

REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION 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 the general public that the Parker Common Council will hold a regular meeting and executive session open to the public at Parker Town Hall at 1314 11th Street on September 01, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Doors open to the Council Chambers at 5:30 pm for public seating. As indicated on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2),(3),(4), and (6), the Parker Common Council may vote to go into executive session in its regular meeting, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters. The public will be invited back into Council Chambers when the Council returns from executive session.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2026, 6:00 PM

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

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Hartless, Vice Mayor Genc, Council Member Shontz, Council Member Daniels, Council Member De Leon (telephonic), Council Member Madoneczky, Council Member Grenwalt

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Nora Yackley, Town Clerk Darcy Aspa, Public Works Director Steve Ziegler(telephonic), Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Human Resource Director/Payroll Megan Poe, Parker Public Library Director Fenix Markel, Town Attorney Christina Estes-Werther (telephonic), Library Staff Brooklyn Lopez, Public Works Supervisor Cody McGuire

OTHERS PRESENT: Pastor Louie Marsh, Joan Hall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Hartless

INVOCATION: Pastor Louie Marsh, River Church

PROCLAMATION: National Patriotism Week September 7-13, 2026

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**.

There was no Call to the Public

CHAMBER DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Erica Daniels, Director, Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

Chamber Director Erica Daniels shared the upcoming events with the Mayor and Council. The next Chamber Mixer will be held on 09-17-2026 at the Elks Lodge. The Annual Gala will be held at the Havasu Springs Resort on 10-17-2026. On 10-02-2026 & 10-03-2026, the Chamber will host a Harvest Festival at the La Paz County Fairgrounds. All are welcome to attend.

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 of August 04, 2026
- b. Special Event Application and Road Closure PAACE Annual Red Ribbon Week Family Fun Day October 25, 2026 (maps included)
- c. Special Event Application and Road Closure Annual Trunk or Treat Event October 31, 2026 (maps included)
- d. Special Event License La Paz County Fair Association Black Hat Bar 10/01/26-10/03/26

MOTION:	To approve items a-d
BY:	VM Genc
SECOND:	CM Grenwalt
APPROVE:	With all others in favor; the motion passed

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Resolution No. 12-2026 Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources Projects Program under Funding Opportunity Number R26AS00017 for AMI Antenna Project.

Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Steve Ziegler respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve Resolution 12-2026 to authorize staff to submit an application to the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources Projects Program for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Fixed Network System project. Staff budgeted \$150,000 in the adopted FY 26-27 Capital Budget. If the grant is awarded, the fiscal impact to the Town would be \$61,846.00 for the 50/50 portion of the matching grant. CM Madoneczky asked that, after the initial cost for the first year, this would have to be renewed each year. Steve stated, yes, it would be \$23,000 yearly, and it would free up time for staff and save money for the Town. VM Genc broke down the savings in a discussion with council.

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 12-2026 Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources Projects Program under Funding Opportunity Number R26AS00017 for AMI Antenna Project
BY: CM Daniels
SECOND: CM Shontz
APPROVE: With all others in favor; the motion passed

2. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny the 2027 Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) Area Agency on Aging Contract for the purpose of providing home-delivered meals.

Nora Yackley, Town Manager

Town Manager Nora Yackley shared that the Western Arizona Council of Governments has submitted the State Fiscal Year 2027 contract featuring updated financial schedules. These updates reflect revised reimbursement ceilings for both Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Meals programs. Under the updated terms, the Congregate Meals Reimbursement Ceiling is set at \$115,345, while the Home-Delivered Meals Reimbursement Ceiling is set at \$133,365. Nora respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve the revised WACOG contract for SFY 2027. Mayor Hartless asked if it was ever figured out if we were close to or the same as Quartsite. Nora stated they were still closing up the end of their year, but the figures are close.

MOTION: To approve the 2027 Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) Area Agency on Aging Contract for the purpose of providing home-delivered meals
BY: Mayor Hartless
SECOND: CM Shontz
APPROVE: With all others in favor; the motion passed

3. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny a wage increase of \$1.00 per hour for Town employees for the 2026/2027 Budget Year effective 07-01-2026

Nora Yackley, Town Manager

Town Manager Nora Yackley states that the Administration Department proposes an across-the-board wage increase of \$1.00 per hour. While a 3.5% salary increase (approximately \$110,000) was originally budgeted, a \$1.00 per hour adjustment exceeds this total by less than \$10,000. However, because the effective date is delayed until the first pay period in September, the actual overall cost will align closely with the budgeted amount. A potential disadvantage of this flat-rate approach is that higher-earning employees will receive a smaller percentage

increase than they would under a 3.5% adjustment. Nora continues with the Administration Department respectfully requests the Mayor and Council authorize a \$1.00 per hour wage increase for employees, effective starting the first pay period in September. Mayor Hartless noted that 3.5% was budgeted and this increase will not be retroactive back to 07-01-2026. Nora stated that was correct. VM Genc shared his thoughts on the advantages and disadvantages for the employees. CM Daniels asked if employees in the different departments share a close pay range. Nora explained how the wages are determined. VM Genc asked why this is coming up now vs other times of the year. Nora explained how the budget schedule has worked last year vs this year. CM Daniels asked when evaluations come, if the employees realize this increase is once. Nora stated that was correct. Mayor Hartless shared his thoughts on having the increase take effect on 07-01-2026. VM Genc asked if there was a scale used for the evaluations and a pay range for employees. Nora explained how each budgeted amount is figured into the budget for wage increases, and shared about wage caps. CM Daniels noted that in the past they have made sure the Town employees' wages were similar to other rural towns. Nora stated that doing it this way helps the budget in the long run. CM Shontz noted that the Finance Manager encouraged this. Council Members discussed how many employees there were and retroactively starting the increase effective 07-01-2026. Steve Ziegler and Chief Bailey shared their opinions on the wage increase. Mayor Hartless thanked the department heads for their opinions. CM Grenwalt asked if only employees were getting the increase and not the department heads? Nora encouraged all employees to get the increase. Mayor Hartless discussed his calculations starting 07-01-2026. He continues to say that way everyone gets a nice bump.

MOTION: To approve a wage increase of \$1.00 per hour for Town employees for the 2026/2027 Budget Year effective 07-01-2026
BY: VM Genc
SECOND: CM DeLeon
APPROVE: With all others in favor; the motion passed

4. Discussion and Action relating to the matters protected by the Common Interest and Confidentiality Agreement between Joint Venture, the Town of Parker, and the Colorado River Indian Tribes and other proposed agreements with Joint Venture and the Colorado River Indian Tribes. The Council may vote to discuss this matter in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2),(3), (4), and (6) to discuss confidential documents, for legal advice, and to direct Town staff relating to negotiations with these entities.

Nora Yackley, Town Manager

MOTION: To move into Executive Session to discuss Item 4
BY: Mayor Hartless
SECOND: VM Genc
APPROVE: With all others in favor; the motion passed

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:38 PM

MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:40 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

CM Daniels shared the next Parks & Rec Meeting is on 09-14-26 at 4:00 PM with the Youth Presidents, and the Committee will help the Town with the Trunk or Treat Event on 10-31-26.

Chamber of Commerce and Tourism-Mayor CM DeLeon + Mayor Hartless
Joint Venture-CM Shontz + CM Grenwalt *Tribal Committee-Mayor Hartless + CM Daniels* *Parks & Recreation- CM Daniels + CM Grenwalt* *Streets & Traffic-CM Madoneczky + CM Grenwalt*
WACOG-Mayor Hartless + CM DeLeon* *PAACE-VM Genc + CM Shontz* *Friends/Senior-Mayor Hartless + CM Grenwalt* *Friends/Library-VM Genc + Mayor Hartless*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday	September 07, 2026	Labor Day	All Town Offices Closed
Monday	September 14, 2026	Parks & Recreation Committee Work Session and Regular Meeting	4:00 PM
Tuesday	September 15, 2026	Next 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 7:42 PM

Approve

Randy Hartless, Mayor

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)(2),(3),(4), and (6).