



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2021

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 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Meyer and Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham (present by phone @ 6:55 p.m.-meeting end), Terry Lynch, Jim Reed, and Michael Slaughter were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Finance/Human Resources Director Grant Savage, Interim City Attorney Scott D. Levine, Public Works Director Gary Machado, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, Municipal Court Clerk Lori Newton, and Police Chief Richard Brooks

EXECUTIVE SESSION START TO FINISH – Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code the City Council may hold a closed meeting.

1. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:
 - a. Pursuant to Sec. 551.071 of the Government Code; consultation with the City Attorney, including discussion of pending or contemplated litigation; and
 - b. Pursuant to Secs. 551.076 and 551.089 of the Government Code; consultation regarding a security assessment and/or audits and critical infrastructure.

Mayor Lee Pettie recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Lee Pettie reconvened the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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

No action taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Patti Cordina led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Amanda Noe 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.

Richard Williams, 5105 Englenook Drive, had two (2) comments, 1) he was assigned to research electronic records and found classes were available through Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) via webinars, online and in-person classes; and 2) he indicated the State has records retention schedules available. Mr.

Williams said the committee is the right thing to do and it would help the proposed municipal building project move forward, determine square footage, and advise on whether a bond was necessary, or the project should be self-funded. He felt the Committee was a good start.

Mayor Pettie said there was one (1) emailed public comment from James Clay, 2007 Dublin Road, regarding the proposed Municipal Complex. The emailed comment will be attached to tonight's meeting minutes. (See Exhibit 1 – James Clay's email, dated August 16, 2021.)

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (COMP) COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021, 6 PM – CANCELED**
The Wednesday, August 18, 2021, Comprehensive Plan (COMP) Committee is canceled.
- **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021, 6 PM**
The Wednesday, September 8, 2021, P&R Commission is planned, and the agenda will be available on the City's website, www.parkertexas.us, in early September.
- **PROJECTED 2021 TAX RATE PLANNING CALENDAR**
The 2021 Tax Rate Planning Calendar is in the packet for reference on upcoming meetings.
- **PEANUT BUTTER FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK.**
In September, there will be a box in the foyer of City Hall, to place food donations with an emphasis on peanut butter and jelly.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021, 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M**
Please contact Michelle in the Police Department for details.
- **NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, IN FRONT OF POLICE STATION**
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, AT PARKER CITY HALL, 5700 E. PARKER ROAD, PARKER, TEXAS**
- **PARKERFEST - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**
Additional details will be provided when available.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2021.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve the August 3, 2021, City Council minutes. Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-675 APPOINTING AN AUDITOR AND ENTERING INTO A SERVICE

CONTRACT WITH SAID AUDITOR FOR 2020-2021 AUDIT. [TABLED – 08032021; REWORDED]

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to reject or deny the appointment of BrooksWatson & Company, PLLC and readvertise Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for certified public accounting firms. No one seconded the motion. The motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-675, appointing BrooksWatson & Company, PLLC and entering a service contract with said auditor for 2020-2021 audit with a different auditing team within the audit firm performing the audit. Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion and Councilmember Lynch voting against the motion. Motion carried 4-1.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON

- CREATING A "CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE" FOR THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PROJECT.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved to not establish a citizens advisory committee. No one seconded the motion. The motion died for a lack of a second.

No action taken.

- HAVING THE ARCHITECT KENT SPURGIN MAKE UPDATES TO BUILDING ARCHITECT PLANS BASED ON CURRENT FEEDBACK AND

No action taken.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ADVERTISING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) AND PROVIDING NOTICE TO REPUBLIC WASTE INC. IN REGARD TO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES.

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to proceed with Request for Proposal (RFP) for bulk, solid waste, and recycling services, while reserving the decision as to whether to provide notice of termination to Republic Waste, Inc. prior to October 1, 2021. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Meyer voting against the motion. Motion carried 4-1.

ROUTINE ITEMS

8. UPDATE(S):

- MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS
 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS-
 - BUILDING (JULY), FINANCE (monthly financials) (JULY), FIRE (2ND QTR), INVESTMENT (2ND QTR), POLICE (JULY), REPUBLIC WASTE (JULY), AND WEBSITE (JULY)
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) COMMITTEE [LYNCH/REED]

- DRAINAGE
- INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilmember Lynch said the August 19, 2021, CIP Committee meeting is canceled and will be rescheduled. Everyone will be advised when the meeting date/time has been reset.

- CODE BOOK [MEYER]
Mayor Pro Tem Meyer noted the City Council and Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission Subcommittees plan to meet this Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE [SLAUGHTER]
No additional update.
- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE [ABRAHAM]
No update.
- MUNICIPAL COMPLEX [PETTLE/COUNCIL]
No additional update.
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATES [OLSON]
No update.
- NEW RESIDENT PACKET [MEYER]
No update.
- NEWSLETTER [MEYER]
No update.
- NOISE COMMITTEE [OLSON]
No update.
- NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (NTMWD) [OLSON]
No update.
- PUMP STATION [MACHADO]
No update.
- RISK AND RESILIENCE ANALYSIS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE [MACHADO/BIRKHOFF]
No update.
- SALES TAX [MEYER]
No update.
- SUBDIVISION(S) [MACHADO]
No update.
- THOROUGHFARE & OTHER MAPS UPDATE [MACHADO]
No update.
- 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 thanked Emily Plummer and Katherine Li on behalf of herself, City Council, City, and City Staff, stating what a kind and generous community the City of Parker is.

- Emily Plummer 5908 Gregory Ln provided homemade muffins estimated value \$15.00
- Katherine Li 6001 Ranchview Court provided snacks and drinks estimated value at \$70.00

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Councilmember Lynch said she would like an item to discuss a committee to oversee the audit.

Hearing no additional requests, Mayor Pettle encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted the next scheduled special meeting would be Tuesday, August 31, 2021, for budget and tax rate and the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.



ATTESTED:


Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Mayor Lee Pettle

Approved on the 7th day
of September, 2021.

From: Dr. Clay

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 12:33 PM

To: Lee Pettie <LPettie@parkertexas.us>; Diana Abraham <dabraham@parkertexas.us>; Jim Reed <jreed@parkertexas.us>; Terry Lynch <tlynch@parkertexas.us>; Cindy Meyer <CMeyer@parkertexas.us>; Michael Slaughter <mslaughter@parkertexas.us>

Subject: Municipal Complex

Honorable Mayor and Council,

I will be unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night, August 17, 2021, at which the plans for construction of a municipal complex may be discussed. Being a former council member who was in charge of the expansion and remodeling of the current city hall in 2000, I point out that the city hall was estimated at that time to be adequate for a period of five to seven years. Twenty one years have now passed, therefore, the need for a new complex is urgent.

The city administration had developed a good, affordable plan based on consideration of citizen input, staff needs, government requirements, and advice from architects familiar with municipal building designs. After several months of planning, the project was put on a ballot for a bond election when interest rates were low, inflation was low, supplies were plentiful, and skilled labor was readily available. A campaign against the bond, I believe lead by a former mayor of Parker, was successful in defeating the bond. Now, by the time the city proceeds with construction of a municipal complex, the city will get far less value for its money due to rising interest rates, inflation, and increased construction costs.

The city administration should rely on professional advice regarding the

planning, not every whim of individual citizens. Therefore, I strongly recommend that there not be an official citizens committee to give design advice. That is not to say do not to consider comments from citizens during the comment time of a council meeting.

As you are all probably aware, in 2011, the above mentioned mayor cost the City of Parker \$30,000, plus attorney's fees, for defending the city in a case involving alleged sexual harassment and creation of a hostile work place. I strongly suggest that when you consider appointments to boards and committee, you choose people with good character.

Best regards,

James Clay
2007 Dublin Road
Parker, TX

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