



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 6, 2021**

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](mailto: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 Pettle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Ed Standridge and Councilmembers Terry Lynch and Michael Slaughter were present. Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham and Cindy Meyer were 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: Councilmember Michael Slaughter led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Mayor Pro Tem Ed Standridge 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.

Joe Cordina, 4302 Boulder Drive, spoke regarding his concerns on the proposed municipal complex. Mr. Cordina said the City paid Dr. Shirley D. Garrett, CSP, Facilitator/Consultant \$8,000 to help work toward a solution; a Citizens' Advisory Committee has been suggested at no cost to the City; and he would like to see the project move forward.

Mayor Pettle said there was one (1) emailed public comment from Andy Redmond, 7275 Moss Ridge Road. The emailed comment will be attached to tonight's meeting minutes. (See Exhibit 1 - Andy Redmond's email, dated April 5, 2021.)

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- 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](http://www.parkertexas.us) when that agenda becomes available.

- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (COMP) COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021, 6 PM - VIRTUAL ONLY – DUE TO EARLY VOTING

Mayor Pettle said the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting would be virtual only for the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting due to early voting, and the access code is or will be at the top of the that agenda on the City's website at [www.parkertexas.us](http://www.parkertexas.us) when that agenda becomes available.

- CANDIDATES NIGHT – THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021, 7 PM – VICTORY CHURCH – 6301 E. PARKER ROAD – LIVE STREAMED ON PARKER WOMEN'S CLUB (PWC) FACEBOOK PAGE

Mayor Pettle noted Candidates Night will be Thursday, April 15, 2021, 7 PM at Victory Church, 6301 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, and will be live streamed on Parker Women's Club (PWC) Facebook Page.

- NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK - SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021, 10AM-2PM  
The Mayor announced the National Prescription Drug Take Back Event, Saturday, April 24, 2021, 10AM-2PM.
- REMINDER – May 1, 2021 – General Election (EV and ED Info)

The Mayor announced, 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. Early voting will start April 19<sup>th</sup>, as follows:

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

The Mayor noted the 2021 Tax Rate Planning Calendar is included in the packet.

**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 16, 2021. [SCOTT GREY]
2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - FINANCE (monthly financials) (FEB)

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Lynch, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

3. PRESENTATION BY TEXAS COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE POWER (TCAP) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARGARET SOMEREVE, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-664 APPROVING

THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION AND BYLAWS OF TCAP A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION CORPORATION; ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP IN SAID CORPORATION; APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT. [OLSON]

Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP) Executive Director Margaret Somereve reviewed the TCAP – Saving Cities Money for 20 years PowerPoint (See Exhibit 2 – TCAP – Saving Cities Money for 20 years, dated April 6, 2021.) and responded to questions from Mayor and Council (See Exhibit 3 – Diana Abraham's emailed comment, dated April 6, 2021.).

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-664 approving the certificate of formation and bylaws of TCAP a political subdivision corporation; accepting membership in said corporation; approving the professional services agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Standridge seconded with Councilmembers Lynch, Slaughter, and Standridge voting for the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

### 4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### UPDATE(S):

- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE [OLSON/SLAUGHTER]  
Councilmember/Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair Slaughter updated the Mayor, Council, Staff, and residents on the last meeting, March 17, 2021, stating resident interest and membership has been growing. The Committee discussed other cities' plans, the processes to develop plans, resources needed, a plan for delving into the details, such as surveys and mapping, etc.
- 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]  
Mayor Pettle on behalf herself, City Council, City and City Staff, thanked Ms. Wolniewicz for her kind and generous donation.

- 2021 0327 Carol Wolniewicz donated snacks estimated value \$50.00 to the Police Department.

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 future requests. She also noted due to early and election day voting the council meeting schedule may vary, so please check the City's website for changes.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

- 5.– 8. Mayor Pettle asked City Council if anyone needed to recess into executive session at this time. Hearing no requests, the Mayor moved to adjourn.

Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.



ATTESTED:

  
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Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Lee Pettle

Approved on the 18th day  
of May, 2021.

**From:** [Patti Grey](#)  
**To:** [Patti Grey](#)  
**Subject:** 4/6/21: Council meeting comment card submission  
**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 6:48:10 PM

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Hello Ms. Patti:

Hope you and your family had a great Easter. Kindly submit my comment for reading as I'm unable to attend.

Thanks,  
Andy

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Hello Mayor Pettle/Council:  
I'm Andy Redmond, 7275 Moss Ridge Rd.  
Trust you all had a great Easter.

1. *Item # 3, Consideration of TCAP:*

On the TCAP—I have so many unanswered questions/potential concerns. In my background, I've been trained to "follow the money" which is difficult, if not impossible with the 4/6/21 council agenda/addenda and after a review of TCAP website.

In review of TCAP website—

- The organization's website is really devoid of any pricing models or even generic information. *I.e. "The city of Somewhere, TX" has saved an average 4.2% or 13.9%, etc. , since becoming a TCAP member/customer seven years ago.."*
- Texas Municipal League (TML) is recommendation concerning.
- They can't guarantee reliability of service (i.e. our current provider couldn't and didn't from the Feb. 2021 storm?); however, can we be assured that reliability is of paramount concern vs. our current provider(s)?
- We don't know how the legislature will deal with ERCOT, so even if TCAP has a prior business model, aren't they essentially a "Griddy" wholesale provider?
- Did current TCAP city customer's get large bills for the recent Feb.2021 cold/storm? If not, how did TCAP hedge the cities from such (in specificity)?

2. I'm concerned with Parker's planning / timing /transparency of agenda items —

Examples: items such as "TCAP" being an agenda item before a thorough vetting (recent unfavorable view of wholesale power providers/their continued future in Texas); the recent large expenditure on the "water plan/engineering study, i.e. Resolution NO. 2021-662, American Water.."

3. Finally some praise--to our finance director, Grant Savage. Agenda item # 2 (financial addenda) reads more easily with the nice "cliff notes" at the beginning and the variances presented in "snap shot format!" Kudos!

Thanks for your time and consideration!

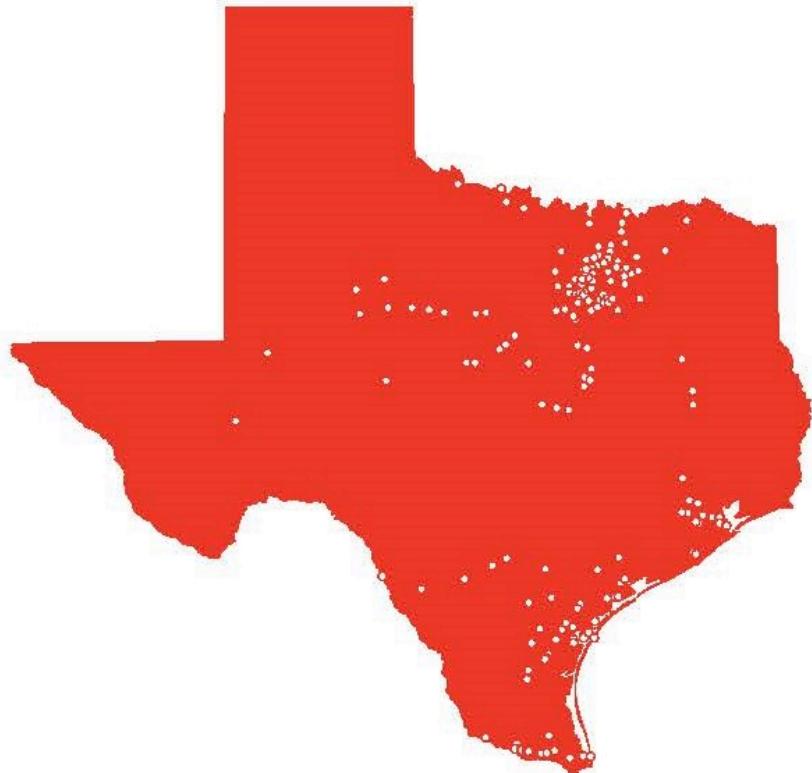
Andy



## Texas Coalition for Affordable Power

Saving Cities Money for  
20 years

# Who is TCAP?



**167 Members**

**90 Members – North Zone**

**53 Members – South Zone**

**12 Members – West Zone**

**12 Members – Houston Zone**



# CAPP + STAP = TCAP

- 2001 – Cities started CAPP and STAP
- 2002 –Deregulated retail electric market
- Cities Aggregation Power Project (CAPP) was formed with 82 political subdivisions
- South Texas Aggregation Project (STAP) was formed with 41 political subdivisions
- CAPP merged with STAP in January 2011 for efficiencies  
(Same consultants, general counsel)



# TCAP Board

**Place 1-**  
**Victoria**  
(South)

**Place 2-**  
**Corpus Christi**  
(South)

**Place 3-**  
**Sugar Land**  
(Houston)

**Place 4-**  
**Wichita Falls**  
(North)

**Place 5-**  
**Lewisville**  
(North)

**Place 6-**  
**McAllen**  
(South)

**Place 7-**  
**Duncanville**  
(North)

**Place 8-**  
**Kingsville**  
(South)

**Place 9-**  
**Hurst**  
(North)

**Place 10-**  
**Edna**  
(South)

**Place 11-**  
**Rockport**  
(South)

**Place 12-**  
**North Richland  
Hills**  
(North)

**Place 13-**  
**Grand Prairie**  
(North)

**Place 14-**  
**Vacant**

**Place 15-**  
**Odessa**  
(West)

Large Members

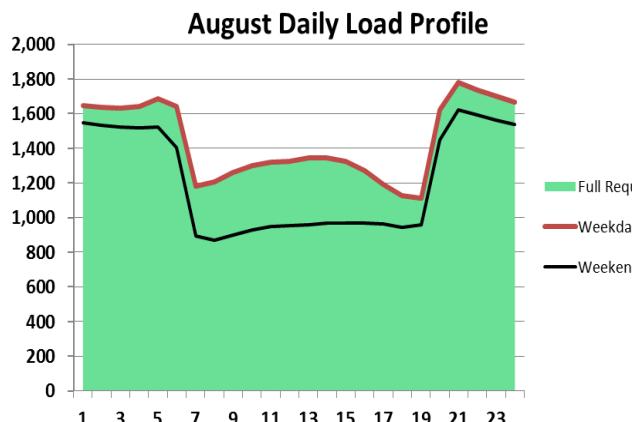
Medium Members

Small Members

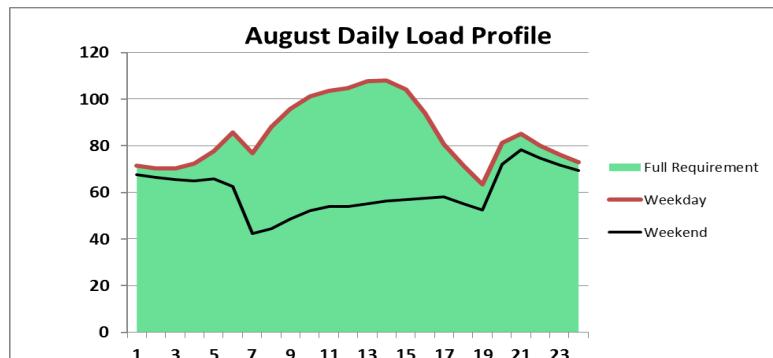
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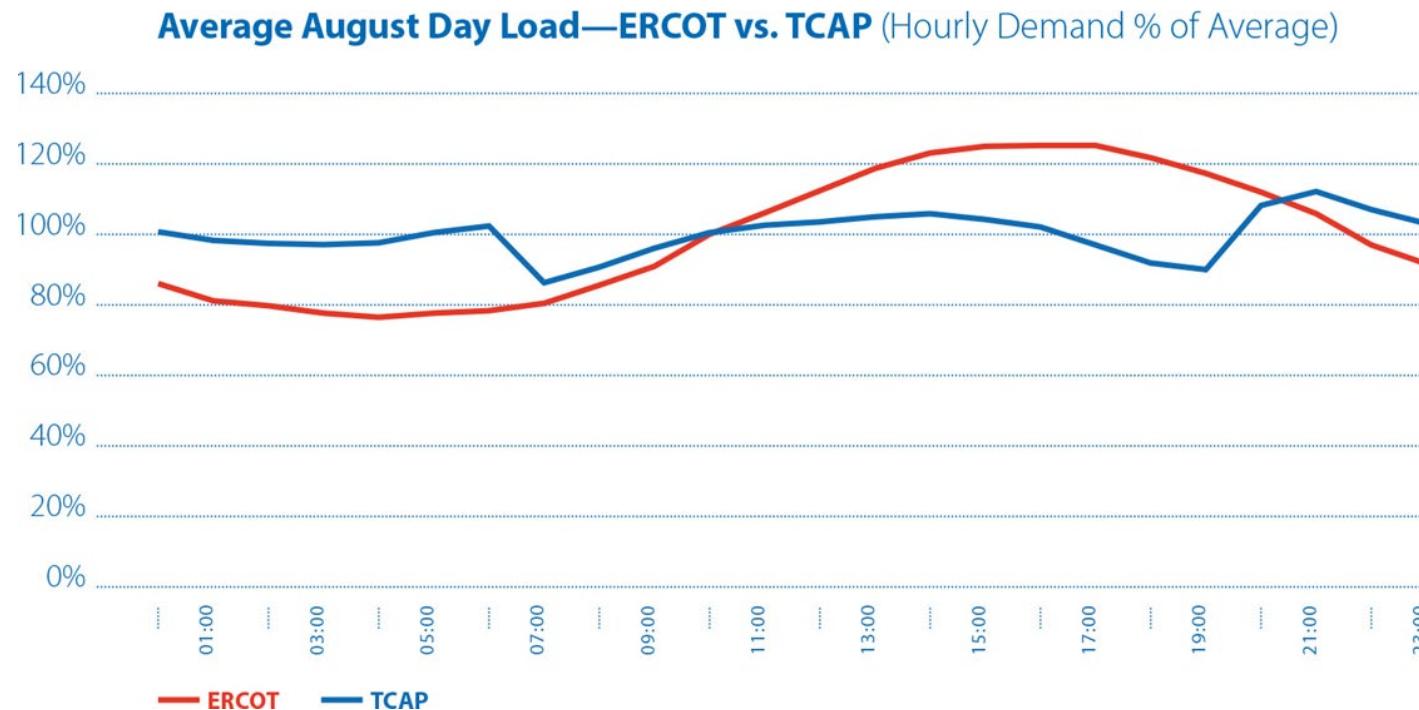
# WHY TCAP?



Member A



Member B



Aggregation of all Members

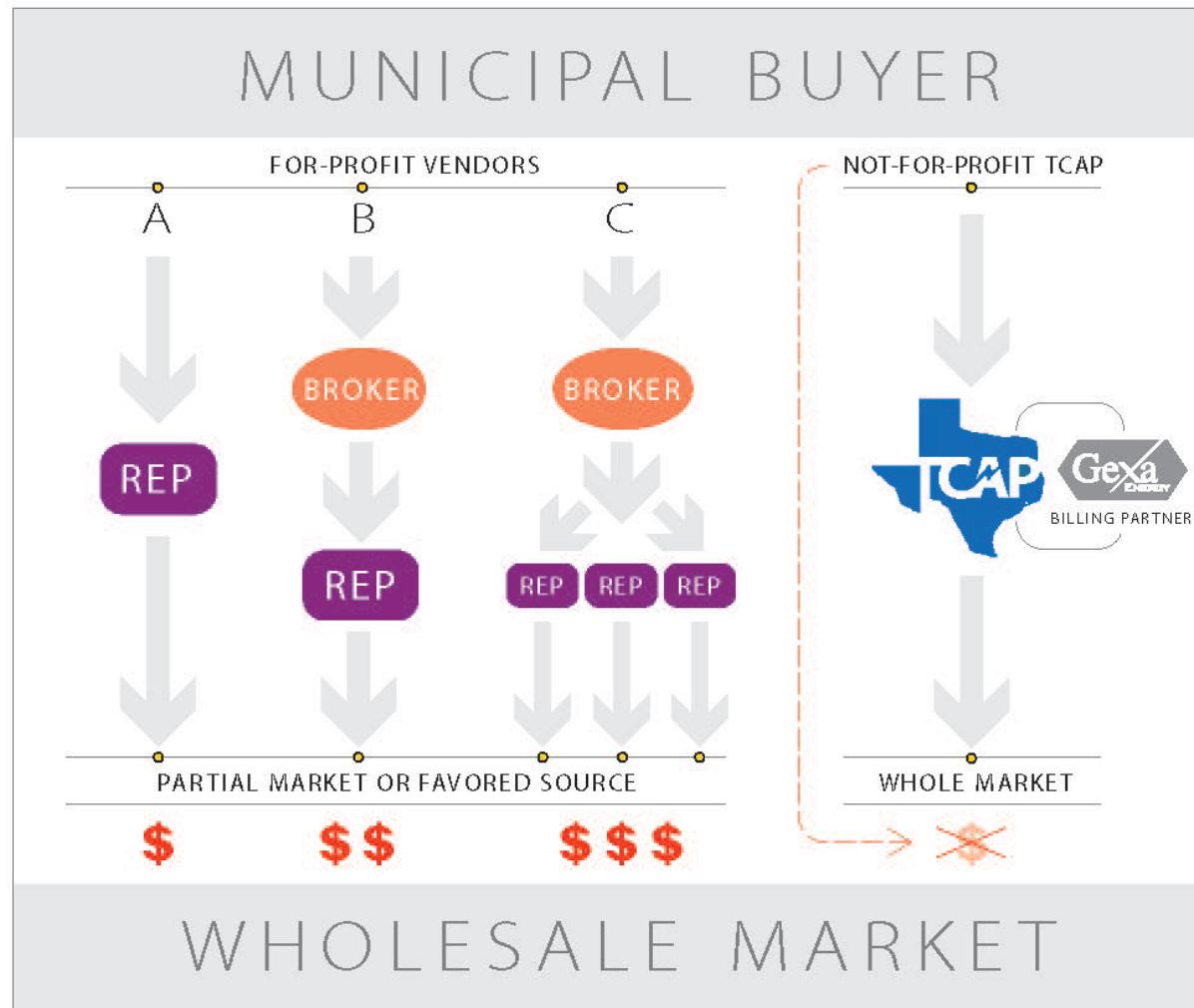


# WHY TCAP?

- Aggregating 1.1 billion kilowatts
- Better as a group then on your own
- Not for Profit
- Open board meetings to all members
- Board is represented by peers
- Access to consultants at no additional charge
- TCAP negotiates the best contract language



# Uniquely Different



## Local Government Code

- Section 304  
Energy Aggregation for Local Governments
- Section 252.022  
Exempts electricity from bidding requirements

## Bifurcated Contract

- Buys in wholesale market
- REP only a billing partner
- Can change REP and not lose price

# CASE STUDIES

Cities that left TCAP in 2018		Their Price	TCAP Price (5 yr)	Annual Cost vs TCAP price
Zone	Notes			
North	48 mo contract	0.03750	0.03684	5,559.40
North	Signing with TXU for <b>9 yrs</b>	0.03935	0.03684	163,767.24
Houston	Tradition Energy for <b>77 mos</b>	0.039591	0.03567	161,159.18
West	signed with PPM for <b>9 year contract</b>	0.04040	0.03559	252,006.74
North	Reliant - <b>5 years</b> with 4 year extension	0.04100	0.03684	222,171.41
North	Signed with 5 energy for <b>3 year</b>	0.04195	0.03684	69,854.01
North	Signed with 5 energy contract with MP2 <b>9 year</b>	0.04300	0.03684	72,606.18
West	Signed with TXU 4.3 for 68 months	0.04300	0.03559	36,877.50
Houston	Signed with Tradition, <b>5 year</b>	0.04600	0.03567	165,492.50
South	Signed with TXU	0.05000	0.03883	40,423.59



# Contracting

- **Fixed Price, Fixed Term Contracts**

**Pro** - Energy price fixed for up to 5 years

**Pro** – Can plan budgets 5 years out

**Con** – Pick one day in the year to make 5 years of purchases

**Con** – Not able to take advantage if energy prices fall

- **SHP – Strategic Purchasing**

**Pro** – flexible, can take advantage of market

**Pro** – take advantage of falling prices

**Pro** – can lock in a longer contract if market or city changes mind

**Pro/Con** – prices are fixed for 1-year periods only

**Con** – prices could be higher one year than the previous

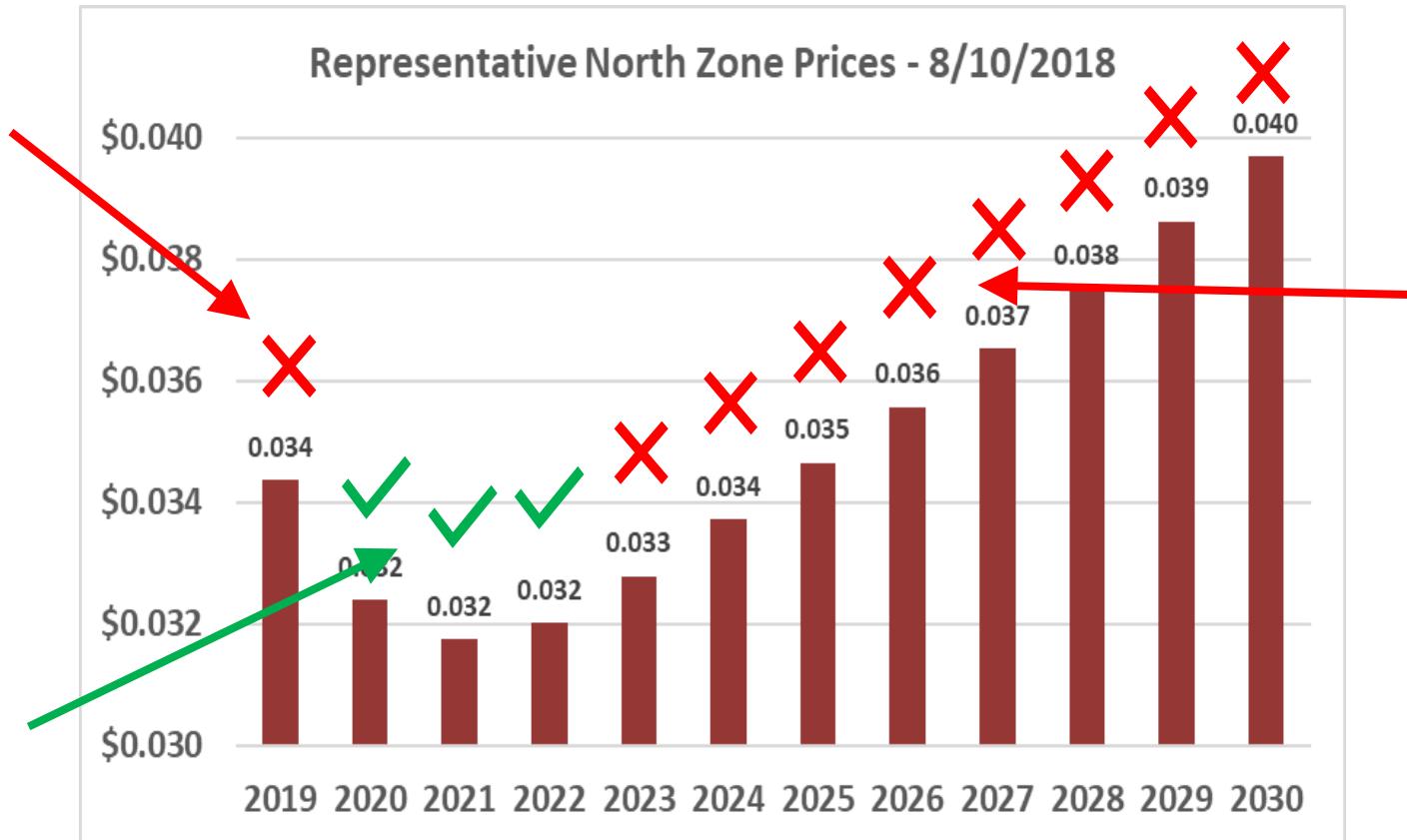


# ERCOT Pricing Pattern Dynamics

## Why Does Price Change Over Time?

Prices Often Higher in  
Immediate Next Year  
Reflecting Uncertainty  
Created by Current  
Market Problems and  
Issues

Market Feels Short  
Term Problems will be  
Resolved and Carrying  
Charges and Market  
Premium are Low. All  
Else Being Equal, a  
**Good Time to Buy.**



Prices Increase Over Time  
Reflecting Carrying Costs  
of Procurement for Future  
Needs and Risk Premiums  
for future market  
uncertainty

This Pattern Has Been in  
Place for at Least the  
Last Four Years and  
Reflects a Well Supplied  
Market



Questions?

**From:** [Diana Abraham](#)  
**To:** [Patti Grey](#)  
**Cc:** [Lee Pettle](#)  
**Subject:** TPAC presentation tonight  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:01:21 PM

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Hi Patti/Lee

Can you please read this tonight at council on my behalf, as I'm unable to attend due to a personal issue.

Good evening Margaret. Thank you for being here today to inform council and our residents about the TPAC electric cooperative and its benefits to municipalities in Texas. I have one question that I as well as other residents have asked about (which I'm sure you'll address during the presentation.. but just to make sure I'll ask as well). As you are well aware, our state faced an unprecedented and what many believe- avoidable to some degree- statewide power failure during the February ice storm. Parker was largely forgotten and/or ignored by the state and county government, and it was only after repeated conversations and pressure on our state and federal elected officials where we able to spare our residents and city from the unfortunate and longer term power outages faced by many of our surrounding cities. A similar event happening in the future is not a question of if- but when. As a result I do not want to our city- particularly our city operations to be without the power resources it needs to handle such a crisis in the future. We depend on them to keep our residents safe and able to meet the needs of residents experiencing the effects of the crisis during such events. What will joining this co-op do for our city in terms of ensuring that our city is not ignored or pushed to the back of the line during such events; and will joining it keep us from getting stuck with higher rates due to unpredictable weather events that take out the state's power grid? Thank you for your time.

Diana Abraham

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