Cindy Meyer

Councilmember Diana M. Abraham
Councilmember Edwin Smith

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

Mayor Lee Pettie

ABSENT:

Councilmember Patrick Taylor

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Parker last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Parker this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	0.365984	0.365984	<i>decrease of</i> \$0.000000 OR 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	653,144	654,000	<i>increase of</i> 0.13%
Tax on average homestead	2390.4	2393.54	<i>increase of</i> \$3 OR 0.13%
Total tax levy on all properties	3,808,991	4,080,721	<i>increase of</i> \$271,731 OR 7.13%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Parker at 972-547-5020 or taxassessor@collincountytx.gov, or visit www.collincountytx.gov for more information.

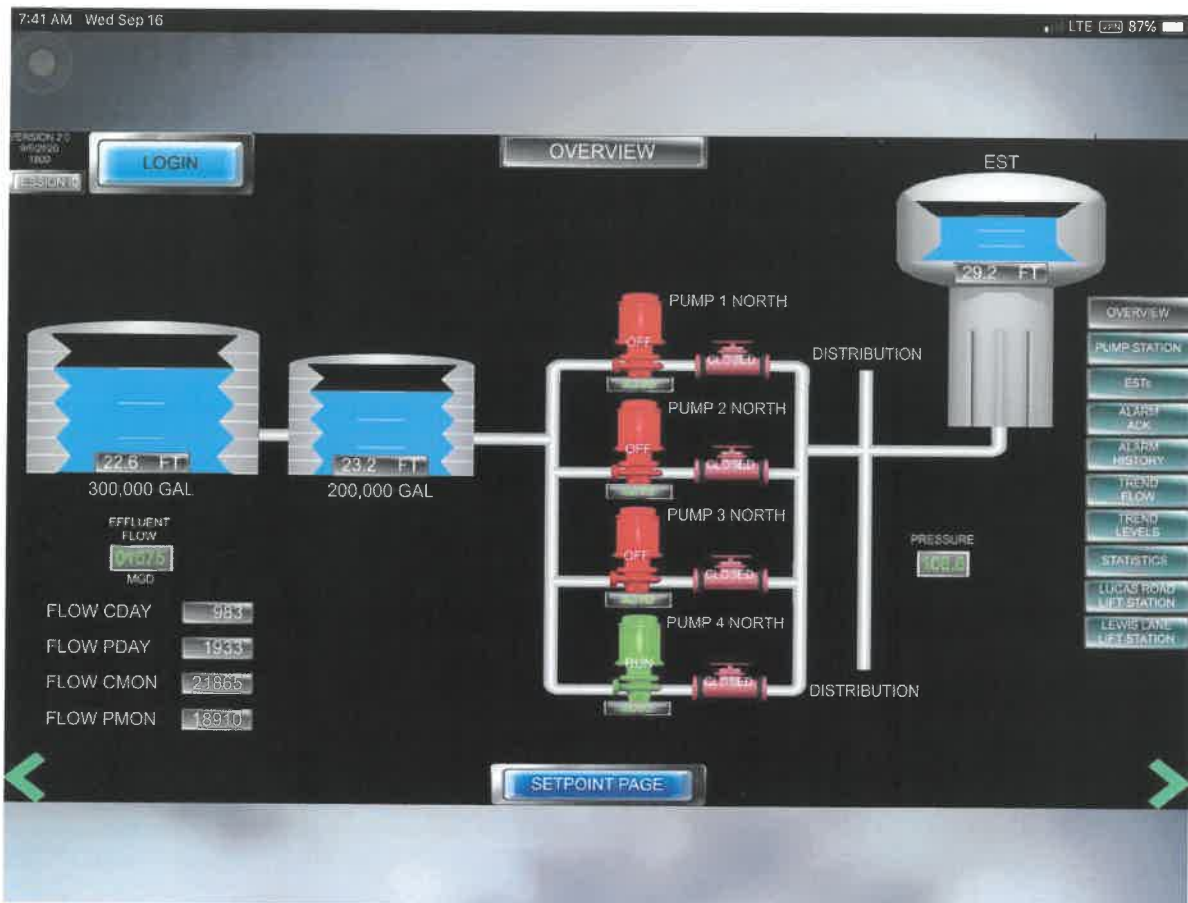


Exhibit 5