



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Pettle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Meyer and Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham (*Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.127, Diana M. Abraham appeared virtually through videoconferencing at 7:00 p.m., due to a family emergency.*), Terry Lynch, Jim Reed, and Michael Slaughter were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/Human Resources Director Grant Savage, Interim City Attorney Scott D. Levine, Public Works Director Gary Machado (*arrived at 6:39 p.m.*), Fire Chief Mike Sheff (*arrived at 6:38 p.m.*), and Police Chief Richard Brooks

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – 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. 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—Consultation with attorney concerning and including Pending or Contemplated Litigation.

Mayor Lee Pettle recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Lee Pettle reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to engage the Law Firm of Russell, Rodriguez, Hyde & Bullock, LLP. ("RRHB") for legal services. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Republic Services, Inc. North Texas Manager Municipal Sales Rick Bernas led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Michael Slaughter 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.

No comments

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- PEANUT BUTTER FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK  
There is a box in the foyer of City Hall to place food donations with an emphasis on peanut butter and jelly September 1-30, 2021, for the North Texas Food Bank.
- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021, 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M  
Mayor Pettle encouraged residents to participate in National Night Out by completing the [National Night Out Registration Form 2021](#) online by September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. to receive visits from members of City Council, members of City Staff, the Parker Police Department, and the Parker Fire Department.
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021, 6 PM  
The Wednesday, October 13, 2021, P&R meeting is planned, and the agenda will be available on the City's website, [www.parkertexas.us](http://www.parkertexas.us), in early October.
- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (COMP) COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021, 6 PM  
The Wednesday, October 20, 2021, Comprehensive Plan (Comp) Committee meeting is planned, and the agenda is available on the City's website, [www.parkertexas.us](http://www.parkertexas.us), in early October. Due to early voting, the location of the meeting may be moved. This information will be provided when available.

**Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:**

- EARLY VOTING OCTOBER 18, 2021 – OCTOBER 29, 2021 & NOVEMBER 2, 2021, ELECTION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 17	October 18 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 19 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 20 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 21 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 22 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 23 Early Voting 7am–7pm
October 24 Early Voting 1pm–6pm	October 25 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 26 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 27 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 28 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 29 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 30
October 31	November 1	November 2 Election Day 7am-7pm				

- NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 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

**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 AUGUST 31, 2021.
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2021.
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FROM FARMERS ELECTRIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 3, as presented. Councilmember Reed seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-678, REGARDING NOMINATION OF A BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE COLLIN CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer nominated Ed Standridge, 3607 Hogge Drive, Parker, Texas for Collin County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilmember Abraham agreed.

MOTION: Councilmember Abraham moved to approve the nomination of Ed Standridge, 3607 Hogge Drive, Parker, Texas to the Collin County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilmember Slaughter seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING MATTERS: (1) CANCELLATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WHICH CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2021; (2) SELECTION OF A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER ARISING FROM THE RFP FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WHICH CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2021; AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION OR CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL RENEWAL OR CANCELLATION OF REPUBLIC SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT.

City Administrator Olson noted a Request for Proposal (RFP), regarding Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, was posted on the city website and advertised in The Dallas Morning News. The deadline was September 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. and the City received two (2) submittals, Allied Waste System, Inc. dba Republic Services of Plano and Waste Connections Lone Star, Inc.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to

- accept the low, qualified bidder, Allied Waste System, Inc. d.b.a. Republic Services of Plano;
- approve giving Allied Waste System, Inc. d.b.a. Republic Services of Plano notice the current contract will not be extended; and
- approve negotiating a new contract to be reviewed and approved by City Council.

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-679, AUTHORIZING TCAP TO NEGOTIATE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING TEXAS COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE POWER (TCAP) TO ACT AS AN AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICITY EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 15, 2021; AND ADOPTING GEXA ENERGY'S COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR POWER TO BE PROVIDED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023.

City Administrator Olson asked for a five (5) minutes break to contact Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP) Executive Director Margaret Somereve.

Mayor Lee Pettle recessed the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Lee Pettle reconvened the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Mr. Olson said he was unable to contact Ms. Somereve and reviewed the item, stating the City of Parker currently has a contract with GEXA ENERGY, providing electricity for 0.04314 per kWh. Staff is requesting we enter a bridge contract to get the City through January of 2023, when rates should stabilize. At that time, the City would contract with TCAP for prepurchased electricity pricing and averaging, discussed at the April 6, 2021, City Council meeting (Res. No. 2021-664). Mr. Olson said the new purchase price of electricity with TCAP from middle October to the end of December will be lower than 0.06748 per kWh, based on today's rates.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Slaughter moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-679, authorizing TCAP to negotiate an electric supply agreement; authorizing TCAP to act as an agent on behalf of the City to enter a contract for deliveries of electricity effective on or after October 15, 2021; and adopting GEXA ENERGY's commercial electric service agreement for power to be provided on and after January 1, 2023, with rate not to exceed 0.06748. Councilmember Lynch seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## **ROUTINE ITEMS**

### **7. UPDATES**

#### **ANNUAL REVIEW**

##### **PARKER PARKS AND RECREATION (P&R) COMMISSION**

P&R submitted their annual report. The Mayor and City Council thanked P&R for the wonderful job they have been doing, especially during COVID-19. Mayor Pettle also reminded everyone of Parkerfest scheduled for Sunday, October 24, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parker Preserve, located on Gray Lane, just south of E. Parker Road.

#### **MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS- BUILDING/CODE (AUG), COURT(JULY-AUG), FINANCE (monthly financials) (AUG), POLICE(AUG), REPUBLIC WASTE(AUG), AND WEBSITE(AUG)**

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) COMMITTEE [LYNCH/REED]

Councilmember Lynch said CIP met on September 14, 2021, and reviewed road issues. Mrs. Lynch requested an item be placed on the future agenda items for the Committee to present their plans and a budget to Council, as she indicated there are approximately \$7,000 in engineering costs, including costs from our previous fiscal year (2020-2021) and this year (2021-2022). Funding could possibly come from Street Construction Fund.

**DRAINAGE** *[Except Poco Estados, Moss Ridge & Easy Acres – Drainage for these areas continue under Mayor Pro Tem Meyer.]*

## INFRASTRUCTURE

No update.

## CODE BOOK [MEYER]

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer noted Code is being prepared by Interim City Attorney Levine's office and should be ready for Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council soon.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE [SLAUGHTER]

Councilmember Slaughter said COMP Plan Committee met September 15, 2021, and determined they need Code of Ordinances and maps updated prior to moving forward, which is in progress. Mr. Slaughter also indicated this Committee may need funds to accomplish their goals/requirements, so they will also be bringing this information to City Council for consideration as well.

## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE [ABRAHAM]

Councilmember Abraham requested "Emergency Communication Committee" be retitled based on its new mission to "Emergency Preparedness Committee". Mrs. Abraham said she hopes the Emergency Prepared Committee gets underway soon and residents will participate.

## MUNICIPAL COMPLEX [PETTLE/COUNCIL]

Mayor Pettle said the last Municipal Complex/Facility Interactive Meeting group met September 20, 2021. There was low turnout, due possibly to communication issues. Those present chose to reschedule the meeting to the earliest available date, after the November 2, 2021, General and Special Election, which is November 3, 2021, 6 PM. The Mayor asked that anyone who agreed to an assignment, please be ready to present their assigned information.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES [OLSON]

No update.

## NEW RESIDENT PACKET [MEYER]

No update.

## NEWSLETTER [MEYER]

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer said the fall 2021 issue of The Parker Connection is going through final corrections and should be mailed by the end of this week.

## 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]

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer asked that Sales Tax be removed from the committee updates for at least one (1) year.

SUBDIVISION(S) [MACHADO]

No update.

THOROUGHFARE & OTHER MAPS UPDATE [MACHADO]

City Administrator Olson and Public Works Director Machado indicated the maps are in progress.

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]

Martha and Mark Martin donated popcorn estimated value is \$80.00.

The Turrentine family donated Tiff's Treats estimated value is \$85.00

Pastor Kelly First Presbyterian Church donated Mini Candy Bars estimated value is \$20.00

Mayor Pettle, on behalf herself, City Council, City and City Staff, thanked the above listed donors for their kind and generous donations.

Councilmember Abraham left the meeting at 8:17 PM.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Hearing no additional requests, Mayor Pettle encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, October 19, 2021, as City Council canceled the Tuesday, October 5, 2021, meeting for National Night Out.

## ADJOURN

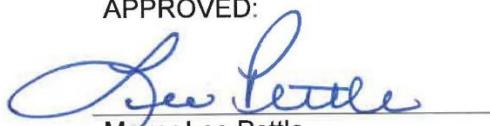
Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.



ATTESTED:

  
Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Lee Pettle

Approved on the 19th day  
of October, 2021.