



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

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 special 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. Mayor Pro Tem Ed Standridge and Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Terry Lynch, Cindy Meyer, and Michael Slaughter were present.

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, Assistant Fire Chief Justin Miller, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Councilmember Cindy Meyer led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Diana M. Abraham 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.

Mayor Pettle stated there was one (1) emailed public comment by Billy Barron, 6707 Overbrook Drive, which will be attached to tonight's meeting minutes. (See Exhibit 1 – Billy Barron's email, dated January 8, 2021.)

The Mayor noted public comments sent to council will no longer be read into the minutes but will be attached to the minutes.

Joe Cordina, 4302 Boulder Drive, said he felt the January 5, 2021 Community Meeting with professional Facilitator Dr. Shirley Garrett made "good" progress. Mr. Cordina said he thought community involvement is key and the Mayor and Council should take advantage of Parker residents' skills. He congratulated those involved in making the Community Meeting happen and said it was worthwhile.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Pettle reviewed the "Items of Community Interest", as following:

- PARKS AND RECREATION (P&R) COMMISSION – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021, 6 PM (Tentative 2021 Calendar)

The Mayor stated the (P&R) Commission meeting would be virtual and the access code is at the top of the agenda for that meeting on the City's website at www.parkertexas.us.

- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (COMP) COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021, 6 PM

Mayor Pettle said the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting would be in-person and virtual, and the access code is at the top of the that agenda on the City's website at www.parkertexas.us as well.

- REMINDER – May 1, 2021 – General Election (EV and ED Info)

Mayor Pettle noted the City of Parker, Texas, is scheduled to hold its municipal election on May 1, 2021 for three (3) Council at-large positions. Candidates, interested in running for City Council, may begin filing tomorrow, January 13, 2021.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 18	Apr 19 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr 20 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr 21 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr 22 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr. 23 Early Voting 8am to 5pm	Apr. 24 Early Voting 8am to 5pm
Apr 25	Apr 26 Early Voting 7am to 7pm	Apr 27 Early Voting 7am to 7pm	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1 Election Day 7am to 7pm

- PROJECTED 2021 TAX RATE PLANNING CALENDAR
- PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING NEW ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JUSTIN MILLER. [PETTLE]

Mayor Pettle announced we would have badge pinning. Newly appointed Assistant Fire Chief Justin Miller's wife, Meagan, pinned Mr. Miller. Mayor, Council, Chief Sheff and Staff congratulated Assistant Chief Miller for his achievement.

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 DECEMBER 8, 2020. [SCOTT GREY]
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 4, 2021. [SCOTT GREY]
3. REPUBLIC WASTE MONTHLY NOVEMBER REPORT. [BERNAS]
4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - BUILDING(NOV & DEC)/CODE (NOV), COURT (NOV), POLICE (NOV), AND WEBSITE (NOV & DEC)

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 4. Mayor Pettle noted there was a minor correction to the January 4, 2021 minutes. City Secretary Scott Grey was misinformed and showed Councilmember Cindy Meyer to be present and in fact Councilmember Meyer was absent. That has been corrected. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-658 (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERSHIP SELECTION – REPEALING RES. NO. 2019-598), FOR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE CHANGES. [PETTLE]

After discussion of Resolution No. 2021-658 (Boards and Commissions Membership Selection – Repealing Res. No. 2019-598), Council determined they had additional changes. City Attorney Shelby will make the suggested changes and bring Resolution No. 2021-658 back to the next City Council meeting, January 19, 2021, for review and possible approval.

No action was taken.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ACCEPTING DONATION(S) FROM VARIOUS ENTITIES FOR THE PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION (P&R) COMMISSION'S HOLIDAZE 2020. [PETTLE/TURRENTINE]

Mayor Pettle read portions of the listed donations.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to table the P&R Commission Holidaze 2020 donation item for clarification on accepting donations from various entities. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SALES TAX. [MEYER] **[12082020 – ASKED TO BE BROUGHT BACK ON NEXT AGENDA]**

Councilmember Meyer recapped. After discussion, Councilmember Slaughter said he felt at this time, with the COVID-19 pandemic, this might not be the best time to consider a one (1) cent sales tax increase to match surrounding areas and further time is needed to do the appropriate research and education. Council agreed.

Council asked Councilmember Meyer to continue to take the lead on sales tax information and research gathering. Council agreed to help at Councilmember Meyer's request.

No action was taken. Councilmember Meyer agreed to do occasional status updates.

ROUTINE ITEMS

8. 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 next week, Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

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]

Mayor Pro Tem Standridge said “transportation” is quiet, but Parker Road is now completed and the sign on Lewis Lane is up.

- NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (NTMWD) [OLSON]

City Administrator Olson said the City of Parker is a customer city and we are leading the way for other customer cities to get the same new contract member cities received. Mr. Olson said we are making progress and seeking a second delivery point. He will keep Council, Staff, and residents updated as things happen.

- PUMP STATION [MACHADO]

Public Works Director Machado said the pump station is under construction and on schedule.

- DUBLIN ROAD [MACHADO]

Public Works Director Machado said the Dublin Road project is behind, but he thinks the issues have been resolved with the contractor and repair work is set to resume Monday or Tuesday of next week. Finally, he expects completion soon.

- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE [SLAUGHTER]

Councilmember/ Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair Slaughter said there would be a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting tomorrow, January 13th at 6 p.m. Mr. Slaughter said the Comprehensive Plan Committee, under his direction, would include a little reorganization, plus he noted he is seeking additional members. He would like a diverse representation of the City.

- EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION [ABRAHAM]

Councilmember Abraham, with the assistance of City Administrator Olson, Fire Chief Sheff and Police Chief Brooks, has been developing and testing the new emergency notification system, Everbridge. Last year, Council approved CARES Act Funds (Coronavirus Relief Funds) to implement Everbridge for a one (1) year trial period. The system is being tailored to the City of Parker's needs. Residents can opt in and decide which notifications they hope to use, such as weather related, traffic, and/or water, notices, among others. Councilmember Abraham indicated the system will be tested and possibly be ready as early as February 2021.

- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM [LYNCH]

Councilmember Lynch defined Capital Improvements Projects as, projects for what is needed in Parker, their costs and how funding may be attained. She used “infrastructure” as an example. Mrs. Lynch indicated she is in the information gathering phase now. Once a project is identified, she plans to present it to Council for their input. She is requesting additional residents

join her and encouraged residents to contact her or Mayor Pettle for additional information.

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.

9. 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 Pettle recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.

10. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Lee Pettle reconvened the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

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

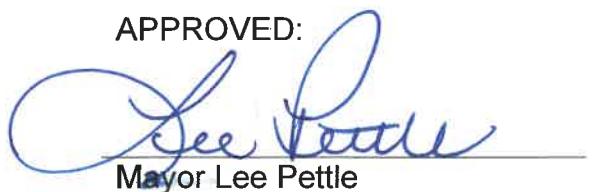
No action was taken.

12. ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.



APPROVED:



Mayor Lee Pettle

ATTESTED:



Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 2nd day
of February, 2021.

Exhibit 1

From: [Billy Barron](#)
To: [Patti Grey](#)
Subject: Public Comment for January 12 2021 City Council
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:58:50 PM

Dear Mayor and Council,

I support increasing the sales tax. It only failed last time because many people did not understand that a huge portion of the sales tax is paid by non-Parker Residents attending events at SouthFork. This will help us keep our property tax rates down.

It is barely going to affect online purchases as I find most merchants are charging 8.25% anyway based on the ZIP code.

I will support it regardless how the funds are allocated - general fund, roads, drainage or something else are all fine by me.

Sincerely,

Billy Barron

6707 Overbrook