

THE CITY OF PARKER COUNCIL

May 17, 2022

5:30 PM

PARKER CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER at 5:30.

Pastor Davis gave the invocation. Mr. Chaple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Barrow - present

Chaple - present

Galbreath - present

Gibson - present

Mayor Kelly - present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-

Approval of council meeting April 19 and council meeting, May 3, with the correction to May 3rd last page to read R&D not L&D.

Motion by Ms. Barrow and a 2nd by Ms. Galbreath to approve the minutes.

Barrow - aye

Chaple - aye

Galbreath - aye

Gibson - aye

Mayor Kelly - aye

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE (non-agenda items)

1. Kathleen O'Brien of 1455 Parkway Dr- Discussion of large oak trees that were cut down on at 4721 Sunset Dr to make room for home that will be built. Pictures of trees shown prior to being cut down from Google. Trees were cut with a permit, but questions asked as to why the LDR allows such trees to be cut down. Also discussed getting a plaque for Debbie Daniels, who served as the Parker librarian for 30 years and is retiring.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Bid opening for Cooper Street Directional Bore by Anchor Engineering. 2 bids received. First bid by L&K Contracting for \$114,450.00 HDP of \$14,000.00 Second bid by Mainline Construction formerly known as L&R, bid of \$149,913.48 with alternate price of \$39, 000.00 Estimate was lower previously but high now due to supply changes.
2. Motion by Ms. Barrow and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD for 6 months at 229 N Lakewood Drive, Linza.

Barrow - aye

Chaple - aye

Galbreath - aye

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Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

3. Motion by Ms. Barrow and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD for 6 months at 227 N Lakewood Drive for Bazzano/Parks.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

4. Motion by Ms. Barrow and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD for 6 months at 5440 Lake Dr, Ms. Colonel.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

5. Motion by Ms. Barrow and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD for 6 months at 5123 Park St, Dawson.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

6. Motion by Ms. Gibson and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD for 30 days at 6222 E Hwy 98, Hitchcock. Barber shop on Tyndall Parkway. Did not know they needed a permit to have POD. Question about drainage by fire hydrant on property, parking lot is below grade. Mayor asked that POD be removed ASAP from Tyndall Parkway, owner in agreement.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

7. Motion by Ms. Gibson and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD for 3 months at 4926 Lake Dr, Jordan. Code enforcement will be sent to verify what is in POD.

Barrow - aye
Chaple – aye

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Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

8. Motion by Ms. Barrow and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD for 3 months at 710 West St while renovations are completed on home.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

9. Motion by Ms. Barrow and a second of Ms. Gibson to approve a POD for 3 months at 21 3rd Court, Rahn.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

10. Motion by Ms. Barrow and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD for 6 months at 5711 E Hwy 98 (La Brisa Inn) while renovations are completed. Owner requested 12 months; 6 months given.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

11. Motion by Ms. Gibson and a second of Ms. Galbreath to approve a POD be moved from Business 98 now and 6 months for storage use of POD at new location on property located at 4535 E Bus 98, Winkle. Son Bill Winkle speaking, parents/owners in attendance as well.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

12. Motion by Ms. Barrow and a second of Ms. Galbreath to adopt Ordinance 2022-400, previously read and adopted but was incorrectly advertised and was reran in paper to satisfy statute requirements.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

13. Motion to read Ordinance 2022-402 for second time, land use change for East Bay Flats from MU1 to MU2, by Ms. Gibson and a second by Ms. Galbreath.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-402 by Ms. Galbreath and a second by Ms. Gibson.

Barrow - aye
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – aye

14. Request for first reading of Ordinance 2022-403, allowing the use of golf carts on city roads. Mr. Sloan stated he was asked to prepare the ordinance by council. If passed, signage would need to be erected. Ms. Barrow requested a workshop to discuss further, she stated council should approve the ordinance being placed on the agenda before coming before them. Tabled to a special meeting/workshop on June 1st at 9am.

15. Land purchase request for parcel 252249-000-000 by Mayor Kelly. Mayor states 4 weeks ago he received a request to issue and address for the property by Bay County. If the property is built on it could possibly increase the flooding to neighboring Cheri Lane Apartments. Property appraised value on Bay County Property Appraisers website is \$29,000. Requesting to offer \$25,000 to purchase land and create retention pond to aid in flooding at Cheri Lane Apartments. Ms. Galbreath questioned if HOA is still in existence there? No. Mayor stated that the City purchased the Milendy property for much less than it is worth today, prices have increased over the past. Diane Coates stated some apartments in Cheri Lane were selling for \$130,000 now, but the area is blighted. Ms. Barrow in agreement with Mayor Kelly and Tony Summerlin to pay \$25,000. CJ Patterson commented about number of times that area has been pumped out in past rain events. Mr. Libby stated council should trust the maintenance department. Possibility of appraisal being done on property and offer that amount. Motion made by Ms. Gibson to offer \$15,000 and wait for counteroffer,

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second by Ms. Galbreath. Mr. Sloan stated to offer \$15, 000. New motion to offer \$15,000 made by Ms. Gibson and a second by Ms. Galbreath.

Barrow - nay
Chaple - aye
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – nay

16. Procurement policy to be tabled to special meeting/workshop on June 1st at 9am due to implementation of changes to the draft. Mr. Sloan will make the changes and present to council on June 1.

17. Report by Ms. Galbreath on Florida Department of Transportation meeting she attends, request of report made previously by Ms. Gibson. The name of the Bay Trolley is changing, trail map, although not yet funded, will run through Parker and over the Dupont bridge. Working to have a LAP certified person help with grants in the city through Emerald Coast Council.

18. Chief Hutto discussed the need for a change in the phone system. Has had numerous problems with connection. We currently have Nextiva for phone service. He has reached out to Fluxlabs, Powernet and Verizon to get costs to replace Nextiva. Met with Fluxlabs on 28th, with clerk and bookkeeper. Proposal of \$2235 plus \$500 annual BS&A fee and all new phones was presented. Received quote Friday from Powernet and written quote from Fluxlabs on Monday. Verizon quoted \$450 monthly plus fee of \$882 for hardware. With Fluxlabs and Powernet, IT management would be included. Concern over fluctuations in charges for license fees on per use basis we pay now. Concern that new bid from Fluxlabs does not match what was stated in meeting, verbal was \$3800 now \$2235 monthly, may not have all the additional fees included. Powernet is cheaper monthly but has an upfront cost of \$17,000. SOFOS used by Fluxlabs now and others will use Fortnite. Powernet is a bigger company and would provide better customer service. We currently pay \$4600 per month, question as to why that high charge if we can have same service for \$1500 off that price. RFQ can be done. Ms. Galbreath stated to tell Fluxlabs to knock off the \$1500 and go out for RFQ. Ms. Galbreath thought today's discussion was regarding phones and not IT changes. Discussion over past placement of refurbished computers and not new computers in offices. Motion to change the phone system from Nextiva to Fluxlabs and send out for RFP on phones and IT made by Ms. Galbreath and a second from Ms. Gibson.

Barrow - nay
Chaple - nay
Galbreath – aye
Gibson - aye
Mayor Kelly – nay

Task list updates:

Website meeting tomorrow of Ms. Gibson and Aaron Rich's Brandon and Emma. R2P2 has a ton of grant money available. She is talking to five agencies currently to find grants.

LDR revision discussion date set for May 31 at 9am.

Setting meeting with mobile home park owners after LDR revision is completed.

Closing remarks:

Mr. Chaple- thanked all those who helped with planting on Saturday. 25 people showed up to help. Flags for Memorial Day will be placed on Saturday May 28th.

Ms. Galbreath set date for LDR review on May 31 at 9am. Requested RFP for phones and IT. Questioned what we are doing with the fire chief position. Mayor stated he would like to hire a daytime fire fighter, which gives the city 2 paid firemen on call all day, they would be a 48-hour employee. Volunteer Chief can handle the daily administrative needs, two chiefs are not required. Ms. Barrow asked if not having a chief would allow funds to be available to raise the firefighters pay? Mayor stated the code of ordinance states you only need a paid chief from time to time. Mr. Sloan stated the chief must be appointed and can be a volunteer or paid. Concern that the volunteer chief could just walk away from position. Ms. Galbreath would like to add a discussion of the fire chief position to the next agenda, Ms. Gibson concurred. Mr. Sloan said there is a need to designate the chief whether he is paid or a volunteer.

Ms. Barrow would like a discussion about the Facebook page of the City of Parker added to the next agenda. Mayor stated it was started by a citizen. County may be able to archive the page at no cost. Discussion will be placed on agenda.

Ms. Gibson discussion of ARPA funds can be used for paying increases. Ms. Galbreath stated she would like to use if for infrastructure due to some revenues sunseting, pay increases should be budgeted by department heads. Discussion of increase in revenues due to new construction of apartments in town. Mid-year review and budget to be worked on in June with help of accountant. Discussion of procedures of unfit/unsafe, received letters from Mr. Libby, Mr. Sloan is working on procedures. Would like to look at tree ordinance to protect large trees in future. Discussion of EPCI and sending out to bid for permitting. RFQ to be sent then interview and rank the companies. Motion made by Ms. Gibson to put out RFQ for permitting, second by Ms. Galbreath.

Barrow - nay

Chaple - nay

Galbreath – aye

Gibson - aye

Mayor Kelly – aye

Clerk asked for guidance on how long someone must work here to qualify for insurance after retirement. Not talking about COBRA, but after retirement from city, insurance. Mayor asked about elected officials being allowed to stay on City's insurance. How many years should be

required to qualify and what makes someone an employee? Clerk stated past employees are paying for insurance and are still on the city insurance policies. Audience member stated she could only have COBRA for 18 months. Ms. Gibson asked for this to be added to agenda?. Discussion that elected officials should not be covered, only allow 18 months and then they all past employees are off the policy. Clerk asked if they can only have 18 months then why is there an audit to show what employees are on the policy past employment? Discussion continued. Letter to be sent to participants stating they cannot be covered past 18 months. No motion needed due to being a state law that past employees cannot stay on insurance.

Mayor encouraged residents to look at construction completion at East Bay and thanked all for the help planting jasmine this past weekend.

Adjourned at 7:36.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jami Hinrichs".

Jami Hinrichs, City Clerk