

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 1, 2011

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 Cordina called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine present. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: City Attorney James Shepherd, Interim City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, City Secretary Carrie Smith, Finance/HR Manager Johnna Boyd, Police Chief Tony Fragoso and Fire Chief Mike Sheff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated the City Council may hold a closed meeting.

Mayor Cordina called the meeting to recess at 5:00 pm.

1. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:

A. Govt. Code 551.074— Personnel--to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, or duties, of a public officer or employee---City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Secretary, Finance/HR Manager, Police Chief, Police Officers, Court Clerk, Building Official, Water Department Employees, Administrative Assistant, Utility Billing Clerk, Mayor and Councilmembers.

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Cordina reconvened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Resident Jim Threadgill led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Levine led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The City Council invites any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda to speak to the Council. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

Chris King, 5804 Ridgemore – expressed his opposition to the Wal-mart that is to be constructed in Lucas off of FM 2551.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 18, 2011.

Amendments:

- page 3, Item 7 – add “basis point” to fees
- page 3, Item 9 - add base bid, alternate bid and total bid

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to approve the October 18 minutes as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Marshall seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FROM THE WARNER GROUP REGARDING PORTIONS OF THE UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY NORTH OF PARKER ROAD TO THE NORTHERN CITY LIMITS, WEST OF FM2551, EAST OF ALLEN HEIGHTS.

Warner Group's Steve Sallman gave a presentation on a proposed planned development. His proposal is for 818 acres with mixed residential density, open spaces and trails. He discussed optional sewer treatment using an on-site sewage collection system. City Attorney Shepherd noted the developer would be obligated to construct Chaparral Road, 4-lanes divided. Mr. Sallman said they will be asking the City for participation in the cost of the required infrastructure.

Mr. Sallman requested Council to create a “wish list” for this development including house size, lot size, public or private open space and any other detail they would want in a planned development.

Mayor Cordina requested Mr. Sallman to prepare a simple concept plan and bring back to Council.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON UPDATES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRESERVE PARKERFEST.

Parks and Recreation Chairperson Joe Sterk reviewed the events planned for Parkerfest 2011.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A REPORT FROM FIRE CHIEF SHEFF REGARDING FIRE ENGINE 10.

Chief Sheff's summary:

"At the time Council approved the purchase of Truck 1 in 2008, the fire department committed to hold the City cost to \$500,000 and to provide the remainder of the funding for the purchase from fire dept. funds, in part derived from the potential sale of Engine 10. During the budget workshops of FY 2009/10 it was reported to Council 1) that FD has raised sufficient funds to keep its part of the agreement without the sale of E10; 2) that FD had increased its membership in sufficient numbers to turnout an average of 12 firefighters for a structure fire in each of FY 2009, 2010 (and continuing into the current fiscal year) – sufficient to staff all fire apparatus including E10; and 3) that the sale of E10 would be detrimental to the safety and welfare of City residents because without E10, the firefighters who reside outside of Parker – and whom make up the majority of the department's roster – would be less likely to respond knowing the likelihood of "making an apparatus" would be diminished by 1/3rd.

Additionally, it was reported that the City's ISO Fire Protection rating would be up for review in the near future and that the retention of E10 would increase the likelihood of an improvement in such ISO rating. An improvement in the ISO rating could lower home insurance rates for certain of our residents."

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY 2012 GENERAL ELECTION.

Staff is still researching the options for procuring election voting equipment. This item was tabled to a future agenda.

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE ROLES AND DUTIES OF THE CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The prepared duties and responsibilities are in addition to the City approved ordinances. Councilmember Sumrow stated these roles and duties would create a brochure for volunteer recruitment written in layman terms. There is a need for additional education on the roles and responsibilities of volunteering for a board or commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to accept the prepared roles and duties for boards and commissions subject to: 1) mirroring the positions as listed in the City ordinances; 2) return amended document to the chairpersons for review and input; 3) attorney review; and 4) bring back to Council at a later date.

Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall and Evans voting for. Levine opposed. Motion carried 4-1.

10. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 675 APPROVING THE 2011, SIXTH ANNUAL CODIFICATION SUPPLEMENT.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to approve Ordinance 675, adopting the Sixth Annual supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Parker as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation, subject to removing the language "and declaring an emergency" from the ordinance description title. Councilmember Leamy seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2011-352 ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER.

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to approve Resolution 2011-352 designating the Dallas Morning News as the official newspaper for the City of Parker for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

12. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2011-353 APPROVING A 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to approve Resolution 2011-353 adopting the U.S. Conference of Mayors Deferred Compensation Program and its attendant investment options and hereby establishes The City of Parker Deferred Compensation Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible city employees. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

13. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2011-354 APPROVING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUCCESSION PLAN.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Marshall moved to approve Resolution 2011-354 providing a plan for the continuity of functions of the City in the event of a disaster declared. Councilmember Leamy seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Marshall, Evans and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

ROUTINE ITEMS

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS.

15. UPDATES

16. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joe Cordina
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Carrie L. Smith, CMC, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED on the 3rd day of
January, 2012.

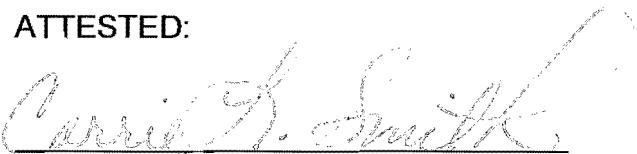
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