

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Town of Parker and to the general public that the Parker Common Council will hold a Regular Meeting open to the public, at Parker Town Hall at 1314 11th Street on January 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Doors open to Council Chambers at 5:30 pm for public seating.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, January 7, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Please silence or mute your electronic devices during the Council Meetings

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Hartless called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Hartless, Vice Mayor Lucas, Council Member Shontz, Council Member Hooper, Council Member Woodell, Council Member Daniels, Council Member De Leon

Staff Present: Town Manager Nora Yackley, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Human Resource Director/Payroll Megan Poe, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Public Works Director Steve Ziegler, Library Director Fenix Markel, Town Attorney Allen Quist(telephonic), Judge Kubacki

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Taelar Oberg(telephonic), Corey Madoneczky, Fidel Castro, Anna Bride, Brie McRae, Lois Moore, Yoli Holt, Vivian Hartless, Mark Goldberg, Lynda Goldberg, Buni Hooper, Cherre Hooper, Jace Hooper, Honey Hooper, Tygre Brennan, Zafer Genc, Joshua Grenwalt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Hartless

INVOCATION: Brie McRae, River Church

PROCLAMATION: Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Month, Erica Daniels, CRRCS Community Outreach Educator

Council Member Daniels read the Proclamation. Mayor Hartless declared the month of January 2025, Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Month.

PRESENTATION: Commendation of Service, Nora Yackley, Town Manager

Mayor Hartless presented plaques to Jerry Hooper and David Lucas for their service to the Town of Parker Council. Town Manager Nora Yackley thanked Jerry Hooper and David Lucas for their service. A short break was taken to visit and get refreshments.

OATH OF OFFICE: Council-Elect Oath of Office and Seating of Elected Members

Town Magistrate, Larry Kubacki

Judge Kubacki swore in the standing members of the Council that were re-elected and the newly elected members of the Council.

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s):

Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny by a Roll Call Vote Election of Mayor pursuant to Town Code Sec. 1-6-1

Nora Yackley, Town Manager

Town Manager Nora Yackley gave a brief statement to the Council on the responsibilities of the position of Mayor. Council Member Hartless briefly stated his interest in remaining the Mayor of the Town of Parker. Council Member Genc briefly stated his interest in becoming Mayor of the Town of Parker.

MOTION:	Nomination of Zafer Genc for Mayor
BY:	CM DeLeon
SECOND:	CM Genc
VOTE:	With Members DeLeon and Genc voting yes and Members Shontz, Daniels, Hartless, Grenwalt, and Wooddell voting no; the motion failed.

MOTION:	Nomination of Randy Hartless for Mayor
BY:	CM Daniels
SECOND:	CM Shontz
VOTE:	With Members Shontz, Daniels, Hartless, Grenwalt, and Genc voting yes and Members DeLeon and Wooddell voting no; the motion passed.

Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny by a Roll Call Vote Election of Vice Mayor pursuant to Town Code Sec. 1-6-5

Nora Yackley, Town Manager

Town Manager Nora Yackley gave a brief statement of the responsibilities of the Vice Mayor's position and what is expected. Council Member Wooddell stated his interest in the position of Vice Mayor for the Town of Parker. Council Member Wooddell also nominated Council Member Daniels. Council Member Daniels nominated Council Member Wooddell for the position.

MOTION: Nomination of Erica Daniels for Vice Mayor
BY: Member Wooddell
SECOND: Mayor Hartless
VOTE: With Member Wooddell voting yes and members Shontz, Daniels, DeLeon, Hartless, Grenwalt, and Genc voting no; the motion failed.

MOTION: Nomination of Dusty Wooddell for Vice Mayor
BY: CM Daniels
SECOND: Mayor Hartless
VOTE: With Members Shontz, Daniels, DeLeon, Hartless, Grenwalt, Wooddell, and Genc voting yes and no Members voting no; the motion passed.

ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL: Mayor Hartless, Vice Mayor Wooddell, Council Member Shontz, Council Member Grenwalt, Council Member Genc, Council Member Daniels, Council Member De Leon

Staff Present: Town Manager Nora Yackley, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Human Resource Director/Payroll Megan Poe, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Public Works Director Steve Ziegler, Library Director Fenix Markel, Town Attorney Allen Quist(telephonic), Judge Kubacki

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Taelar Oberg(telephonic), Corey Madoneczky, Fidel Castro, Anna Bride, Brie McRae, Lois Moore, Yoli Holt, Vivian Hartless, Mark Goldberg, Lynda Goldberg, Buni Hooper, Cherre Hooper, Jace Hooper, Honey Hooper, Tygre Brennan, Jerry Hooper, David Lucas

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

If you wish to address the Council during this meeting, please read and fill in the information on the "Call to the Public" form and hand it to the Town Clerk. Please limit your comments to a maximum of **3 minutes**.

Lynda Goldberg shared information regarding the La Paz Regional Tourism Team and the events they attended and events they have been invited to attend.

CHAMBER DIRECTORS REPORT: Taelar Oberg, Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Event Manager

Chamber Representative Taelar Oberg gave a brief overview of the events upcoming and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. All events are available for viewing on the Chamber's website.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items in the Consent Agenda are considered routine or have been previously reviewed by the Council, and will be enacted by one motion. There will be a separate discussion of these items if a Council Member so requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

Approve the following:

- a. Town of Parker Meeting Minutes December 17, 2024

MOTION: To approve the Town of Parker Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024
BY: CM DeLeon
SECOND: CM Shontz
APPROVE: With Council Members Genc and Grenwalt abstaining
and all others in favor; the motion passed

- b. Town of Parker Parks and Recreation Special Event Application for January 11, 2025,
Annual Color Fun Run 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (road closure requested see attached map)

MOTION: To approve the Town of Parker Parks and Recreation
Special Event Application for January 11, 2025, Annual
Color Fun Run 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
BY: CM Daniels
SECOND: VM Wooddell
APPROVE: With all others in favor; the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny a Match Grant Application to the Arizona State Library State Grants in Aid Program to fund the Parker Public Library Safety & Infrastructure Modernization Project for a \$50,000.00 With a Dollar-to-Dollar Match From the Town for a Total Project Cost of \$100,000.00

Fenix Markel, Library Director

Parker Library Director Fenix Markel respectfully requests the Mayor and Council's approval to apply for a grant through the Arizona State Library's State Grants-in-Aid (SGIA) program to fund the Parker Library Safety & Infrastructure Modernization Project. This \$100,000 project, based on a \$91,930 quote from Total Security Solutions received on November 6, 2024, includes installing a ballistic-grade circulation desk to enhance staff safety and improve ADA accessibility by making the desk more visible and easier for patrons to interface with. The SGIA grant requires a dollar-to-dollar match, and the Town has been formally invited to submit a full application, due January 31, 2025. These upgrades will create a safer, more accessible, and welcoming library for all patrons and staff. The total grant request is for \$50,000. The fiscal impact on the Town is a dollar-to-dollar match of \$50,000. Mayor Hartless asked when this would happen. Fenix replied next fiscal year. CM Genc asked how the projects were budgeted. Town Manager Nora Yackley provided a brief explanation of how it works.

MOTION: To approve a Match Grant Application to the
Arizona State Library State Grants in Aid
Program to fund the Parker Public Library
Safety & Infrastructure Modernization Project
for a \$50,000.00 With a Dollar-to-Dollar Match
From the Town for a Total Project Cost of
\$100,000.00

BY:
SECOND:
APPROVE:

CM Genc
CM Daniels
With all others in favor; the motion passed

2. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny a Grant Application to the USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program for a comprehensive Feasibility Study for Parker South for \$99,999.00 With a \$40,001.00 Match From the Town for a Total Project Cost of \$140,000.00

Nora Yackley, Town Manager

Town Manager Nora Yackley respectfully requests the Mayor and Council approval to apply for the USDA Rural Business Development Grant, aiming to enhance infrastructure and stimulate economic growth in Parker South. The proposal seeks \$99,999 from the USDA and will include a \$40,001 match from the Town, totaling a project cost of \$140,000. This grant will fund a comprehensive feasibility study to develop Parker South, addressing vital community and economic needs. The application deadline is February 28, 2025, making timely approval essential to advancing this strategic initiative for the Town's future prosperity. The fiscal impact of the Town will be \$40,001 matching funds from the Town.

MOTION:

To approve a Grant Application to the USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program for a comprehensive Feasibility Study for Parker South for \$99,999.00 With a \$40,001.00 Match From the Town for a Total Project Cost of \$140,000.00

BY:
SECOND:
APPROVE:

CM Genc
CM Shontz
With all others in favor; the motion passed

3. Discussion and Action to Recommend to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control the Approval/Denial of a Series 9 Liquor License Application #09150013 for Little Brown Jug

Amy Putnam, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Amy Putnam respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve to recommend to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control the approval or denial of a series 9 Liquor License Application for Little Brown Jug. Council Member De Leon stated for the record that he was involved with the sale of the property and had nothing to do with the Liquor License.

MOTION:

To approve to Recommend to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control the Approval/Denial of a Series 9 Liquor License Application #09150013 for Little Brown Jug

BY:
SECOND:

VM Wooddell
CM Genc

APPROVE:

With all others in favor; the motion passed

COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Chamber of Commerce and Tourism-VM Lucas + CM DeLeon
Joint Venture-CM Hooper + CM Shontz *Tribal Committee-Mayor Hartless + CM Daniels* *Parks & Recreation-VM Lucas + CM Daniels* *Senior Center-CM De Leon + CM Shontz* *Streets & Traffic-CM Hooper + CM Wooddell* *Library Board-CM Shontz + CM Wooddell* *WACOG-Mayor Hartless + CM Daniels*

CM Daniels stated that this upcoming Saturday will be Parker Park and Recreation's annual Color Fun Run and invited all to attend. Mayor Hartless stated there will be a Work Session held soon to assign Liaisons to the Town's Boards and Committees and stated the importance of more discussion during Council Meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

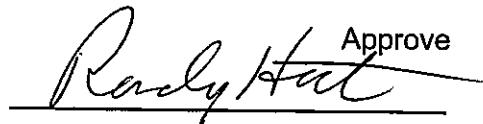
Saturday	January 11, 2025	Parks and Recreation Annual Color Fun Run	10:00 AM
Thursday	January 16, 2025	2025 Parker 400 Downtown Experience	12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Tuesday	January 21, 2025	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00 PM

Unless so noted, all meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 1314 11th Street.

ADJOURN: Mayor Hartless adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM

Some members of the council or the town attorney may attend the meeting either in person or by telephone conference call. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation by contacting, the town clerk, (928) 669-9265, at least (72) hours before the scheduled meeting. Facilities are handicapped accessible

The council may vote to recess into an executive session which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice regarding any of the agenda items, pursuant to a.r.s. §38-431.03(a)(3).

 Approve

Randy Hartless, Mayor