



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021**

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

WINTER STORM AFTER ACTION REVIEW

The Council meeting was open to the public and live streamed. 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 Lee Pettie called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., after the Winter Storm After Action Review. 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/Human Resource Director Grant Savage, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, Public Works Director Gary Machado, City Engineer John Birkhoff (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), P.E., Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: City Engineer John Birkhoff led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Trudy Jackson 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.

Jim Reed, 4703 Boulder Drive, suggested service programs/training for residents with issues to prepare for any upcoming spring storm events.

Mayor Pettie stated there was three (3) emailed public comments, as follows:

- Billy Barron, 6707 Overbrook Drive,
- Lay Wah Ooi, 6707 Overbrook Drive, and
- Andy Redmond, 7275 Moss Ridge Road.

The emailed comments will be attached to tonight's meeting minutes. (See Exhibit 1, 2 and 3 – 1) Billy Barron's email, dated March 13, 2021; 2) Lay Wah Ooi's email, dated March 16, 2021; and 3) Andy Redmond's email, dated March 16, 2021.)

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (COMP) COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021, 6 PM - In-Person and Virtual

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

- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021, 6 PM - Virtual Only

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

- THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 - LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE MAY 1, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION
- NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK - SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021, 10AM-2PM
- REMINDER – May 1, 2021 – Joint General and Special Election (EV and ED Info)

Mayor Pettle noted, once again, the City of Parker, Texas, is scheduled to hold its municipal election on May 1, 2021 for three (3) Council at-large positions. The filing deadline closed Friday, February 12, 2021, 5:00 PM. Early voting will start April 19th.

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

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 MARCH 2, 2021. [SCOTT GREY]
2. REPUBLIC WASTE MONTHLY REPORT. [BERNAS]
3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS- BUILDING/CODE (FEB), COURT(FEB), , POLICE (FEB), AND WEBSITE(FEB)
4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-661 REGARDING THE LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH MOBILE MODULAR. [BROOKS]

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve consent agenda items 1-4, as presented. Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

5. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON POSSIBLY CANCELING THE APRIL 20, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. [PETTLE]

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to cancel the April 20, 2021 Regular City Council meeting, due to the early voting schedule. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pettle noted if there happened to be an emergency, a meeting could be called at any time.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON DONATION ACCEPTANCE FOR \$500 FOR PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND \$500 FOR PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM ANDREA L. PETRO AND SCOTT L. JEFFERIES. [PETTLE/OLSON]

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to accept the donation of \$500 for the Fire Department and \$500 for the Police Department, in memory of Charles Petro, former Chief of Police in Lakewood, Ohio with the City's sincere "Thanks.". Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pettle on behalf of herself, City Council, City and City Staff, thanked Andrea L. Petro And Scott L. Jefferies for their kind and generous donation.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-662, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT OF THE CITY OF PARKER AND BIRKHOFF, HENDRICKS & CARTER, REGARDING THE AMERICAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2018 WATER SYSTEM RISK AND RESILIENCE ANALYSIS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. [MACHADO/BIRKHOFF/OLSON]

The Mayor and Council voiced their concerns, regarding the unbudgeted, unfunded mandate.

Mayor Pettle asked City Attorney Shelby and City Administrator Olson to find out why the City was not contacted sooner and make sure the City is contacted promptly in the future.

City Engineer Birkhoff reviewed how his engineering firm would facilitate the project.

Mayor Pettle asked Finance/HR Director Savage to add a line item to add funds every year to cover such items in the future.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-662, approving the terms and conditions of the Professional Engineering Services Agreement of the City of Parker and Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, regarding the American Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 Water System Risk and Resilience Analysis and Emergency Response Plan and authorizing the Mayor to execute the

agreement. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, and Standridge voting for the motion and Councilmember Slaughter voting against the motion. Motion carried 4-1.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-663, AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF SIX CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC. [SHELBY]

City Attorney Shelby reviewed the item, stating the Steering Committee undertakes activities on behalf of municipalities for which it needs funding support from its members. Municipalities have original jurisdiction over the electric distribution rates and services within the city. The Steering Committee has been in existence since the late 1980s. It took on a formal structure in the early 1990s. Empowered by city resolutions and funded by per capita assessments, the Steering Committee has been the primary public interest advocate before the Public Utility Commission, ERCOT, the courts, and the Legislature on electric utility regulation matters for over three decades.

The Steering Committee is actively involved in rate cases, appeals, rulemakings, and legislative efforts impacting the rates charged by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC within the City. Steering Committee representation is also strong at Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). It is possible that additional efforts will be necessary on new issues that arise during the year, and it is important that the Steering Committee be able to fund its participation on behalf of its member cities. A per capita assessment has historically been used and is a fair method for the members to bear the burdens associated with the benefits received from that membership.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-663, authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of cities served by Oncor; and authorizing the payment of six cents per capita to the steering committee to fund regulatory and legal proceedings and activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC. Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ROUTINE ITEMS

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Councilmember Lynch asked that legislative issues/updates and the proposed facility be added to the future agenda items with some kind of date. Mayor Pettle indicated she is unable to associate a date with the facility at this time.

It was also asked that “No Thru Traffic” signage be considered for Dublin Road be placed on the “Future Agenda Items”.

Mayor Pettie asked if there were any additional 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 Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

UPDATE(S):

- DRAINAGE COMMITTEE [MEYER]
Councilmember Meyer asked that Drainage Committee updated be postponed until after the May 1, 2021 General Election.
- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE [STANDRIDGE]
Mayor Pro Tem Standridge spoke about the alignment of FM 2551 and Parker Road and indicated there have been no changes. TxDot has not acquired all the necessary rights-of-way, nor have they requested bids. It will still be some time before further action is taken on the road project.
- LEWIS LANE [OLSON]
City Administrator Olson said Lewis Lane has been delayed due to weather and culverts. Mr. Olson said he would keep Council posted.
- PUMP STATION [MACHADO]
Public Works Director Machado said the Pump Station was coming along, but there would be a change order needed due to North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) design changes.
Councilmember Lynch asked if there would be a generator at this facility. Mr. Machado said yes, a diesel generator.
- DUBLIN ROAD [MACHADO]
Public Works Director Machado said Dublin Road is completed to Creekside Court and Poco Drive is also completed.
Councilmember Abraham asked how long the patches would last. Mr. Machado said the patches should outlast the road or approximately 5-7 years.
- ACCEPTANCE OF FOOD DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND CITY STAFF DUE TO COVID-19 FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$500). [PETTIE]
Mayor Pettie reviewed the list of donations below and once again said on behalf of herself, City Council, City and City Staff, we would like to thank everyone for their kind and generous donations.
 - 2021 0302 Carol Wolniewicz donated snacks estimated value \$35.00.
 - 2021 0302 The Clark Family donated snacks estimated value \$50.00.
 - 2021 0303 Sam and April Loera – Gatorade, coffee, and snacks – estimated value \$30.00
 - Steve and Jill Lambouses – Starbucks coffee – estimated value \$275.00

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.

10. 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 8:15 p.m.

11. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Lee Pettie reconvened the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.



APPROVED:


Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:


Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 6th day
of March, 2021.

From: [Billy Barron](#)
To: [Patti Grey](#)
Subject: Letter for City Council Meeting
Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:40:23 AM

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I am sad that not only people have such views but think it is okay to say them as representatives of our city.

Billy Barron

6707 Overbrook

From: [rox.bogdan1](#)
To: [Billy Barron](#); [Patti Grey](#)
Subject: RE: Letter for City Council Meeting
Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:58:47 AM

Love it

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

----- Original message -----

From: Billy Barron <billyb@gmail.com>
Date: 3/13/21 10:40 AM (GMT-06:00)
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From: [Lay Wah Ooi](#)
To: [Patti Grey](#)
Subject: for city council tonight
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:39:26 PM

Hi Patti,

This is for the city council to read tonight because I'm very uncomfortable going to the meeting because all city leaders have been ignoring the mask mandate since it was effectuated.

I'm very disappointed after hearing what councilwomen Lynch and Meyer had to say in the last city council meeting about the library box donation. Being a POC, what I heard from them was not only insensitive and hurtful, but also extremely racist and bigotted. They are city leaders who are supposed to set good examples for the rest of the residents, not only did they not do that, they're encouraging discrimination, hate, and division. Is that a quality we want in our city leaders?! They are a disgrace to our community!

Lay Wah Ooi
6707 Overbrook

From: [Andy Redmond](#)
To: [Patti Grey](#)
Subject: Input for 3/16/2021 Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:40:52 PM

Hello Ms. Patti:

Hope you are well.

My submission for tonite's meeting please:

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Hello Mayor Pettie and Council:

I'm Andy Redmond of 7275 Moss Ridge Rd.

On agenda item number 4, can we table lease execution?

Suggestion—contact Mobile Module Management and ask them to donate the portable in lieu of rent paid since 2013. My math is as follows--8 yrs x 27, 600 annual lease/rent (\$2,300 p. mos. X 12 mos.)=\$220,800. Quite often these portables can be leased to purchased for around \$50 per square foot. The lease reflects the building is 2, 688 sq. ft. x \$50 p. sq ft.= \$134, 400.

By the end of this thirty month extension, we could have purchased the building twice!

Regards,
Andy