

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
and
ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

June 5, 2012

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 Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettie present. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: City Attorney James Shepherd, City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, City Secretary Carrie Smith, Finance/H.R. Manager Johnna Boyd, Police Chief Tony Fragoso and Court Clerk Lori Newton.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Mayor Marshall recessed the meeting to closed session at 3:02 p.m.

1. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:
 - a. 551.074 Personnel—process and selection of an appointee to the vacancy created by Mayor Pro Tem Marshall elected as Mayor.

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Marshall reconvened the regular meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

4. OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL APPOINTEE, IF AN APPOINTMENT IS MADE.

No action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Councilmember Sumrow led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Pettie led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The City Council invites any person with business before the Council to speak to the Council. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

No comments.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 22, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to approve the meeting minutes as written. Councilmember Pettie seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettie voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012-374 ACCEPTING AN ANNEXATION PETITION, AND SETTING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS, FOR APPROXIMATELY 6.353 ACRES OF LAND IN THE RICHARD SPARKS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 850.

Cleburne Raney was present and representing all applicants requesting the annexation, zoning and replat.

An annexation request has been received to annex 6.353 acres into the city limits. The parcel abuts Brooks Farm Estates and will become additions to the current lots 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, Block "A". (Exhibit 2A – proposed replat)

City Council is required by law to hold two public hearings on the annexation request. The proposed dates for these hearings are June 19, 2012 and June 26, 2012. The June 26 meeting will be a special meeting and a super majority is required. Council agreed to hold a special meeting on June 26.

The requested zoning is the same as Brooks Farm Estates, SFT with special conditions and the amended plat will show the land additions to the current lots.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is required by to hold a public hearing for the zoning request and it has been scheduled for June 14.

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to approve Resolution 2012-374, including a special meeting on June 26. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettie voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012-360 APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SENSUS METERING FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER METER EQUIPMENT.

Item 3 was tabled. Mayor Marshall appointed a committee to review the water contract. The committee includes himself, Mayor Pro Tem Levine and Councilmember Pettie.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012-375 AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CO-SERV GAS.

9. Coserv Gas has requested the use of the City water line easement on FM 2551.

April 3, 2012 Council approved City Attorney Shepherd to work with CoServ to prepare an encroachment agreement subject to 1) Parker surveys and stakes the location where Coserv is allowed to place the gas line (safe distance away from water line); 2) Coserv pays to the City the cost of the easement \$ 6,372.01; 3) Coserv is to reimburse the City the actual cost of surveying and staking; and 4) Coserv is responsible to clean up the easement after construction.

A final agreement has been received from CoServ, but the easements attached were incorrect.

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to approve Resolution 2012-375; subject to receiving the correct easements approved by the City Engineer, City Administrator and City Attorney. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettie voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

10. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012 - 376 APPROVING THE ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.

City Engineer Birkhoff, provided a letter stating he had checked the bids received at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 29, 2012, for the Annual Street Maintenance Contract 2012 project. Peachtree Construction of Keller, Texas submitted the lowest Base Bid in the amount of \$302,365 and the lowest Additive Alternate Bid in the amount of \$37,900.00; for a total bid amount of \$340,265. He reviewed the references provided and found Peachtree Construction to have a record of satisfactorily completing similar projects.

City Engineer Birkhoff's letter stated, "Accordingly, based on the information we have available to us, we recommend that the City accept the bid from Peachtree Construction and award them a contract for those streets and annual maintenance as desired by the City."

The City street maintenance budget has a balance remaining of \$296,959. Staff will keep the expenditures for the project under the budgeted amount.

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to approve Resolution 2012-375, accepting a bid from Peachtree Construction; subject to staff staying within the budgeted amount of \$296,959. Councilmember Pettie seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettie voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012 – 377 APPOINTING THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE.

The recent changes to City Council requires committee appointments to formally be amended. Resolution 2012-377 amends Resolution 2012-361.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow moved to approve Resolution 2012 – 377; appointing Councilmember Pettie to the Newsletter Committee. Councilmember Leamy seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettie voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

12. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012 – 378 APPOINTING SIGNATORIES FOR AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK.

MOTION: Councilmember Leamy moved to approve Resolution 2012-378, removing Joe Cordina and Eleanor Evans as signatories on the City's American National Bank accounts and adding Scott Levine and Johnna Boyd. Councilmember Pettie seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettie voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

13. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2012 – 379 APPOINTING SIGNATORIES FOR TEXSTAR.

MOTION – Councilmember Sumrow moved to approve Resolution 2012-378, removing Joe Cordina as an authorized signer on the City's TexStar accounts and adding Scott Levine. Councilmember Leamy seconded with Councilmembers Leamy, Sumrow, Levine and Pettie voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Marshall recessed the meeting for dinner.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Marshall reconvened the regular meeting and City Administrator Flanigan began the Planning Session.

14. ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

City Administrator Flanigan reviewed the Land Use Plan map, Zoning map, Thoroughfare Plan map, Water Distribution System map and Drainage map and future projects and estimated costs.

The Land Use Plan is the City's guide for desired future zoning. (Exhibit 14 A.)

The Zoning map shows the actual approved zoning as it is today. The areas in white are in the City's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Water service is provided to the ETJ, but they are not inside the City limits and control of lot sizes are limited. (Exhibit 14 B.)

The Thoroughfare Plan map is the guide to future types and locations of roadways. It is designed to get traffic through Parker. In 2000 when the plan was adopted it was the intent to have the developer build these roads. Since that time the laws have changed and the City can no longer require the developer to construct the whole road, so the City must contribute funds. (Exhibit 14 C.)

Future projects include:

ROADS	Road Type	2012 Estimated Cost
Chaparrel Road (East of Springhill) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Sharing with Developer • 4-lane divided • Engineering and ROW complete • Required by settlement agreement with Allen 	Concrete	\$1.5 million
Chaparrel Road (West of Springhill) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Sharing with Plano/Traffic Study • 4-lane divided 	Concrete	\$2.0 million
Springhill Estates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parker Road North • 4-lane divided • ROW acquired – 105 feet • City and County Plan 	Concrete	\$4.0 million
Curtis Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Sharing with Developer • 4-lane divided • No ROW 	Concrete	\$4.0 million
Lewis Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parker Road to Lucas Road • 2-lane divided 	Asphalt	\$1.5 million
Dublin Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed from plan in 2000 due to costs. • Most property owner, own to the center of the road. • No ROW 		

The Water Distribution map shows the existing water system. (Exhibit 14 D.)

Future projects include:

WATER	2008 Estimated Costs
New Pump Station on Dillehay	\$4.0 Million
Ground Storage (New Pump Station) 1.5 Million Gallons	\$1.5 Million
New Elevated Tower 1.0 Million Gallons	\$2.5 Million
Line Looping For new pump station	\$2.0 Million

The Drainage map shows current drainage issues. (Exhibit 14 E.)

Future projects include:

DRAINAGE	2011 Estimated Costs
4100 Block of Parker Road – Springhill/Sycamore	\$35,000
5700 Block Parker Road	\$75,000
6100 Block Parker Road	\$10,000
Master Drainage Study	\$100,000

The current drainage issue on Parker Road/FM 2551 north of City Hall is due to the incorrect inlet size being installed by TXDoT. The road was designed for a much larger inlet. The cost is approximately, \$75,000 to repair. Council would like the City Attorney and Staff to request TXDoT to make the repair.

Mayor Marshall stated the Comprehensive Zoning Plan needs to be reviewed and all maps updated. He would like continuous planning rather than once a year. He requested quarterly updates. Mayor Marshall will form committees to review each of the maps.

Fire Chief Mike Sheff reviewed the materials he provided to City Council for their consideration. (Exhibit 14 F.) He expressed his two main goals are 1) improve the City's ISO rating, and 2) paid staffing to lower call response time.

ROUTINE ITEMS

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS.

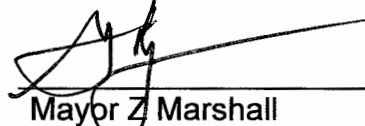
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16. ADJOURN

Mayor Marshall adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.



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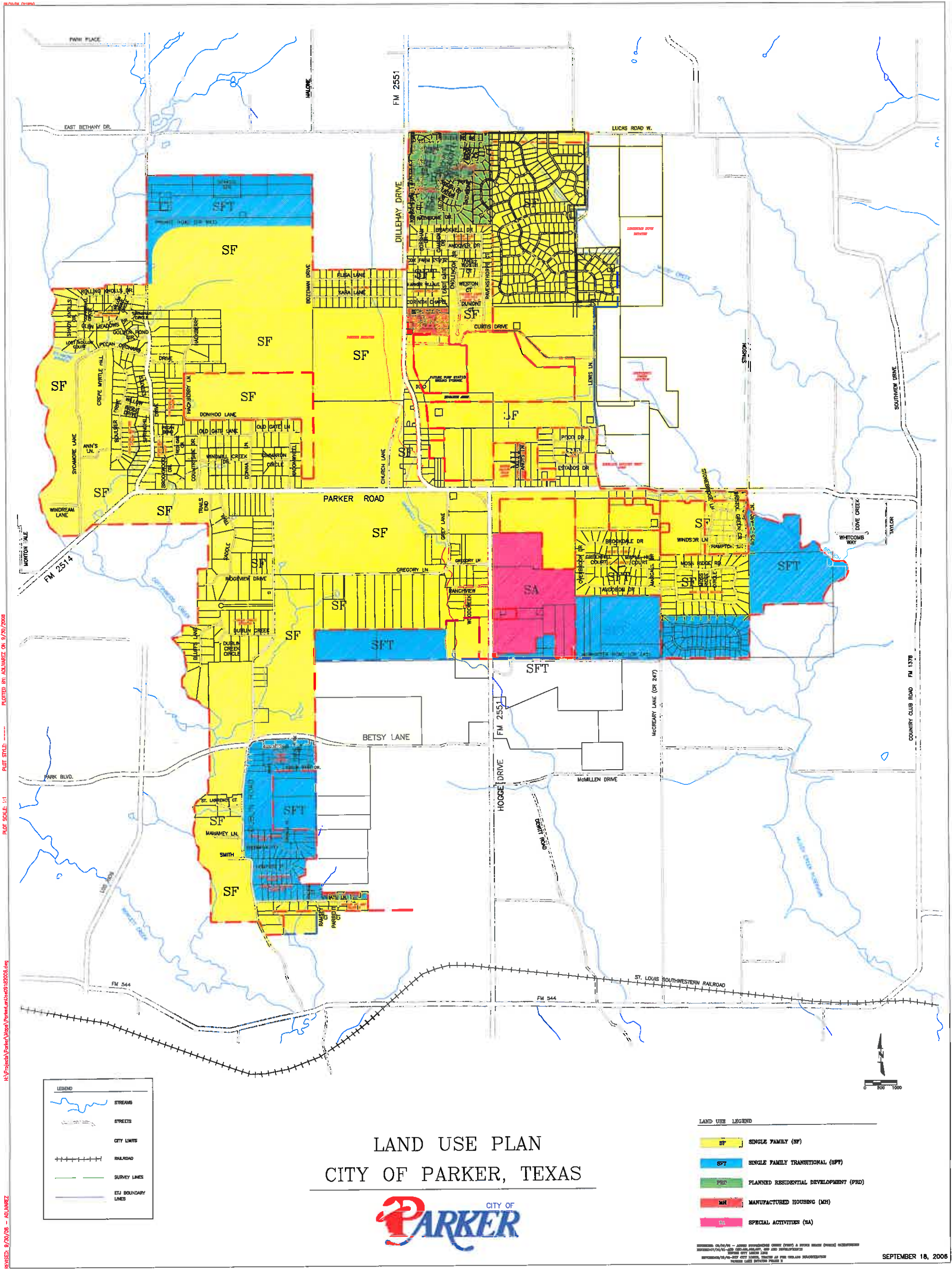

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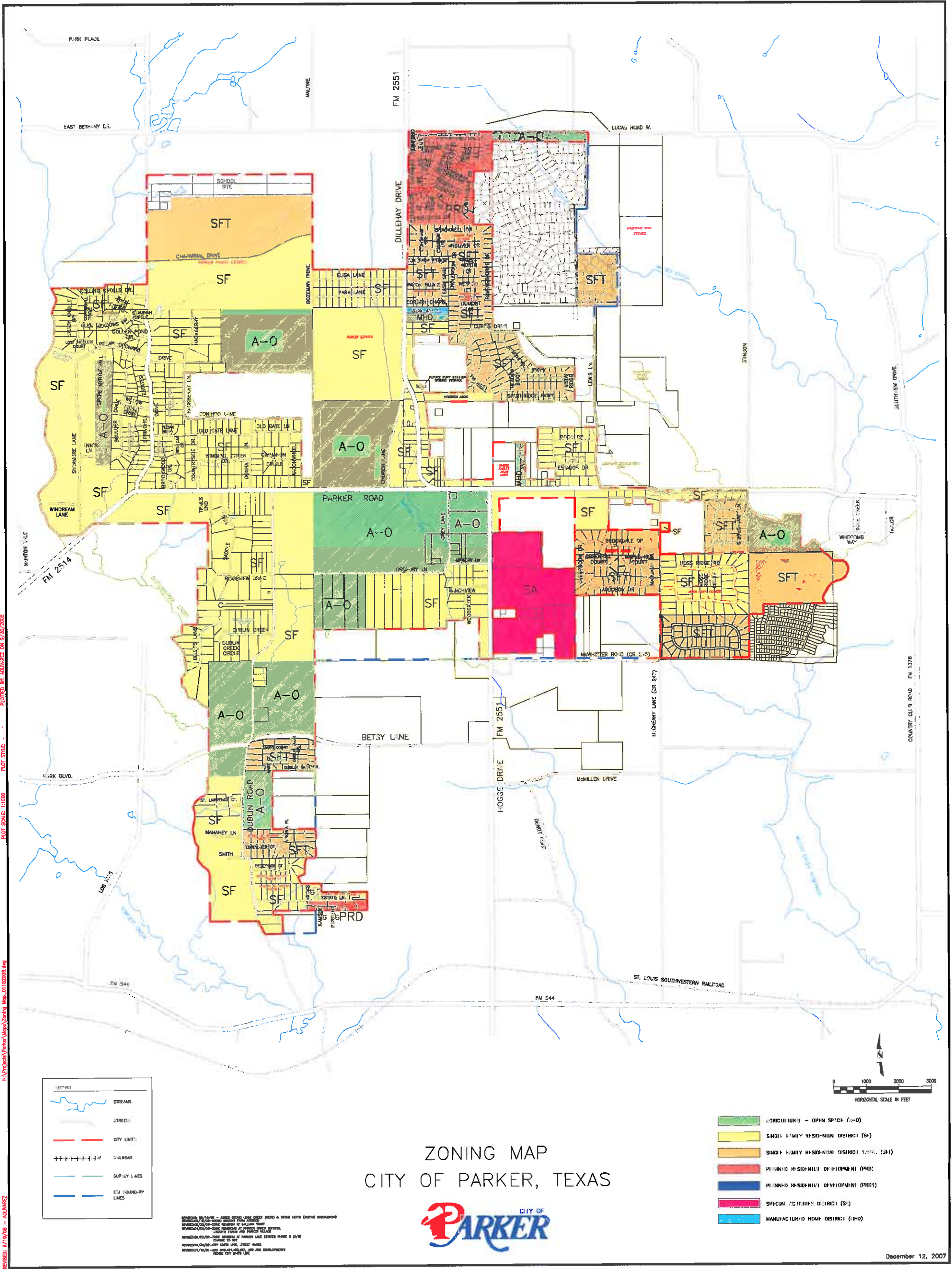

City Secretary Carrie L. Smith, TRMC, CMC

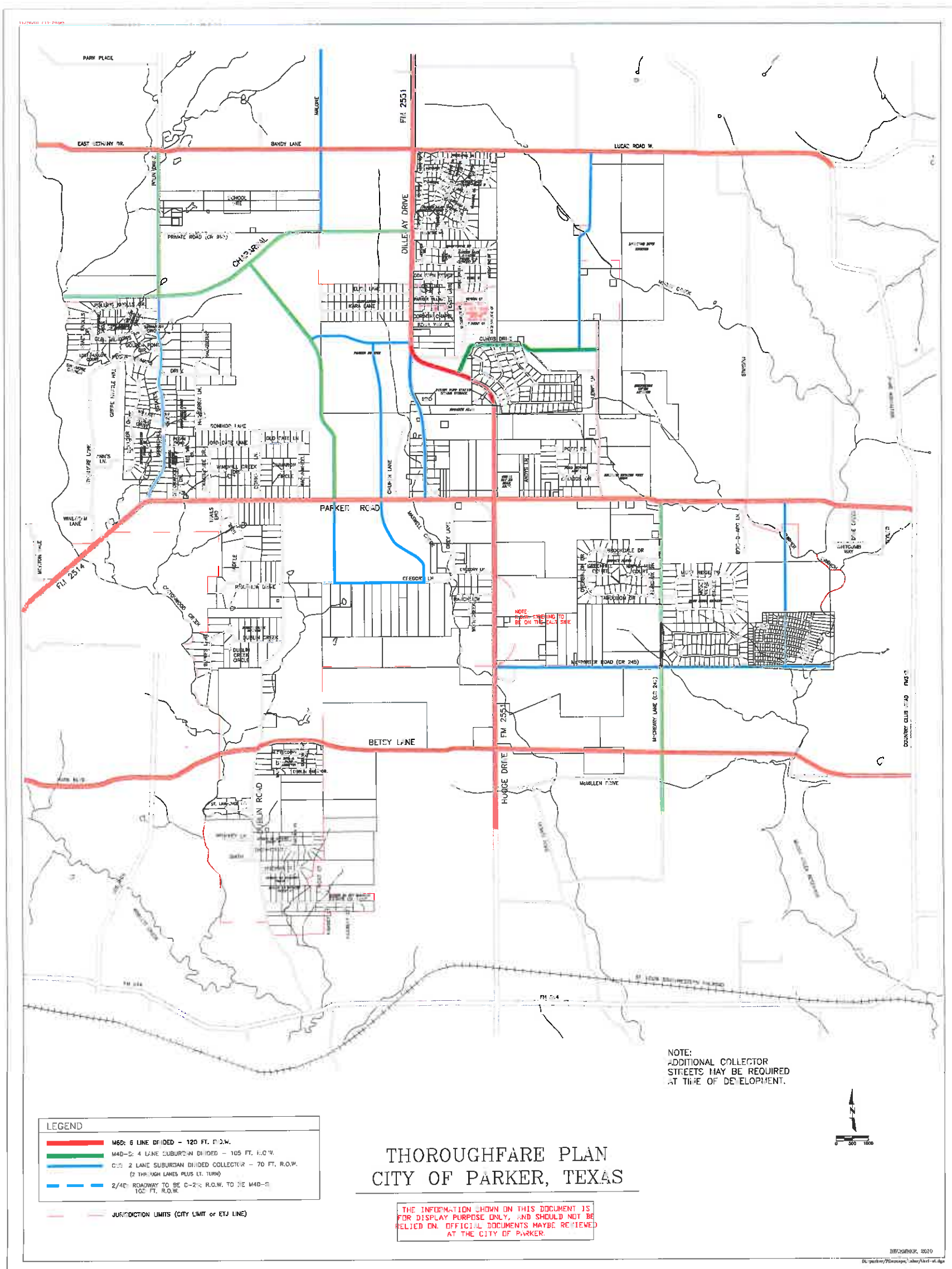
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July, 2012.

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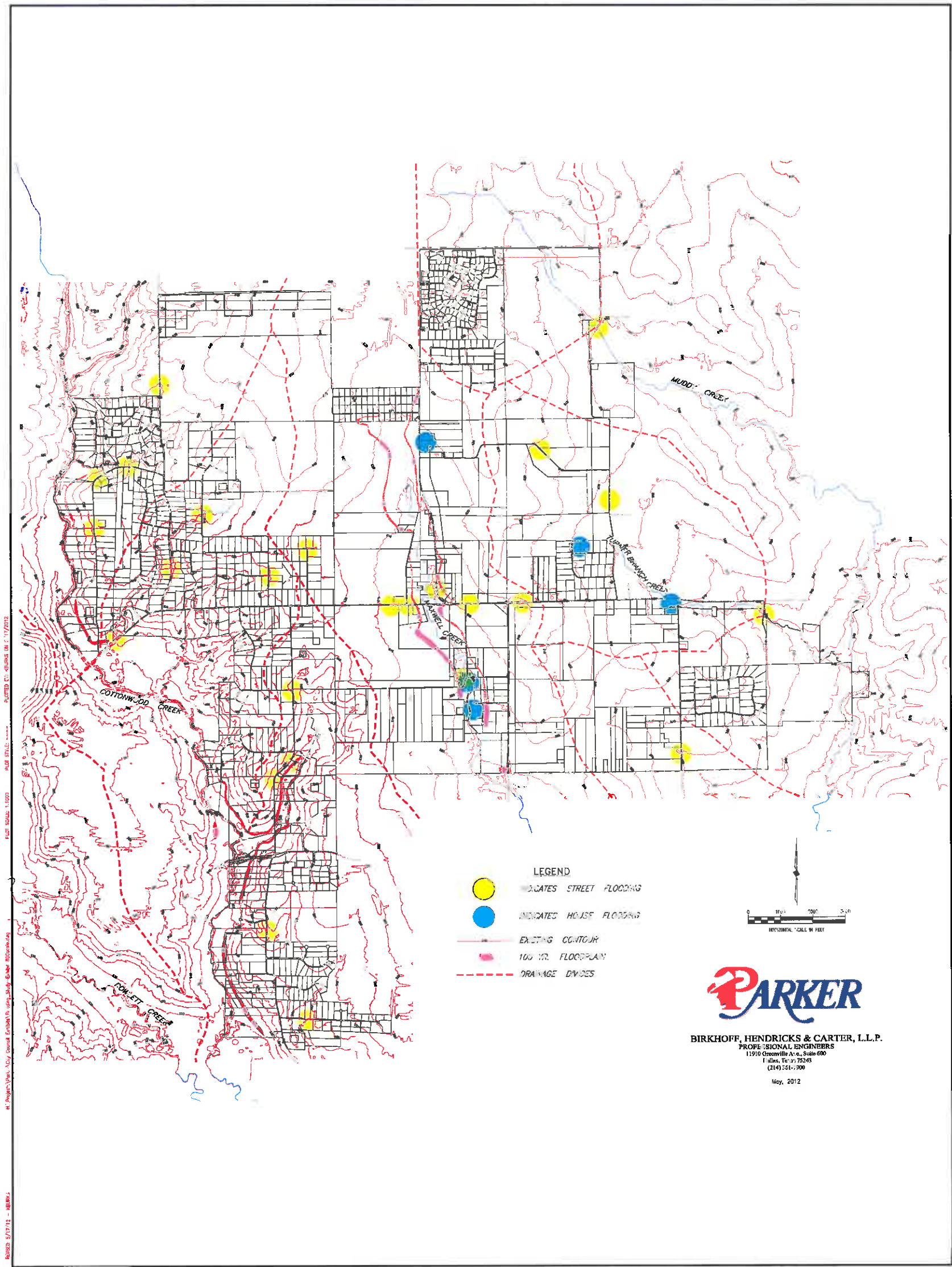


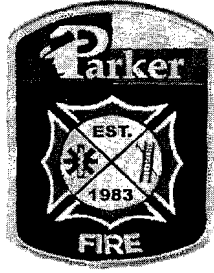
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2012 Planning Session with Council

The situation at present:

1. Six years ago the fire dept. developed a long range strategic plan to meet the expected service demands from a growing Parker.
2. The plan consisted of four basic, overarching objectives; three have been substantially accomplished with the support of Council.

a. Objective 1: Develop infrastructure:

- i. Build the new fire station.
- ii. Additions to the fleet which included an aerial ladder truck.
- iii. Realignment of the department's management organization to promote individual accountability and establish a checks and balances, collaborative environment.
- iv. Implement electronic recordkeeping for purposes of safety and compliance.
- v. Objective 1 has been substantially accomplished.

b. Objective 2: Raise the bar on core competencies:

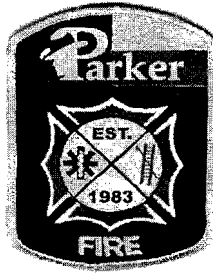
- i. 55% of our firefighters are certified by the Texas Commission of Fire Protection (the state agency charged with certification of paid departments) and another 25% by the State Fireman and Fire Marshal's Assoc. The remainder of the roster is in training.
- ii. Texas Commission on Fire Protection recently audited Parker FD for compliance with Commission standards for paid departments. We passed. A limited number of volunteer fire departments have undergone a TCPF audit.
- iii. Objective 2 is substantially achieved, but is always on-going.

c. Objective 3: Deliver emergency medical care at the advanced life support level:

- i. We have been an "ALS" provider since mid year 2011.
- ii. 33% of our firefighters are paramedics. An additional 42% are EMTs.
- iii. Objective 3 is substantially accomplished.

d. Objective 4: Achieve a consistent, average response time of 8 minutes or less 80% of the time.

- i. Response time is a function of travel time to the fire station from a member's residence or place of employment (typically 5 to 6 minutes) + travel time from the fire station to the incident site in Parker (typically less than 5 minutes).
- ii. Membership fluctuates between 35 to 40 members. Presently, only 10 live in Parker.
- iii. For the three years 2009 through 2011, the average response time was about 8 minutes. On average, our first fire truck arrives on scene in 8 minutes 53% of the time, and in 10 minutes 73% of the time.
- iv. We have yet to achieve Objective 4 and will likely not do so without changes in staffing protocols.



The next series of objectives and next steps:

3. Improve the City's ISO rating from its present "5" to a "3".
4. As a fully volunteer department: Achieve average response times of 10 minutes or less 90% of the time.
As a part-paid/part volunteer department: Achieve average response times of 8 minutes or less 90% of the time.

How we get there:

5. Define a "Basis of Coverage".
 - i. Loosely stated, a basis of coverage is a policy agreement between the Council and the Fire Department that establishes:
 1. How fast the first fire truck is expected to arrive on scene.
 2. How fast we are expected to assemble an effective firefighting force at the scene to safely execute fire suppression activities.
 - ii. How fast we arrive on scene is greatly influenced by having firefighters and qualified officers at the fire station at the time of the alarm.
 - iii. How rapidly we assemble an effective firefighting force is a direct function of automatic and mutual aid agreements. These agreements have been in effect for many years and we will always be dependent on our neighbors to "fill out a first alarm".
6. Evaluate certain data points:
 - i. National standards:
 1. National Fire Protection Assoc. 1720 covering the provision of fire suppression, emergency medical and special operations services to the public by volunteer fire departments.
 2. NPFA 1710 applicable to paid departments.
 - ii. Parker FD membership demographics.
 - iii. Parker FD current response metrics.
7. Explore planning solutions:
 - a. Sleeping quarters at the fire station for volunteer firefighters.
 - i. Within 2 years, but ideally within a year.
 - ii. Accommodate 4 firefighters.
 - iii. Reconfigure existing station or add temporary structure at rear.
 - b. Paid "day crew" of:
 - i. Two firefighters in the first year of implementation.
 - ii. Three firefighters in the second year following implementation.
 - iii. Four firefighters in the fourth year following implementation.

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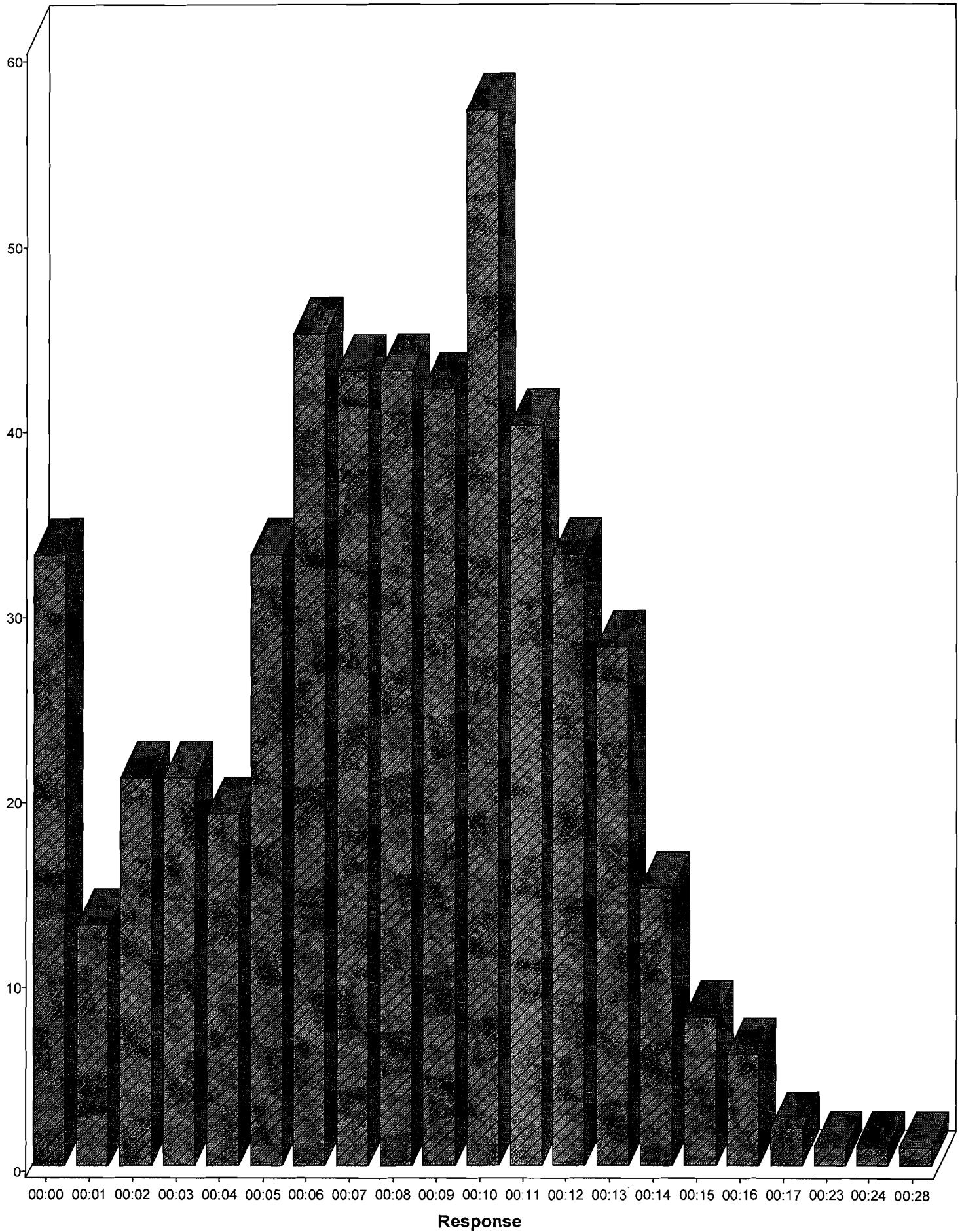
First Unit Arrival Response Time Analysis (Std)

Alarm Date Between {1/1/2009} And {12/31/2011}
and District = "PKR "

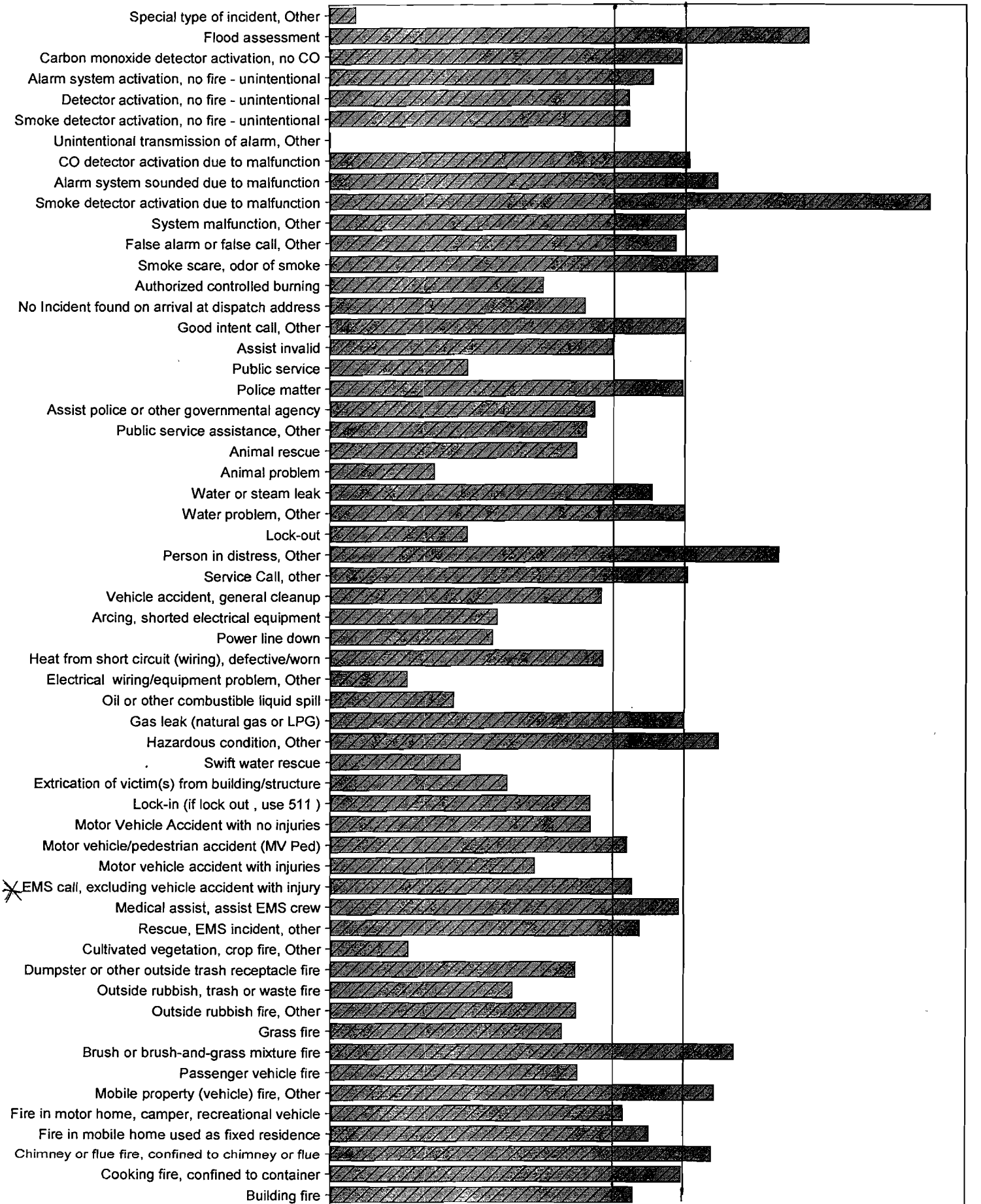
Response		Count	Percentage
Hrs	Mins		
<	01	33	6.5 %
	01	13	2.5 %
	02	21	4.1 %
	03	21	4.1 %
	04	19	3.7 %
	05	33	6.5 %
	06	45	8.9 %
	07	43	8.5 %
	08	43	8.5 %
	09	42	8.3 %
	10	57	11.2 %
	11	40	7.9 %
	12	33	6.5 %
	13	28	5.5 %
	14	15	2.9 %
	15	8	1.5 %
	16	6	1.1 %
	17	2	0.3 %
	23	1	0.1 %
	24	1	0.1 %
	28	1	0.1 %

Overall Average Response Time: 00:08:03

NFIRS Incidents by Response Time (in minutes)
Alarm Date Between {1/1/2009} And {12/31/2011} and District = "PKR "



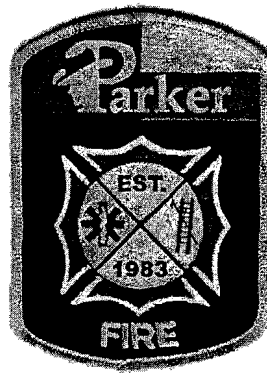
Average Minutes to Respond by Incident Type
Alarm Date Between {1/1/2009} And {12/31/2011} and District = "PKR "



PARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKSHEET FOR PART-PAID DAYTIME COVERAGE

	Hourly Rate	Schedule	Coverage		Additional		5 Days per Week		7 Days per Week	
			5 days	7 days	Hours	Cost	Cost per	Cost per	Cost per	Cost per
							Week	Year	Week	Year
Example 1										
Officer	\$19	7am-7pm	\$1,140	\$1,596	3	\$57	\$1,197	\$62,244	\$1,653	\$85,956
Firefighter-Paramedic	\$14		\$840	\$1,176	3	\$42	\$882	\$45,864	\$1,218	\$63,336
Volunteer Firefighter	NA		\$125	\$175		\$50	\$175	\$9,100	\$225	\$11,700
Total							\$2,254	\$117,208	\$3,096	\$160,992
Example 2										
Officer	\$19	7am-7pm	\$1,140	\$1,596	3	\$57	\$1,197	\$62,244	\$1,653	\$85,956
Firefighter-Paramedic	\$14		\$840	\$1,176	3	\$42	\$882	\$45,864	\$1,218	\$63,336
Firefighter-EMT	\$13		\$780	\$1,092	3	\$39	\$819	\$42,588	\$1,131	\$58,812
Volunteer Firefighter	NA		\$125	\$175		\$50	\$175	\$9,100	\$350	\$18,200
Total							\$3,073	\$159,796	\$4,352	\$226,304
Division Chief										
	\$25				20	\$500	\$500	\$26,000	\$500	\$26,000
Total										
Summary:										
2 Minimum								\$117,208		\$160,992
3 Minimum								\$159,796		\$226,304
2 Minimum + Div Chief								\$143,208		\$186,992
3 Minimum + Div Chief								\$185,796		\$252,304

Parker Fire Department



Review of Calendar Year 2011

Highlights of 2011

□ Calls for Service

- We responded to 234 emergency calls during calendar year 2011. This is an increase of 7% over the 219 emergency calls for 2010. Calls for service inside Parker accounted for 87% of total call volume.

EMERGENCY CALL VOLUME					
	Calendar Year				% Change 2010-2011
	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Total Emergency Call Volume	255	217	219	234	6.8%
Total Parker Calls	212	189	195	203	4.1%
Mutual Aid Given	43	28	24	31	29.2%
% Parker	83.1%	87.1%	89.0%	86.8%	-2.6%
% Mutual Aid	16.9%	12.9%	11.0%	13.2%	20.9%

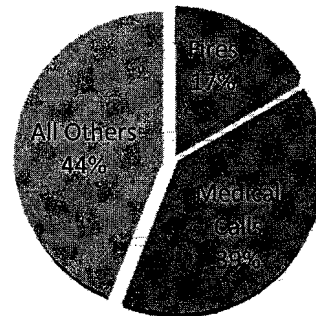
- With the exception of Southfork Ranch, no single address accounted for more than four calls during 2011.

Highlights of 20111

□ **Calls for Service**

- Of the 219 calls, 39 calls were fires. Of the 39 fire calls, 15 were structure fires.

2011 Calls for Service



- Of the 15 structure fires, only 2 occurred in Parker which were held to minimal property damage. This is a significant difference from 2008 where property damage from structure fire exceeded \$1 million (but represented an 85% "save" when compared to estimated total property threatened by those same fires).

Highlights of 2011

☐ Emergency Medical Services

- A Coalition ambulance responded into Parker 91 times during 2011, down from 109 responses during 2010. East Texas responded to 77% of the calls while a Wylie back-up ambulance responded to 23%. This split is unchanged from 2010.
- Our service model includes advanced life support provided by first arriving Parker firefighter/paramedics with transport to a hospital by a Coalition or back-up paramedic ambulance.
- As of year-end, of the 35 total volunteer members, 11 are paramedics (up from 9 in 2010) and an additional 13 are EMTs (down by 5 representing a loss with 2 EMTs upgrading to Paramedic and a further loss of 3 due to membership attrition).

☐ Fundraising

- The Parker Citizen's Fundraising Committee again outperformed expectations and raised approximately \$62,000 in net proceeds for the fire department.

Highlights of 2011

□ Mutual Aid

- We provided mutual aid to our neighbors 31 times during 2011. Our neighbors reciprocated with mutual aid on 11 Parker fires calls. The disproportionate split between received/given is indicative of the lower level of fires that occurred in Parker during 2011 relative to our larger neighbors.

Summary of Mutual Aid			
	2009	2010	2011
Given	27	24	31
Received	17	12	11
Totals	44	36	42

2011 Mutual Aid		
	Received	Given
Lucas	6	13
Murphy	2	6
Fairview	1	1
Wylie	1	8
Plano	1	1
Collin Cty	0	2
Totals	11	31

Highlights of 2011

☐ Membership

- Total membership in the department stood at 32 as of December 31, 2011, down 6 from 2010. Relocation was the root cause for the loss of experienced members, while those less experienced left because they were unable/unwilling to commit the necessary time.
- We added 3 new members in January 2012 bringing total membership to 35. None of the three are experienced firefighters; one is an experienced EMT.
- 71%, or 25 of the volunteers, reside outside of Parker.
- Extended response times are a direct function of the distance volunteers live from the station and the lack of sleeping quarters for those wanting to stay overnight.

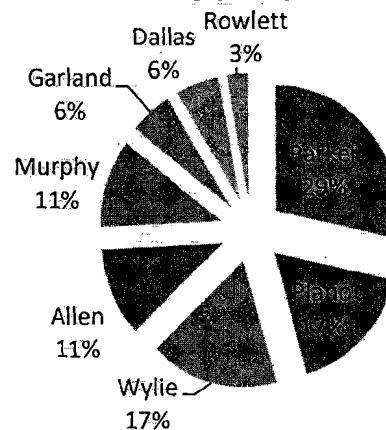
Highlights of 2011

□ Membership

- Of these 25 non-Parker volunteers, nearly half live more than 5 miles from the fire station. It is our experience over 25 years that a volunteer cannot make a safe and timely response to an emergency call when they live over 5 miles away.

Membership Demographics

Dec. 2011



Highlights of 2011

☐ Response Metrics

- Our average overall response time during 2011, averaged by incident type, was 8 minutes 19 seconds from the time of dispatch.
- On average, 12 firefighters responded to each structure fire call. This level of response is sufficient to staff both our two pumpers and the ladder truck.
- On average, 8 firefighters responded to all other types of calls.

☐ Apparatus

- Using fundraising proceeds, we purchased a trailer for the storage and transportation of specialized rescue equipment.
- There were no other changes to the apparatus fleet during 2011.

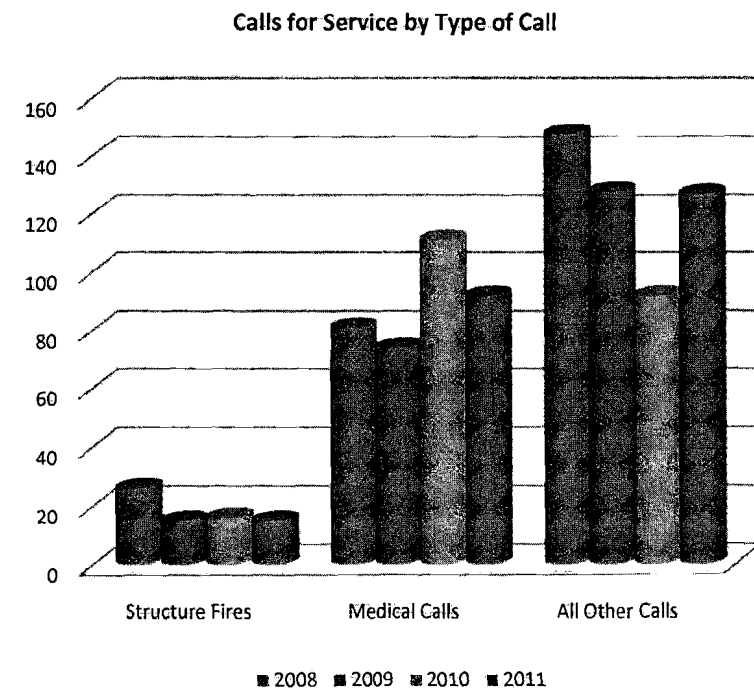
Response Times

	2009	2010	2011
Avg. Min.	10:25	7:43	8:19
% ≤ 8 Min.	46%	58%	52%
% ≤ 10 Min.	70%	72%	67%

- Overall average response times by incident type as measured from time of dispatch.
- Response times deteriorated during 2011 from 2010. The root cause is the high number of volunteers residing distances greater than 5 miles from the fire station, and the lack of sleeping quarters to accommodate volunteers desiring to remain overnight at the station.
- **Our average response time will remain in the 8 minute range under an all-volunteer staffing model.**

Calls for Service

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Structure Fires	26	15	16	15
Medical Calls	81	74	111	92
All Other Calls	148	128	92	127
Total Calls	255	217	219	234
Less: Mutual Aid Given	-43	-28	-24	-31
Parker Calls	212	189	195	203



Property Value Lost & Saved

	2009	2010	2011
Est. Value Threatened	1,116,000	792,000	N/A
Est. Value Lost	228,000	283,000	Nil
Est. Value Saved	888,000	509,000	N/A
% Saved	80%	64%	N/A

Property loss from structure fire was negligible in 2011

Operational Readiness

In service:

- ✓ Engine 1
- ✓ Engine 10
- ✓ Truck 1
- ✓ Brush 1
- ✓ Tac 1
- ✓ Tac 2

Comments

- ☐ During the year all apparatus underwent preventive maintenance.
- ☐ All apparatus are in service at year end.

Strategic Initiatives for 2012

- ☐ Investigate and evaluate options for delivery of paramedic ambulance service upon maturity in 2013 of the current contracts (1) with East Texas for primary service and (2) with the City of Wylie for back-up service. (New)
- ☐ Undergo a re-evaluation of the City's ISO Fire Protection Rating. The goal is to improve our rating from the current "5" to that of a "3". (Carry over from 2011)
- ☐ Finish the placement of vehicle-mounted laptop computers on the remaining fire apparatus. Continue to build a fire protection database for use at structure fires to improve firefighter safety, rescue of civilians and protection of property. (Continuing)
- ☐ Update life safety inspections of Parker's churches, Southfork Ranch and City Hall. (Carry over from 2011)
- ☐ Explore/evaluate means to accommodate overnight stays at the fire station by volunteer firefighters to reduce response during periods of severe weather (ice/snow; severe storm/tornado watches/warnings) when response from home/work is slow and dangerous. Additional carryover benefit for volunteers choosing to remain overnight regardless of weather conditions. (new)