



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 17, 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](mailto:PGrey@parkertexas.us) prior to 3:00 PM the day of the meeting.

Council Meeting 11/17/2020

Tue, Nov 17, 2020 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM (CST)

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### **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 Pettie called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Terry Lynch, Cindy Meyer, Ed Standridge and Michael Slaughter were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson (attended virtually)\*, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/H.R. Manager Grant Savage (attended virtually)\*, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, Public Works Director Gary Machado, City Engineer John Birkhoff, P.E., and Police Chief Richard Brooks

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Gregor Ulteig led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Ling Shurtz 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.

Ling Shurtz, 4004 Dublin Road, a long-time resident of Parker, said Proposition A was voted down, because there was not tax data and no needs assessment. Mrs. Shurtz said she is not against a facility, especially for the Parker Police Department. She asked, "What happens now?"

Honey Goel, 4602 Boulder Drive, thanked the Mayor and City Council for their service and said he would be happy to serve on a Facilities Committee.

Ellis “Skip” Cave, 4407 Springhill Estates Drive, said he is a Homeowners’ Association (HOA) President and involved with Information Technology (IT) Services. Mr. Cave said he has experience with municipal buildings, Parker is not considered a low tax City, and he feels a comprehensive comparative study of Parker to establish the number of people now and in the next twenty (20) years would be helpful. He suggested using North Texas Council of Governments, which the City of Parker is a member to provide helpful information.

Richard Williams, 5105 Englenook Drive, said he was against the Bond (Proposition A) even though we do need a new Police facility and City Hall. Mr. Williams said residents should be heard and suggested a committee should be formed with residents to design the facility. He asked that no outsiders be on the committee.

Joe Cordina, 4302 Boulder Drive, said on October 6, 2021, Parker resident Elvis Nelson said once the City loses the Bond Proposition A, the City should immediately establish a committee to prepare and design a facility. This would be a new beginning with citizens all on the same page from day one.

Elvis Nelson, 5802 Corinth Chapel, indicated this would be the fourth time he has come forward to speak about the proposed Municipal Complex. Mr. Nelson said he was against it because it was not developed correctly with little or no Parker citizen involvement. He did not feel there was any attention to citizen input previously. A committee should be setup to establish methodology for moving forward.

Jim Douglas, 5005 Hackberry Lane, a 44-year resident of Parker, said he was against the new facility and the Bond (Proposition A). Mr. Douglas said he has seen mistakes in other cities and their municipal buildings. He said he does not think the City of Parker can double its current population. The plan for the Proposed Municipal Complex was not done correctly and the architect involved had never completed a City Hall previously. He asked why the new facility was so big and suggested a committee be formed to move forward. Mr. Douglas asked that the committee consider using the current City Hall for the police station.

The following resident’s email was read into the record:

Andy Redmond, 7275 Moss Ridge Road, expressed concern regarding proposed Resolution No. 2020-638, providing for the execution of an agreement between the City of Parker and Swagit Productions, LLC, specializing in providing hands-free video streaming and broadcast solutions for local, state and federal governments and the proposed City Municipal Complex. (See Exhibit 1 – Andy Redmond’s email, dated November 17, 2020.)

## **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- HOLIDAZE – FAMILY HOLIDAY EVENT – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020, 4-6 PM
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020, 6 PM

**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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2020. [SCOTT GREY]
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2020. [SCOTT GREY]
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2020. [SCOTT GREY]
4. INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT. [SAVAGE]
5. REPUBLIC WASTE MONTHLY REPORT. [BERNAS]
6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - ANIMAL CONTROL (JUL, AUG, & SEPT), BUILDING/CODE (SEPT & OCT), COURT (SEPT & OCT), FINANCE (monthly financials) (SEPT & OCT), FIRE (3<sup>RD</sup> QTR), POLICE (SEPT & OCT), AND WEBSITE (SEPT & OCT)

Councilmember Slaughter asked that item #5, accepting Republic Waste Monthly report, be removed from the consent agenda further discussion.

Councilmember Lynch asked that item #1, approving the September 9, 2020 meeting minutes, be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Councilmember Lynch said she would like to correct the September 9, 2020 City Council meeting minutes to reflect her comments on page 3, as follows:

**From:**

Terry Lynch, 5809 Middleton Drive, commented she thought this budget is much better, an excellent job. Mrs. Lynch said she did not think salaries should be budgeted at 5% especially when the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is one percent (1%) and ~~other cities~~ are losing jobs and salaries due to the economy. She ~~indicated she preferred budget actuals, not five percent (5%).~~

**To:**

Terry Lynch, 5809 Middleton Drive, commented she thought this budget is much better, an excellent job. Mrs. Lynch said she did not think salaries should be budgeted at 5% especially when the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is one percent (1%) and **people** are losing jobs and salaries due to the economy. She **suggested the budget should be closer to the CPI.**

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Standridge moved to approve the September 9, 2020 special meeting minutes, as amended. Councilmember Meyer seconded with Councilmembers Meyer and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve consent agenda items 2, 3, 4 and 6 as presented. Councilmember Meyer seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Pettie asked Councilmember Slaughter to state his issue and/or concerns with the Republic Waste Monthly Report. Councilmember Slaughter said he had questions or wanted clarification on the Republic Waste Report, which shows bulk

trash for the entire year, although there was a period Republic did not pick up. Mr. Slaughter said he was curious as to how that number was derived. City Administrator Olson said the numbers were from the amount of left-over bulk that was picked up from various neighborhoods throughout the City of Parker.

MOTION: Councilmember Meyer moved to accept the Republic Waste Monthly Report. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-638, PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND SWAGIT PRODUCTIONS, LLC, SPECIALIZING IN PROVIDING HANDS-FREE VIDEO STREAMING AND BROADCAST SOLUTIONS FOR LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. [OLSON] **[TABLED – 08042020]**

Swagit Productions would be used to video stream and broadcast City of Parker board, council and commission meetings, with the cost of equipment being \$46,560 and annual management service cost of \$27,120. The City would use CARES ACT funds and try the system and equipment for one-year. After one-year, the City could decide to continue use, terminate use and retain the equipment or even negotiate a different setup.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-638, providing for the execution of an agreement between the City of Parker and Swagit Productions, LLC, specializing in providing hands-free video streaming and broadcast solutions for local, state and federal governments. Mayor Pro Tem Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-643, IMPLEMENTING AN AWARDS AND LONGEVITY PROGRAM. [OLSON] **[TABLED – 09152020]**

Mayor and Council indicated the item was not complete and they would like additional information, especially with regard to the Longevity Program.

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

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-645 AWARDING THE 2020 ANNUAL MOWING CONTRACT. [MACHADO/OLSON/SHELBY] **[NOT TABLED, BUT LACK OF A MOTION – 10062020]**

Mayor and Council indicated the contract needed corrections and additional review.

MOTION: Councilmember Meyer moved to table Resolution No. 2020-645 awarding the 2020 Annual Mowing Contract. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-648 APPOINTING 2020-2022 COURT OFFICIALS. [SHELBY]

Staff noted it is their understanding the current Municipal Court Alternate Judge, William E. Guyer, is no longer practicing law. Staff researched options and Associate Municipal Judge, for the Cities of Plano and McKinney, Efren Ordonez offered his services.

MOTION: Councilmember Meyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-648 appointing 2020-2022 Court Officials. Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-650 UPDATING THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. [PETTLE]

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to appoint Ed Standridge as Chief Investment Officer for the City of Parker. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Standridge moved to appoint Cindy Meyer Investment Officer for the City of Parker. Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Standridge moved to appoint Lee Pettle Investment Officer for the City of Parker. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

12. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-651 ON INVESTMENT POLICY. [SAVAGE]

Staff recommended no changes at this time. Finance/HR Manager Savage noted he had a class coming up and if he thinks the policy needs any changes, he would recommend them at that time.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to Resolution No. 2020-651 on 2020-2021 Investment Policy. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

13. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-652, MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING (P&Z) COMMISSION. [PETTLE]

It was noted that staff spoke with the P&Z Commissioners and all members expressed a desire to continue their service with the following members up for reappointment:

| <b>Member</b> | <b>Position</b>             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Joe Lozano    | Place Two; Vice Chairperson |
| David Leamy   | Place Four                  |

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-652, making re-appointments to the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission with the following expiration dates:

| <b>Member</b> | <b>Position</b>             | <b>Term Expiration</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Joe Lozano    | Place Two; Vice Chairperson | Nov. 30, 2022          |
| David Leamy   | Place Four                  | Nov. 30, 2022.         |

Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

14. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-653, MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (ZBA). [PETTLE]

It was noted that staff spoke with the ZBA Commissioners and all members expressed a desire to continue their service with the following members up for reappointment:

| <b>Member</b>     | <b>Position</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Randy Kercho      | Place 2         |
| Don Dickson       | Place 4         |
| Jason Shepard     | Alternate 1     |
| Steve Schoenekase | Alternate 2     |

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-653, making re-appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) with the following expiration dates:

| <b>Member</b>     | <b>Position</b> | <b>Term Expiration</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Randy Kercho      | Place 2         | Nov. 30, 2022          |
| Don Dickson       | Place 4         | Nov. 30, 2022          |
| Jason Shepard     | Alternate 1     | Nov. 30, 2022          |
| Steve Schoenekase | Alternate 2     | Nov. 30, 2022          |

Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

15. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-654, MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. [PETTLE]

Mayor and Council indicated they would like additional information.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Standridge moved to table Resolution No. 2020-654, making appointments to the to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

16. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PARKER RANCH ESTATES PHASE 4A AND 4B FINAL PLAT. [MACHADO]

City Engineer Birkhoff reviewed Parker Ranch Estates Phase 4A (55.031 Acres, 32 Residential Lots) and 4B (19.118 Acres, 14 Residential Lots) Final Plat, stating in his letter, dated October 21, 2020, he did a walk thru of the completed project and offered no further comments.

Councilmember Meyer inquired about drainage issues.

Matthew D. Lee, P.E. with Westwood, thoroughly explained Parker Ranch Estates Phase 4A and 4B drainage.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Standridge moved to accept Parker Ranch Estates Phase 4A and 4B Final Plat. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION (HRCC). [PETTLE] [DISBANDED – OCTOBER 5, 2020]

Mayor Pettle announced Home Rule Charter Commission voted to disband October 5, 2020.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Standridge moved to accept HRCC's October 5, 2020 recommendation to disband. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmembers Meyer and Lynch (former HRCC member) said the HRCC meetings and discussion was not a waste of time.

18. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON NEW FACILITY(S) FOR THE CITY OF PARKER. [PETTLE]

The Mayor and City Council discussed the new facility with a few of the Parker residents present. Residents Joe Cordina, Elvis Nelson, Trudy Jackson, Bethany Ulteig, Richard Williams, Honey Goel, Skip Cave, Ling Shurtz, and Jim Douglas, made suggestions. Some of the suggestions were to form a committee comprised of residents only; form a residents only committee with a councilmember liaison or member; tweak the existing plans and explain the entire project more thoroughly; give the citizens who said once the bond failed they would immediately design a new building and get it on the May ballot an opportunity to move forward with their plans; and have another community meeting with an outside independent facilitator to facilitate the meeting.

The Mayor and Council agreed to have an additional community wide meeting, regarding the new facility, as suggested above.

Mayor Pettle solicited comments from all residents to be submitted to either herself and/or City Secretary Patti Scott Grey at [pgrey@parkertexas.us](mailto:pgrey@parkertexas.us). Those comments will be forwarded to Mayor and Council. The Mayor also asked for all residents input regarding a good time to have this community wide meeting . . . i.e., a weekday; week evening; weekend day or night.

## **ROUTINE ITEMS**

### **19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Pettle 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 would be a special meeting, Tuesday, December 8, 2020, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

#### REMINDER(S):

- Send your vacation dates to the City Secretary.
- City Secretary will be checking required classes as time permits

#### UPDATE(S):

- REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION [STANDRIDGE] – Due to the late hour and an additional meeting, it is recommended to delay this update to next meeting.
- NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (NTMWD) [OLSON] - Due to the late hour and an additional meeting, it is recommended to delay this update to next meeting.
- ACCEPTANCE OF FOOD DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, CITY STAFF DUE AND OTHER(S) FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$500). [PETTLE]

Mayor Pettle on behalf herself, City Council, City and City Staff, thanked Parker residents for his kind and generous donations, stating how greatly the gifts are appreciated. The Mayor then reviewed the donations, as follows:

- 2020 1001 Hal Camp donated homemade peanut brittle and a bag of candy to the Parker Police Department
- 2020 1005 Michael and Leah Slaughter donated \$500.00 to the Parker Parks and Recreation (P&R)
- 2020 1016 Melanie Harris donated a variety of snacks to the Parker Police Department
- 2020 1020 April Loera donated a variety of water and snacks to the Parker Police Department
- 2020 1101 Steve Blundell donated two (2) Police drawings (An Angel Appeared and Strengthened Them and Love and Compassion Matters) to the Police Department
- 2020 1102 The Turrentine Family donated some Tiff's Treats for First Responder's Day to the Police Department



- 2020 1103 Cherie Ware donated and plant Butterfly Mix seeds and Kimberly Hinshaw donated Wildflower seeds to be planted soon to the City of Parker
- 2020 1111 The Turrentine Family donated some Tiff's Treats for Administration and other departments

**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.

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

- a. Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
- b. Government Code Section 551.071(1)—Consultation with City Attorney concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation.
- c. Government Code Section 551.071(2) – Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas Clearly conflicts with this chapter (Open Meetings Act).

Mayor Lee Pettie recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 10:03 p.m.

**21. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Lee Pettie reconvened the meeting at 11:51 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

**23. ADJOURN**

Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 11:52 p.m.



APPROVED:

  
 Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:



Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 8th day  
of December, 2020.

\*A City Council Meeting 11/17 Attendees Summary has been attached as Exhibit 2 to verify the virtual quorum, staff members and residents present and/or present in other areas. (See Exhibit 2 – City Council Meeting 11/17 Attendees Summary, dated November 17, 2020.)

**From:** Andy Redmond  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** Patti Grey  
**Subject:** Comments for 11 / 17 /20 meeting

Hello Ms. Patti:

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

Thanks,  
Andy

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Dear Mayor Pettle and Council:

I'm Andy Redmond of 7275 Moss Ridge Road.

1. Proposed Swagit video recording equipment—although it's nice we have a donation from the Cares act, the perpetual maintenance on this this service appears fall on our City budget. My math reflects-- Annual proposed/perpetual costs \$27, 120/32 meetings= **\$850 p. meeting?** In the age of Webex, Zoom etc. let's find an affordable option.
2. Future of proposed City Municipal complex.

Suggestions—

- Focus first on updating and implementing a comprehensive plan, this will guide the need, scope and size of a future proposed municipal complex.
- Next be transparent about every aspect, no more closed session meetings about the future building.
- Appoint a large cross section of residents to be involved in a study/focus group in the needs assessment, design and to sell this to the citizens of Parker.
- The size and price needs to be Parker appropriate—about 15-20% of both the square footage and also price per square foot, as proposed on the previous two proposals.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Regards,  
Andy Redmond

## Council Meeting 11/17/2020 Attendees

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### Summary

**Meeting Date**  
November 17, 2020 6:40 PM CST 204 minutes

**Number of Attendees**   **Meeting ID**  
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| Luke Olson   | lolson@parkertexas.us | 6:40 PM   | 10:04 PM   | 204                       |