



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

**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 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Reed and Councilmembers Randy Kercho, Amanda Noe, and Buddy Pilgrim were present. Councilmember Todd Fecht was absent.

Staff Present: Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey (left at 8:15 p.m.), Finance/Human Resources Director Grant Savage (left at 8:15 p.m.), Interim City Attorney Catherine Clifton, Public Works Director Gary Machado (left at 8:15 p.m.), Fire Chief Mike Sheff (left at 8:15 p.m.), and Police Chief Kenneth Price (left at 8:15 p.m.)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Fire Chief Mike Sheff led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Police Chief Kenneth Price 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.

Linda S. Nelson, 5802 Corinth Chapel Road, said the vacant City Administrator position was important, and an interim may need to be considered so the work does not fall on the mayor, council, and/or remaining city staff. Mrs. Nelson suggested delaying the job posting until agreement is reached on issues such as who the city administrator reports to, sets his/her goals, and does his/her evaluations. She noted the Dallas Morning News had an interesting article recently, regarding city managers and she thought it could be helpful.

Sireesha Penmatsa, 4405 Dover Drive (Kings Crossing Phase 3), said this is the third time she has come before City Council regarding flooding issues on her property and neighborhood. Ms. Penmatsa asked City Council to look into the issue. She asked who was responsible for the flooding and what could be done.

Zoila Rios, 4403 Dover Drive, said she is a neighbor of Ms. Penmatsa and suffers from flooding also. Ms. Rios said she travels and worries her home will flood while she is out of town. Ms. Rios said this is an issue throughout the neighborhood.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Mayor Pettle reviewed the upcoming Community Interest items below:

1. PEANUT BUTTER FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK – SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2024

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&R) – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, 5 PM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024, 6 P.M. – 9 P.M.

CANCEL OCTOBER 1, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO NNO/RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 8, 2024

CANCEL OCTOBER 15, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY CLIFTON UNAVAILABILITY/RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 22, 2024

PARKERFEST - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024, 10 AM – 2 PM

CANCEL NOVEMBER 5, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO GENERAL ELECTION

**REMINDER – NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – GENERAL ELECTION (EV AND ED INFO) –**

**Early Voting Dates and Times**

Monday, October 21, 2024 – Friday, October 25, 2024 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 26, 2024 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 27, 2024 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, October 28, 2024 – Friday, November 1, 2024 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**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.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 20, 2024. [REGULAR MEETING]
3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2024-807 APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2024 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING AND ADOPTING TARIFFS TO REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS.

MOTION: Councilmember Kercho moved to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2 as presented. Councilmember Noe seconded with Councilmembers Kercho, Noe, Pilgrim, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY2024-2025 BUDGET.

Mayor Lee Pettle opened a public hearing at 7:16 p.m. to receive comments regarding the Proposed FY2024-2025 Budget.

Finance/Human Resources Director Savage reviewed the City Council Work Session FY 2024-2025 Public Hearing – Budget, Tuesday, September 3, 2023 PowerPoint in tonight's Council packet, stating the budget has been prepared using the proposed tax of \$0.310439 per \$100 valuation, a decrease of \$0.012241 from the previous year.

Mayor Pettle asked if there were any questions on the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget.

No one came forward.

Mayor Pettle declared the public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 872 ADOPTING THE 2024-2025 BUDGET.

MOTION: Councilmember Noe moved to adopt Ordinance No. 872 approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget as presented.. Councilmember Kercho seconded with Councilmembers Kercho, Noe, Pilgrim, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 873 RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET AS A RESULT OF THE CITY RECEIVING MORE REVENUES FROM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE 2024-25 BUDGET THAN IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 873 ratifying the increase in property tax revenues reflected in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Councilmember Kercho seconded with Councilmembers Kercho, Noe, Pilgrim, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY2024-2025 TAX RATE.

Mayor Lee Pettle opened a public hearing at 7:29 p.m. to receive comments regarding the Proposed FY2024-2025 Tax Rate.

Finance/Human Resources Director Savage reviewed the City Council Work Session FY 2024-2025 Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate, Tuesday, September 3, 2024 PowerPoint in tonight's Council packet, noting the proposed tax rate is \$0.310439 per \$100 valuation, a decrease of \$0.012241 from the previous year. Although the rate decreased, the City Council is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate because it exceeds the "No-New Revenue Rate" The proposed tax rate is 5.48% above the No-New Revenue Rate.

Mayor Pettle asked if there were any questions on the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Tax Rate.

No one came forward.

Mayor Pettle declared the public hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 874 ADOPTING THE 2024 TAX RATE.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 874 setting a tax rate of \$0.310439, which is effectively a 5.48 percent increase in the tax rate above the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate. Councilmember Noe seconded with Councilmembers Kercho, Noe, Pilgrim, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor and City Council thanked Finance/Human Resources Director Savage and City Staff.

9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2024-808 PROVIDING FOR THE MODIFICATION AND EXECUTION OF THE JAIL SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT **THREE (3)** FOUR (4) BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND COLLIN COUNTY.

Police Chief Price reviewed the information in tonight's packet, regarding the jail services contract Amendment 4.

MOTION: Councilmember Kercho moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-808 providing for the modification and execution of the jail services contract amendment four (4) between the City of Parker and Collin County. Mayor Pro Tem Reed seconded with Councilmembers Kercho, Noe, Pilgrim, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

10. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2024-809 APPROVING THE TERMS OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MURPHY AND THE CITY OF PARKER PROVIDING POLICE DISPATCH SERVICES.

Police Chief Price reviewed the information in tonight's packet, regarding the terms of the Police Dispatch Services Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Reed moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-809 approving the terms of an interlocal agreement between the City of Murphy and the City of Parker providing for Police Dispatch Services. Councilmember Noe seconded with Councilmembers Kercho, Noe, Pilgrim, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION BY COUNCIL IN CASTING THE CITY'S VOTE FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION.

After discussion and review of the Texas Municipal League (TML) ballot in tonight's packet, identifying the names and qualifications of the candidates for Places 11-14, Mayor and City Council agreed on the following slate of candidates:

**PLACE 11**

Robert S. Davis

**PLACE 12**

Allison Heyward

**PLACE 13**

James Quin

**PLACE 14**

Mike Land

MOTION: Councilmember Noe moved to approve the agreed upon slate of candidates for the Texas Municipal League (TML) Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election. Mayor Pro Tem Reed seconded with Councilmembers Kercho, Noe, Pilgrim, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

### 12. UPDATE(S):

#### FM2551

Public Works Director Machado said equipment has been moved in, it appears Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) is working on drainage on the north end, and he expects work to begin again shortly.

#### Dublin Road Water Lines

Public Works Director Machado indicated the project was on schedule and expected to be completed by the end of this week or early next week.

#### COMP PLAN

Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission plans to hold a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan (COMP Plan) Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 5 p.m., after the public hearing is advertised in the Dallas Morning News, September 9, 2024.

#### NOISE COMMITTEE

Mayor Pettle asked for an update on the Noise Committee. At the Tuesday, July 2, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting City Council discussed Ordinance No. 750 (Amending Nuisance Ordinance [553] – Noise Ord.), and the following motion and request transpired:

“MOTION: Councilmember Pilgrim moved to appoint a committee consisting of Councilmember Todd Fecht, City Administrator Luke Olson, Police Chief Kenneth Price, ex officio member Legal Counsel, and residents Billy Barron and Rick Debus *[when contacted, and agrees to serve]* to oversee review of Parker’s noise ordinance and bring recommendations back to City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Reed seconded with Councilmembers Fecht, Kercho, Noe, Pilgrim, and Reed voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Fecht requested City Administrator Olson send him the email addresses of the committee members to get meetings setup expeditiously. City Administrator Olson agreed.” *[Excerpt from July 2, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes.]*

City Administrator Olson sent Councilmember Fecht the email addresses as requested.

At tonight’s meeting, resident Billy Barron indicated he had not been contacted as of yet for meeting dates/times. Mayor Pettle noted Councilmember Kercho has completed research on the matter. After discussion, City Council asked Councilmember Kercho if he would consider taking former City Administrator

Olson's place on the committee and schedule a meeting with the Committee members to get things moving. Councilmember Kercho agreed.

### **CITY ATTORNEY APPLICATIONS**

Mayor Pettle said the deadline for applications has closed. There were five (5) applications in total, three (3) individuals and two (2) firms. She said she would like to go through the applications to make sure they meet qualifications and then set up interviews. City Council discussed several dates/times and decided to tentatively meet for interviews on the afternoon of Thursday, September 19, 2024.

### **DONATION(S)**

#### **13. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION(S) FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND CITY STAFF FOR THE RECORD (Each valued at between \$0 - \$1,000 [RES. NO. 2024-801])**

Manny (LNU) donated 1 case water & 1 case soda valued at \$15 to the Police Department.

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

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Councilmember Noe requested setting a date for the Personnel Manual Workshop.

Mayor Pro Tem Reed asked for alternate November 5, 2024 City Council meeting dates, due to the General Election.

Councilmember Pilgrim asked for the organization structure and/or chart for the City and related ordinances.

Hearing no additional requests, Mayor Pettle encouraged everyone to email her any additional requests. She noted the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

### **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.**

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:**

Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel—To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Government Code Section 551.071(1)—Consultation with City Attorney concerning Pending or Contemplated Litigation.

Government Code Section 551.071(2) – Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter (Open Meetings Act).

Mayor Lee Pettle recessed the regular meeting to Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.  
RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Lee Pettle reconvened the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

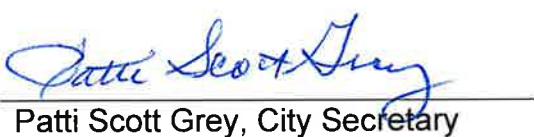
Mayor Lee Pettle adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.



APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Lee Pettle

ATTESTED:

  
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Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 17th day  
of September, 2024.