



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 16, 2023**

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 Michael Slaughter and Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Terry Lynch, Cindy Meyer and Jim Reed (re-elect) were present. Councilmembers elect Todd Fecht and Amanda Noe were also present.

Staff Present: Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Interim City Attorney Catherine Clifton, future City Attorney Amy J. Stanphill, Public Works Director Gary Machado, Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Kenneth Price

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Jeffry Noe led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Tricia Fecht 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

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 841 CANVASSING THE ELECTION RETURNS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS ON MAY 6, 2023.

The election was held on May 6, 2023. The official returns of the election officials having been opened, examined, and canvassed, the City Council officially finds and determines 2,421 votes were cast at this election on the council election, 807 votes were cast at this election on the submitted PROPOSITION B, and 807 votes were cast at this election on the submitted PROPOSITION C by the residents, qualified electors of the City, who voted at the election and that the votes cast for each were as follows:

FOR CITY COUNCIL:

Cindy Meyer	359
Jim Reed	495
Todd Fecht	541
Amanda Noe	419

PROPOSITION B: Three-year Terms

For	370
Against	402

PROPOSITION C: Local Sales and Use Tax

For	441
Against	349

The City Council officially declares the result of said election to be that Todd Fecht, Jim Reed, and Amanda Noe received the highest number of votes of the four candidates for the three contested offices of City Councilmember. Todd Fecht, Jim Reed, and Amanda Noe are hereby each declared as elected as City Councilmembers. All are to serve immediately after qualifying for the two-year term expiring May 2025. The City Council officially declares the result of said election to be that PROPOSITION B failed by a majority vote and therefore the Mayor and Council Members will continue with two-year terms, and that PROPOSITION C passed by a majority vote and therefore the sales and use tax rate of one percent (1%) is adopted.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Slaughter moved to approve Ordinance No. 841 canvassing the election returns and declaration of results of an Election held in the City of Parker, Texas on May 6, 2023 and amended the motion to include the number of votes for each listed above and on Collin County Elections Administrator Bruce Sherbet's certified totals [See Exhibit 1 – Collin County Elections Administrator Bruce Sherbet's certified totals, dated May 15, 2023.] . Councilmember Reed seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 842 CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF A BOND ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY ON MAY 6, 2023.

Proposition A “has not received a favorable majority vote, and that such proposition has failed”, as follows:

258 VOTES FOR

534 VOTES AGAINST

CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS PROPOSITION A

Shall the City Council of the City of Parker, Texas, be authorized to issue and sell the bonds of said City, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,630,000, for the purpose of constructing, improving and equipping a new municipal facility, renovating an existing municipal facility and constructing related parking facilities; with said bonds to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature, bear interest at such rate or rates, not to exceed the respective limits prescribed by law at the

time of issuance, and to be sold at such price or prices, as the City Council in its discretion shall determine; and shall there be levied and pledged, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said City in an amount sufficient, within the limits prescribed by law, to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity? [See Exhibit 1 – Collin County Elections Administrator Bruce Sherbet's certified totals, dated May 15, 2023.]

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Slaughter moved to approve Ordinance No. 842 canvassing the returns of a bond election held in the city on May 6, 2023. Councilmember Reed seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Lynch, Meyer, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS, COUNCILMEMBERS TODD FECHT, AMANDA NOE, AND JIM REED.

Mayor Pettie administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers Fecht and Noe, and newly re-elected Councilmember Reed. Councilmembers Fecht, Noe, and Reed took their respective seats at the dais.

4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-733 APPOINTING THE 2023-2024 MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilmember Lynch nominated Councilmember Slaughter for the 2023-2024 Mayor Pro Tem and there being no other nominations the nominations were closed. Councilmember Slaughter was asked if he was willing to continue serving as the 2023-2024 Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Slaughter said he was willing to serve.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-733 appointing Councilmember Slaughter to the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Fecht seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Lynch, Noe, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 843 APPOINTING AMY J. STANPHILL AS CITY ATTORNEY.

Mayor Pettie introduced Amy J. Stanphill.

MOTION: Councilmember Reed moved to approve Ordinance No. 843 appointing Amy J. Stanphill as City Attorney. Councilmember Noe seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Lynch, Noe, Reed, and Slaughter voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Mayor, City Council, City Staff and audience welcomed Ms. Stanphill.

6. PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING FORMER COUNCILMEMBER(S) DR. DIANA M. ABRAHAM AND CINDY MEYER FOR THEIR SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF PARKER.

Mayor Pettie presented a plaque and reviewed former Councilmember Diana M. Abraham's many accomplishments and distinguished service to the City of Parker,

Texas, 2019-2023. Dr. Abraham read a statement. (See Exhibit 2 – Dr. Abraham’s statement, dated May 16, 2023.)

Mayor Pettie presented a plaque and reviewed former Councilmember Cindy Meyer’s many accomplishments and distinguished service to the City of Parker, Texas, 2017-2023. Ms. Meyer said she did not have a statement prepared but agreed with Dr. Abraham’s comments and thanked everyone.

The Mayor, City Council, City Staff, and audience applauded and expressed their appreciation.

ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

RECEPTION FOR THE
OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIAL(S)
AND
WELCOMING THE NEW COUNCILMEMBER(S)



APPROVED:


Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:


Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 23rd day
of May, 2023.

STATE OF TEXAS

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CANVASS OF THE
CITY OF PARKER
GENERAL AND SPECIAL
ELECTION

COUNTY OF COLLIN

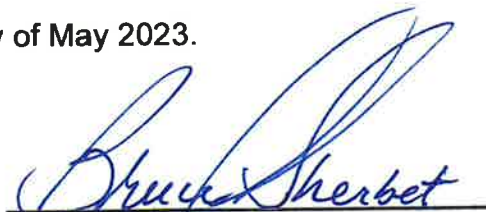
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MAY 6, 2023

I, Bruce Sherbet, the undersigned Elections Administrator of Collin County, do hereby certify that I have made an actual check and comparison of all the ballots tabulated as voted with the Return Sheets, and the unused ballots as recorded on the Register of Official Ballots. I, therefore, make the following report of my findings from the May 6, 2023 City of Parker General and Special Election that was held in Collin County, Texas.

I hereby certify the results to be a full, true and correct tabulation, audit and count of the votes cast in the said election.

WITNESS, my hand on this the 15th day of May 2023.



Bruce Sherbet
Elections Administrator
Collin County

Summary Results Report
Joint General and Special Election
May 6, 2023

FINAL RESULTS
CITY OF PARKER
COLLIN COUNTY

Statistics

	TOTAL	Election Day	Early Voting	Ballots By Mail	Provision al
Registered Voters - Total	689,552				
Ballots Cast - Total	81,936	26,407	54,298	1,138	93
Voter Turnout - Total	11.88%				

Summary Results Report
Joint General and Special Election
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FINAL RESULTS
CITY OF PARKER
COLLIN COUNTY

Councilmember At-Large – City of Parker

Vote For 3

	TOTAL	VOTE %		Election Day	Early Voting	Ballots By Mail	Provisional
Cindy Meyer	359	19.79%	<div><div></div></div>	128	231	0	0
Jim Reed	495	27.29%	<div><div></div></div>	177	315	3	0
Todd Fecht	541	29.82%	<div><div></div></div>	202	338	1	0
Amanda Noe	419	23.10%	<div><div></div></div>	141	276	2	0
Total Votes Cast	1,814	100.00%	<div><div></div></div>	648	1,160	6	0
Overvotes	0			0	0	0	0
Undervotes	607			246	358	3	0
Contest Totals	2,421			894	1,518	9	0

Proposition A – City of Parker

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %		Election Day	Early Voting	Ballots By Mail	Provisional
FOR	258	32.58%	<div><div></div></div>	100	157	1	0
AGAINST	534	67.42%	<div><div></div></div>	192	340	2	0
Total Votes Cast	792	100.00%	<div><div></div></div>	292	497	3	0
Overvotes	0			0	0	0	0
Undervotes	15			6	9	0	0
Contest Totals	807			298	506	3	0

Proposition B – City of Parker

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %		Election Day	Early Voting	Ballots By Mail	Provisional
FOR	370	47.93%	<div><div></div></div>	131	238	1	0
AGAINST	402	52.07%	<div><div></div></div>	153	247	2	0
Total Votes Cast	772	100.00%	<div><div></div></div>	284	485	3	0
Overvotes	0			0	0	0	0
Undervotes	35			14	21	0	0
Contest Totals	807			298	506	3	0

Proposition C – City of Parker

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %		Election Day	Early Voting	Ballots By Mail	Provisional
FOR	441	55.82%	<div><div></div></div>	163	277	1	0
AGAINST	349	44.18%	<div><div></div></div>	127	220	2	0
Total Votes Cast	790	100.00%	<div><div></div></div>	290	497	3	0
Overvotes	0			0	0	0	0
Undervotes	17			8	9	0	0
Contest Totals	807			298	506	3	0

Good evening

Today is a bittersweet day for me. When I look back on the past four years as serving on this city council, I can't help but feel a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation to all of you for allowing me the chance to represent this city for the past 4 years. Looking back, we survived a pandemic, a winter wipeout, and various other challenges as a city, community, and country. However one thing remained a constant, and that was our city's unique ability to be resilient and carry on without ever missing a beat. Before I sit down, I'd like to take a few minutes to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude. To the city personnel in every department, Chief Price, Chief Sheff, Luke, Gary, Grant, and Patty, thank you for all you and your outstanding staff have done to make this city the best city to live in Texas. I know that a lot of times, your service may feel like it goes unnoticed or unappreciated. But trust me when I say that without you, there is no Parker. We rely on you all for everything no matter how small or big the issue is, and you have always delivered. You are the backbone of this city and I appreciate everything you do despite the challenges and limitations. Keep up your sense of professionalism and dedication and thank you for your patience with me throughout these years.

To my fellow council members who served with me, thank you for sharing in our commitment to do what is best for our city. We've had a fair of healthy debates, a few disagreements, and shared successes, but I can honestly say, we did it together, respectfully and for the betterment of our city. On a personal note, I want to personally thank this particular council for the show of support and compassion you showed me and family during my father's illness and subsequent passing from Covid in 2021. Thank you for not only your support as council members during that very difficult time of my life, but most importantly as friends. I'm forever grateful.

To my fellow residents, neighbors, and friends of Parker, I am humbled and grateful for your trust and faith in me these past 4 years. I want you to know that even if we may not have always had the same opinion on every issue, I always took your concerns, suggestions, and ideas personally and used them to ultimately guide my decisions with integrity and due diligence. Our council meetings, town halls, workshops, or city events all demonstrated how remarkable our city can be when we come together, share ideas, voice concerns, or simply socialize to make our city a better place.

Looking back, we were able to implement and improve various programs and services, lower our tax rate; and others that I can't list due to lack of time. However, there is still work to be done as we strive to maintain our vibrant, diverse, and family friendly community into the future. Public service is not easy. It doesn't pay and it's often humbling and challenging. But more than all that, it's rewarding and what we do for our communities today will pave the way for a better city for our generations and the ones after.

In closing I want to thank my family, my husband Johnson and my girls Annabella and Gabriella as well as my parents and siblings who supported and loved me throughout these years. Most importantly, I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, without whom, I would be nothing and with whom I was able to be of service to this great city for the past four years.

Thank you for all the years of working together Councilwoman Meyer. Welcome to city council, Councilwoman Noe and Councilman Fecht. Thank you Mayor Pettie, Mayor Pro Tem Slaughter, Councilman Reed, and Councilwoman Lynch for your continued service.

God bless you all.