

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 1, 2009

#### **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 6:00 p.m. with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans and Levine present. A quorum was present.

Staff present: City Attorney Jim Shepherd, City Administrator Dena Daniel, Assistant City Administrator Jeff Flanigan, Finance Director Johnna Boyd and City Secretary Carrie Smith.

#### **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 Cordina recesses the regular meeting into closed session at 6:00 p.m.

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

a. Govt. Code 551.071 – Legal Advice and Consultation with City Attorney regarding McCreary Road.

2. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Cordina reconvened the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cordina 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.

Lori and Glen Lauter, 6704 Overbrook – Spoke to the Council regarding signage ordinances in the City.

**4. PRESENTATION AND DEMONSTRATION BY CIVIC PLUS.**

Nicole Shaddix gave a brief online presentation.

Upon the execution of the contract the completion of the website is historically 4 to 5 months.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – 7:00 P.M.** Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

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**5. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2009 – 2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

Mayor Cordina opened the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

David Leamy requested a balance of the restricted and unrestricted funds.

General comments from the audience praised the Council and Staff for maintaining the tax rate and continuing outstanding City services.

Mayor Cordina closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

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**6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES FROM:**

**a. AUGUST 11, 2009**

Councilmember Levine requested item 5 be changed “serve our current needs or long term needs.”

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow motioned to approve the minutes of August 11, 2009 as amended. Councilmember Levine seconded with Councilmember’s Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Marshall abstained.

**b. AUGUST 18, 2009**

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow motioned to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 meeting as written. Councilmember Levine seconded with Councilmember’s Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motioned carried 5-0.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 644 APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2009 – 2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

Ordinance 644 was amended to include the water budget and bond money. Section 1 and Section 3 were amended from \$2,875,380 to \$9,021,409.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill motioned to approve Ordinance 644 as amended. Councilmember Evans seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 645 THE ADOPTION OF THE 2009 TAX RATE.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Marshall motioned to approve Ordinance 645 as written. Councilmember Sumrow seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0

**9. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2009-266 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF PARKER AND COLLIN COUNTY.**

City Attorney Shepherd reviewed Section 6 on Civil Liability which makes the City of Parker responsible for all the liability. He recommended amending the agreement to share responsibility with the County.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Levine motioned to approve Resolution 2009-266 subject to City Attorney Shepherd amending the agreement Section 6. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine. Motion carried 5-0.

**10. INTERVIEW WITH BOARD APPLICANT MELANIE NELSON.**

Melanie Nelson is in real estate investing. She travels quite a bit and has a limited schedule but is willing serve the City where and when needed.

Council discussion ensued and recommended placing Melanie on the Planning and Zoning Commission or Parks and Recreation Commission.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2009-276 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.**

This item was tabled.

**12. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ELECTRICAL PROVIDERS.**

Finance Director Johnna Boyd reviewed her findings on electrical costs with various electrical providers. She recommended the Council move forward with signing a contract with Gexa Energy to lock in the lower rates. The current contract with TXU will have to be renegotiated.

MOTION: Councilmember Sumrow motioned to move forward with GEXA Energy for 12 months. Councilmember Marshall seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

**13. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON GOVERNMENT STIMULUS MONEY.**

Dena gave an overview of the information that she and Councilmember Marshall found on stimulus money.

No Stimulus money has been applied for to date by the City of Parker. In May 2009 Z Marshall and I discussed stimulus options for the City. We received a list of grants from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and also information from NCTCOG.

NCTCOG's information was for stimulus funding for energy efficiency and conservation. Allocations considered: cities less than 1,000 population would be eligible for \$15,000; cities in the 30,000 to 35,000 population ranges would be eligible for \$40,000; there would be \$5,000 increments by city groupings in between. We did not have anything planned at the time that would be eligible for this funding.

The listing from Senator Hutchison had a couple of programs that may have applied to the city. We probably would qualify for funding through the COPS Program. This would fund additional officers. We do not have additional officers in our long range plan until population growth. Our McCreary Road Project was not eligible for the Competitive surface transportation grant because we had already entered into an agreement with Collin County for funding.

We did not see a category that would include the Public Safety Building, Water Tower, or Water Line projects. Also, these projects were already in process and bond funding secured.

Staff will look into a few other stimulus programs and report back at the second meeting in October.

**14. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATION ACTION ON A CHANGE ORDER ON THE MCCREARY ROAD PROJECT.**

Assistant City Administrator Flanigan stated he had not received the final change order estimate.

MOTION: Councilmember Marshall motioned to authorize the Mayor or City Administrator to approve a change order with the total expense not to exceed \$275K. Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill seconded with Councilmember's Marshall, Sumrow, Threadgill, Evans, and Levine voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

**ROUTINE ITEMS**

**15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

- a. Wind turbines and solar power ordinance.
- b. September 15 – ZBA Appointments
- c. September 15 – Newsletter Update
- d. October 20 – Stimulus money update

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- a. Mayor Cordina will be out 9/15/2009
- b. Mayor Pro-tem Threadgill will be out the week of September 7 – 12.

#### 17. ADJOURN

Mayor Cordina adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

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Joe Cordina  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

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City Secretary

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