



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 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 Pettle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Reed and Councilmembers Todd Fecht, Randy Kercho, Terry Lynch, and Amanda Noe were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/Human Resources Director Grant Savage, City Attorney Amy J. Stanphill, Public Works Director Gary Machado, City Engineer John Birkhoff, P.E., Fire Chief Mike Sheff, and Police Chief Kenneth Price (arrived at 6:46 p.m.)

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 Pettle asked City Council if anyone needed to recess into executive session at this time. Hearing no requests, the Mayor moved to the next item on tonight's agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Councilmember Randy Kercho led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Councilmember Todd Fecht led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (1 of 2) 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

Mayor Pettle reviewed the upcoming Community Interest items below:

PEANUT BUTTER FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK – SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE AND BUDGET – FINAL ACTION ON TAX RATE AND BUDGET, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, 6 PM

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, 5 PM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023, 6 P.M. – 9 P.M

PARKERFEST - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

REMINDER – NOVEMBER 7, 2023 – GENERAL ELECTION (EV AND ED INFO) –

Sunday (Domingo)	Monday (Lunes)	Tuesday (Martes)	Wednesday (Miércoles)	Thursday (Jueves)	Friday (Viernes)	Saturday (Sábado)
October 22 No Voting (22 de octubre) (Sin votar)	October 23 Early Voting (23 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 8 am – 5 pm	October 24 Early Voting (24 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 8 am – 5 pm	October 25 Early Voting (25 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 8 am – 5 pm	October 26 Early Voting (26 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 8 am – 5 pm	October 27 Early Voting (27 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 8 am – 5 pm	October 28 Early Voting (28 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 7 am – 7 pm
October 29 Early Voting (29 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 11 am – 5 pm	October 30 Early Voting (30 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 7am - 7pm	October 31 Early Voting (31 de octubre) (Votación adelantada) 7am - 7pm	November 1 Early Voting (1 de noviembre) (Votación adelantada) 7am - 7pm	November 2 Early Voting (2 de noviembre) (Votación adelantada) 7am - 7pm	November 3 Early Voting (3 de noviembre) (Votación adelantada) 7am - 7pm	November 4 No Voting (4 de noviembre) (Sin votar)

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 1, 2023.
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2023. [CITY COUNCIL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) WORKSHOP]
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-748 PROVIDING FOR THE MODIFICATION AND EXECUTION OF THE JAIL SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT THREE (3) BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND COLLIN COUNTY.

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

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

4. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM EXTENSION:

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, REVIEW, AND APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR THE SUBDIVISION, SITE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, OR CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER.

CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 846 EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO.'S 844, 839, 833, 824, 815 & 812 ON THE ACCEPTANCE, REVIEW, AND APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR THE SUBDIVISION, SITE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, OR CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER.

Mayor Pettle opened a public hearing regarding the extension of the temporary moratorium at 6:08 p.m.

City Engineer John W. Birkhoff, P.E., of Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP, greeted the Mayor and Council and reviewed the City of Parker's current water supply and demand. With reference to his "Water Projections – July 2023" letter included in tonight's Council packet, dated August 10, 2023, to City Administrator Luke Olson, Mr. Birkhoff indicated after the engineering firm's February 2022 evaluation, the water situation has remained unchanged, noting also that additional homes have been established. Mr. Birkhoff reconfirmed the engineering group's recommendation that no additional lots be approved for development until a contract with North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is executed to supply water to the Central Pump Station, stating "Based on the per capita demands experienced during the summer of 2022 and 2023, the City has exceeded its contractual NTMWD supply of 3.5 MGD. NTMWD was able to supply the peak demand experienced by the City of Parker and as previously noted, the engineering firm recommends the city develop water management controls that would be incorporated in a water management plan along with an educational component to the citizens. Until a new contract is executed with the NTMWD, hot dry summers will continue to stress the distribution system to capacity. Therefore, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP recommend extending the temporary moratorium.

Mayor Pettle asked if anyone in the audience had comments.

No one came forward.

Mayor Pettle declared the public hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 846 EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO.'S 844, 839, 833, 824, 815 & 812 ON THE ACCEPTANCE, REVIEW, AND APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR THE SUBDIVISION, SITE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, OR CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER.

Ordinance No. 844 caption was read.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Reed moved to approve Ordinance No. 846 extending the temporary moratorium enacted by Ordinance No.'s 844, 839, 833, 824, 815 and 812 on the acceptance, review, and approvals necessary for the subdivision, site planning, development, or construction within the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Parker. Councilmember Fecht seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Kercho, Lynch, Noe, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-749 SETTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE; AND APPROVING DATES, TIMES; AND A LOCATION FOR ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY 2023-2024 BUDGET AND TAX RATE, AND A DATE FOR THE VOTE ON THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF A TAX RATE.

Finance/Human Resources Director Savage reviewed the budget calendar, the proposed tax rate and the record vote. [**See Exhibit 1 – Finance/Human Resources Director Savage’s City Council Work Session FY 2023-2024 Proposed Tax Rate PowerPoint, dated August 15, 2023.**]

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-749 setting a proposed tax rate; and approving dates, times; and a location for one public hearing on the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate, and a date for the vote on the adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget and Approval of a Tax Rate to \$0.322680 per hundred dollars valuation. Mayor Pro Tem Reed seconded.

The record vote for the motion was as follows: Councilmembers Fecht, Kercho, Lynch, Noe, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

It was noted once again there would be a public hearing for the budget and then the tax rate on September 5, 2023, prior to final action.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-750 OF THE CITY OF PARKER SUSPENDING THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 EFFECTIVE DATE OF COSERV GAS, LTD’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE COSERV SERVICE AREA, TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY COSERV GAS’ RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-750 of the City of Parker suspending the September 1, 2023 effective date of Coserv Gas, LTD’s requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with other cities in the Coserv service area, to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of the steering committee of cities served by Coserv Gas’ rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. Councilmember Fecht seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Kercho, Lynch, Noe, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-751 MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION (P&R) COMMISSION ALTERNATE ONE POSITION EXPIRING NOVEMBER 30, 2024.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-751 making an appointment to the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Commission alternate one position expiring November 30, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Reed seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Kercho, Lynch, Noe, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-752, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, APPOINTING THE CURRENT ALTERNATE 2 POSITION HOLDER TO THE VACANT PLACE TWO POSITION, AND APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO SERVE IN THE THEN VACANT ALTERNATE 2 POSITION ON THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

MOTION: Councilmember Noe moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-752, a Resolution of the City of Parker, Collin County, Texas, appointing the current alternate 2 position holder, Trudy Jackson, to the vacant place two position, and appointing, Ted Lane, an alternate member to serve in the then vacant alternate 2 position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Fecht seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Kercho, Lynch, Noe, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-753, REGARDING NOMINATION OF A BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE COLLIN COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-753, regarding nomination of a Board of Director position for the Collin County Central Appraisal District, nominating Richard Williams, 5105 Englenook Drive, Parker, Texas, 75502 to 3 of 5 slots, and Charles Weis, 4301 Springhill Estates Drive, Parker, Texas, 75002 to the remaining 2 of 5 slots. Mayor Pro Tem Reed seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Kercho, Lynch, Noe, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-754 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 4X4 FORD F550 TYPE 6 WILDLAND/GRASSLAND FIRE TRUCK FROM SIDDONS-MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP, LLC UNDER ITS HGAC 2023 CONTRACT PRICING AS REPLACEMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE BRUSH 811 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE RELATED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Fire Chief Sheff reviewed the information in tonight's packet and responded to questions.

MOTION: Councilmember Lynch moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-754 approving the purchase of a new 4X4 Ford F550 Type 6 Wildland/Grassland Fire Truck from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC under its HGAC 2023 contract pricing as replacement for Fire Department vehicle Brush 811 and authorizing execution of the related contract documents. Councilmember Noe seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Kercho, Lynch, Noe, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Administrator Olson noted the budget would be updated to reflect this change.

11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-755 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FROM DACO FIRE EQUIPMENT UNDER ITS HGAC (#FS12-19) AND BUYBOARD (#651-21) CONTRACT PRICING AS REPLACEMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE ENGINE 811 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE RELATED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Fire Chief Sheff reviewed the information in tonight's packet and responded to questions.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Reed moved to postpone Resolution No. 2023-755 approving the purchase of a new Structural Firefighting Pumper Fire Truck from DACO Fire Equipment under its HGAC (#FS12-19) and BUYBOARD (#651-21) contract pricing as replacement for Fire Department vehicle Engine 811 and authorizing execution of the related contract documents, while staff gathers additional information and options. Councilmember Fecht seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Lynch, Noe, and Reed voting for the motion. Councilmember Kercho voting against the motion to postpone. Motion carried 4-1.

ROUTINE ITEMS

12. UPDATE(S):

FM2551

City Administrator Olson and Public Works Director Machado said there has been no real change and nothing new to relay at this time.

ANY ADDITIONAL UPDATES

Workshops are being scheduled for Comprehensive Plan, Newsletter, and Website Committees.

A workshop for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has been scheduled for August 22, 2023.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS

Council accepted the departmental and quarterly reports hyperlinked below:

[July 2023 - Building Permit/Code Report](#)

[July 2023 – Court Report](#)

[July 2023 – Finance \(monthly financials\) Report](#)

[Investment 2nd Qtr. Report 2023](#)

[July 2023 – Republic Services Inc., dba Allied Waste Services of Plano](#)

[July 2023 – Website \(PIWIK\) Report](#)

DONATION(S)

13. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND CITY STAFF FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$500).

David Santee donated homemade cookies valued at \$10.00 to the Police Department.

Mayor Pettie, on behalf of herself, City Council, and City Staff, thanked the donor for his kind and generous donation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pettie asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda, noting Item # 11, Resolution No. 2023-755 approving the purchase of a new Structural Firefighting Pumper Fire Truck, on tonight's agenda was postponed while staff gathers additional information and options.

Hearing no additional requests, she encouraged everyone to email her any requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 of 2) 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.

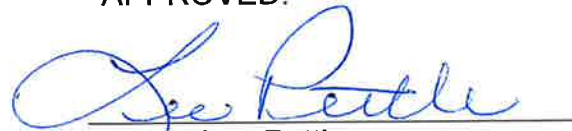
Buddy Pilgrim, 3106 Bluffs Lane,

- inquired about the City of Parker's 65 years or older homestead exemption. Mr. Pilgrim indicated he thinks the lack of a homestead exemption has a detrimental affect to residents who want to retire in the City of Parker;
- asked that the City appeal any Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) decision on Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on August 16, 2023, stating the entire matter needs to be addressed in a Court of Law; and, finally,
- spoke in support of tonight's agenda Item # 11, Resolution No. 2023-755 approving the purchase of a new Structural Firefighting Pumper Fire Truck, stating his previous management/work experience with large equipment, supports large equipment, such as the fire pumper engine(s), is best, safer, and less expensive to operate.

ADJOURN

Mayor Lee Pettie adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:


Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:




Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 19th
day
of September, 2023.



City Council Work Session

FY 2023-2024

Proposed Tax Rate

Tuesday, August 15, 2023



FY 2023-2024

BUDGET CALENDAR

Date		Budget Action
Friday, August 4		File Proposed Budget w/City Secretary & Post on Website
Tuesday, August 15		Vote on Proposed Tax Rate
Tuesday, September 5		Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate and Budget. Final Action on Tax Rate and Budget



FY 2023-2024

PROPOSED TAX RATE

Senate Bill 2

- Passed by the Texas Legislature in 2019. Went into effect on January 1, 2020.
- **No-New-Revenue Tax Rate**
 - Previously called the “effective tax rate”. This is the rate needed to raise the same amount of maintenance and operations property taxes on existing property as the previous year.
- **Voter-Approval Tax Rate**
 - Previously called the “rollback tax rate” and was the rate necessary to raise precisely 8% more maintenance and operations tax revenue as the year before. SB 2 lowers the multiplier used in the rate calculation from 8% to 3.5%.



FY 2023-2024

PROPOSED TAX RATE

Senate Bill 2

- De minimis rate
 - New tax rate calculation designed to give smaller taxing units (cities with population below 30,000) flexibility to adopt a tax rate that generates \$500,000 more in property tax revenue than the previous year. Applying a 3.5% voter-approval rate in small communities restricts revenue growth to a nominal amount and the application of the lowered voter-approval rate created an unfair result for small towns.



FY 2023-2024

PROPOSED TAX RATE

Tax Rate Calculations

	2022	2023
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate	0.320101	0.298320
Voter-Approval Tax Rate (3.5%)	0.329289	0.302824
M&O Rate	0.325247	0.302978
Debt Tax Rate	0.028152	0.019702
De minimis Rate	0.353399	0.322680
Adopted Tax Rate	0.329289	
Proposed Tax Rate		0.322680



FY 2023-2024

PROPOSED TAX RATE

- The proposed tax rate is \$0.322680 (decrease of \$0.006609 from the previous year).
- If proposed tax rate exceeds the “No-New Revenue” or “Voter-Approval Tax Rate”, a record vote is required and a Public Hearing on the Tax Rate scheduled.
- Public Hearing on Tax Rate will be held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM.



Comments or Questions?