

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE 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 April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Doors open to Council Chambers at 5:30 pm for public seating.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, April 16, 2024, 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, Council Member Shontz, Council Member Hooper, Council Member Woodell (telephonic), Council Member De Leon(arrived 6:14pm), Absent Vice Mayor Lucas, Absent Council Member Daniels

Staff: Town Manager/Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Finance Manager Megan Poe, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Public Works Director Steve Ziegler, Library Manager Fenix Markel

Others Present: Melissa Newton, John Gutekunst, Brie McRae, Mario Casillas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Hartless

INVOCATION: Brie McRae, River Church

PRESENTATION: Water Rate Study Presentation, Steve Ziegler

Public Works Director Steve Ziegler provided a slideshow explaining the Water Rate Study. Mario Casillas is a representative from RCAC and was available via telephone to answer any questions the Mayor and Council have. Steve provided 4 alternatives with rate increases to the Mayor and Council. Steve stated he would recommend the Mayor and Council to adopt Alternative 4 as it is the least impactful to the

customer. Steve and Council discussed the different alternatives and the impact on the customers on each proposal. Mario briefly shared some added information about the 4 alternatives.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Mike Villeneuve spoke about the tiny homes models.

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**.

There was no call to the public presented to the clerk

CHAMBER DIRECTORS REPORT: Melissa Newton

Chamber Director Melissa Newton talked about the upcoming events. The Chamber Mixer at the Pirate's Den on April 18 @ 5:30-7:00 PM, La Paz Regional Hospital is having their Ribbon Cutting on April 24 @ 2:00 PM for their new Cardiac CT Machine, Parker Public Library is having their McQuerry Collection on May 1 @ noon and she invited all to attend the events.

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. Special Event Application for Parker High School Annual Graduation Parade May 23, 2024, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. (See attached map for road closure)
- b. Special Event Application for Colorado River Crisis Services Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Walk April 26, 2024, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM Pop Harvey Park (no road closure required)
- c. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022 (absent CM Lucas)
- d. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022
- e. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2024 (absent VM Lucas)

MOTION:	To approve items a-e
BY:	CM Hooper
SECOND:	CM Shontz
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 APS Community Tree Program Funds Approval
Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Steve Ziegler respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to accept \$7,050.83 from the APS Community Tree Program and to purchase the trees and planting material from Star Nursery. The APS Community Tree Program works to ensure people and

neighborhoods in need across Arizona receive the many benefits trees provide. The program reduces the heat island effect by expanding the tree canopy cover in vulnerable communities within the APS service territory. The plan is to plant 36 Red Push Pistache trees at the cemetery, 17 Red Push Pistache trees at Western Park, and 26 Willow Acacia trees at Pop Harvey Park. There will be 2 planting events. One in the Spring and one in the Fall. The community will be invited to join and participate. Staff reached out to 3 nurseries for tree and material proposals. Moon Valley Nursery was \$15,835.15, Yuma Nursery was \$9,236.84, and Star Nursery was \$7,050.83. The Town will purchase the trees and materials from Star Nursery and then submit an invoice to APS for the reimbursement of the purchase. The only fiscal impact will be the material and labor for staff to install the irrigation at all of the locations. Mayor Hartless stated that this project makes him very happy. Council Member Hooper asked if there was enough space for all the trees. Steve replied that yes, after all the irrigation is put in, there will be enough space for them all. Council Member Hooper asked if the old dead Eucalyptus trees at the cemetery would be removed and replaced in this plan. Steve replied, no, that is in a plan for the future. Staff will need to remove all the dead trees and then another grant will be applied for. Council Member Hooper asked if all the trees would be delivered at once. Steve replied, no, it would be in 2 separate shipments and it has been arranged with Star Nursery and was included in the bid. Council Member DeLeon asked if we had any local nurseries in town anymore. Steve replied, the closest local nursery is in Havasu and that is Star Nursery. They have become very competitive with Yuma Nursery and so we are doing business with them more so now than previously.

MOTION: To approve APS Community Tree Program Funds
BY: CM Shontz
SECOND: CM Hooper
APPROVE: With all others in favor, the motion passed

2. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Agreement with Star Nursery relating to the Purchase of Trees for the APS Community Tree Program Grant

Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Steve Ziegler respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve the Agreement with Star Nursery relating to the Purchase of Trees for the APS Community Tree Program Grant for \$7,050.83. The APS Community Tree Program works to ensure people and neighborhoods in need across Arizona receive the many benefits trees provide. The program reduces the heat island effect by expanding the tree canopy cover in vulnerable communities within the APS service territory. The plan is to plant 36 Red Push Pistache trees at the cemetery, 17 Red Push Pistache trees at Western Park, and 26 Willow Acacia trees at Pop Harvey Park. There will be 2 planting events. One in the Spring and one in the Fall. The community will be invited to join and participate. Staff reached out to 3 nurseries for tree and material proposals. Moon Valley Nursery was \$15,835.15, Yuma Nursery was \$9,236.84, and Star Nursery was \$7,050.83. The Town will purchase the trees and materials from Star Nursery and then submit an invoice to APS for the reimbursement of the purchase. The only fiscal impact will be the material and labor for staff to install the irrigation at all of the locations. Council Member DeLeon asked if the price included the delivery. Steve replied, yes.

MOTION: To approve the Agreement with Star Nursery relating to the Purchase of Trees for the APS Community Tree Program Grant
BY: CM Hooper
SECOND: CM Shontz
APPROVE: With all others in favor the motion passed

3. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Amended Employment Agreement with Nora Yackley for her appointment as Town Manager

Amy Putnam, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Amy Putnam respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve the amended contract with Nora Yackley, Town Manager. After the execution of the contract and approval by the council, it was discovered there were a few items that conflicted with our personnel policies. The first noted change is to add 40 hours of Administrative Leave annually which is a benefit provided to all Department Directors. Second is that the benefits provided in the contract will continue through the end of the month in which the Agreement is terminated. The third and final correction is in which 40 hours of Administrative Leave is valid from January 1 through December 31 of each year and cannot be carried over to a subsequent term and are forfeited if not used. There is no fiscal impact.

MOTION: To approve the Amended Employment Agreement with
Nora Yackley for her appointment as Town Manager
BY: CM Shontz
SECOND: CM DeLeon
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*

Council Member Hooper stated there was a Joint Venture Meeting in the morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday	April 18, 2024	Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce And Tourism Monthly Business Mixer Hosted By Pirates Den	5:30 PM
Monday	April 22, 2024	Streets and Traffic Advisory Board	5:15 PM
Wednesday	May 1, 2024	Parker Public Library McQuerry Collection Room Dedication	12:00 PM
Tuesday	May 7, 2024	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 6:37 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