

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION 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 the general public that Parker Common Council will hold a regular meeting open to the public at Parker Town Hall at 1314 11th Street on December 16, 2025, 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)(3), 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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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION
TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, December 16, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

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 (arrived at 6:25 PM), Council Member Madonezcky, Council Member Grenwalt

Staff Present: Town Manager Nora Yackley, Interim Town Clerk Darcy Aspa, Human Resource Director/Payroll Megan Poe, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Library Director Fenix Markel, Town Attorney Christina Estes-Werther (telephonic)

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Pastor Louie Marsh, Mark Goldberg, Lynda Goldberg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Hartless

INVOCATION: Pastor Louie Marsh, River Church

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 from the Regional Tourism Committee shared information with the Mayor and Council about the upcoming Tourism Expo, scheduled to take place at the Blue Water Resort on January 7, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lynda noted how this is a great opportunity to portray local businesses or clubs to the community and visitors at no cost. Lynda invited all to attend.

CHAMBER DIRECTORS REPORT: Erica Daniels, Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce & Director

Chamber Director Erica Daniels shared with the Mayor and Council the current events taking place. The Chamber is hosting a Business Decorating Contest, with judging taking place on December 22nd. The Annual Angel Tree with a few tags left to fill. On Thursday, December 18th, the chamber will host its Chamber Mixer at Scotts AC at 5:30 PM. The 12 Days of Christmas Campaign, which highlights local businesses and encourages residents and visitors to shop locally. Erica thanked the Town of Parker for their continued support of the Chamber.

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of December 02, 2025

MOTION:	To approve the Meeting Minutes of December 02, 2025
BY:	VM Genc
SECOND:	CM Madoneczky
APPROVE:	With all others in favor (CM De Leon absent); the motion passed

- b. Special Event Application Gear Up & Gather Event Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce on 01-21-2026(map & road closure attached)

Town Manager Nora Yackley shared with the Mayor and Council new information that was received, noting the event date would change to January 14, 2026. No other information in the application will change.

MOTION:	To approve the Special Event Application for the Gear Up & Gather Event on 01-14-2026
BY:	VM Genc
SECOND:	Mayor Hartless
APPROVE:	With CM Daniels abstaining due to conflict and CM De

Leon absent, all others in favor; the motion passed

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Accepting Grant Funds for \$87,793.00 from the Arizona State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund, requiring a 50% match from the Town, to replace the playground equipment at Pop Harvey Park.

Public Works Director, Steve Ziegler

Town Manager Nora Yackley respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve the acceptance of Grant Funds for \$87,793.00 from the Arizona State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund, requiring a 50% match from the Town, to replace the playground equipment at Pop Harvey Park. Nora noted that in September of 2024, staff submitted an application to the Arizona State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund for the purpose of obtaining funds to replace the existing playground structure and wood fiber. The existing playground is 25 years old and is beyond its life expectancy. Town Attorney Christina Estes-Werther explained to the Mayor and Council that this was step one of two. This is the grant acceptance process, and then there will be a separate vendor agreement that will come back to Council in January. Mayor Hartless clarified that the \$154,963 was budgeted for this project. Nora stated that the entire amount has to be budgeted for the Town to accept the grant. Mayor Hartless noted that it doesn't mean there is that amount in the budget. Nora stated that it is correct. VM Genc expressed interest in having monthly financial reports provided to see where the funds are. Nora shared that that should be able to happen starting after the first of the year. VM Genc asked if the Parks & Recreation Committee had a say in the selection of this equipment. CM Daniels shared that the Public Works Director Steve Ziegler brought the news of the grant to the Parks & Recreation Committee at their last meeting, and they were aware and involved with the project.

MOTION:

To approve accepting Grant Funds for \$87,793.00 from the Arizona State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund, requiring a 50% match from the Town, to replace the playground equipment at Pop Harvey Park

BY:

VM Genc

SECOND:

CM Shontz

APPROVE:

With all others in favor (CM De Leon absent); the motion passed

2. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny the Water Use Agreement between the Town of Parker and Stanton Contracting LLC

Public Works Director, Steve Ziegler

Town Manager Nora Yackley respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve the Water Use Agreement between the Town of Parker and Stanton Contracting LLC. It was explained by Nora what the agreement entails. The agreement requires Stanton Contracting LLC to use the water only for construction-related purposes, and they will have to add the Town of Parker to their insurance policy as additionally insured. Nora noted it was a similar agreement held currently with EWS. It is for an initial term of 2 years and will automatically renew, provided Stanton Contracting LLC and the Town agree to continue with the agreement. There is no cost or fee associated with this agreement for the Town.

MOTION: To approve the Water Use Agreement between the
Town of Parker and Stanton Contracting LLC
BY: CM Daniels
SECOND: CM Madoneczky
APPROVE: With all others in favor (CM De Leon absent); the
motion passed

3. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny a Policy on Virtual Attendance for Executive Session

Vice Mayor, Zafer Genc

Vice Mayor Genc shared his concern and opinion with the Mayor and Council regarding the Council Members who are not able to join in an Executive Session via Zoom. He noted that currently there is no Policy stating whether a member of Council can or cannot attend in an Executive Session via Zoom. He states that if that is the stance of the Council as a whole, it should be put in Policy. VM Genc noted his preference would be to allow members to join with some sort of limitations on how frequently the members used that method to be present. That way, it would allow each member to attend. On the opposite side, if the Council chose not to allow it, then there could be potential for an item to be voted in a direction not agreed upon by the member who is not able to be present. In that case, VM Genc recommends that no vote take place or moving on to the next agenda item, with a limitation on how many times that can take place, so the item is addressed in a timely manner. CM Daniels asked if it had always been practiced this way. Town Manager Nora Yackley stated yes. Mayor Hartless stated that it is generally practiced. Nora stated there is no vote taken in Executive Session and that the Executive Session ends, and then go back into Regular Session to vote. CM DeLeon stated it is a right to be heard. Mayor Hartless noted it would be the responsibility of the Council Member on Zoom to make sure there isn't anybody else in the room during an Executive Session. If there is a violation of the Open Meeting Law, there could be a fine. Mayor Hartless states he is torn and realizes it is not always possible to be present at every meeting. CM Shontz stated her concern would be over "big impact topics" and feels you must be present. CM Daniels asked if the policy could be viewed before a vote. VM Genc requests an update to the policy, including virtual meetings, violations, and reference to other towns. CM Madonecsky noted the importance of being present. CM Grenwalt asked to look at other towns and cities on their policies on the subject and noted the importance of what is created in the Policy since it would be used by future Council Members. The Town Attorney and Town Manager will work on creating a policy from the direction of the Mayor and Council to present back to the Mayor and Council for review and approval before applying it to the Policy.

4. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Local Preference for Obtaining Bids. The Council may vote to discuss this matter in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

Vice Mayor, Zafer Genc

Vice Mayor Genc shared his thoughts and opinion on obtaining bids. He confirms that currently, 3 Bids need to be obtained for anything over \$10,000. Town Manager Nora Yackey stated yes, that is correct. He requests that the Policy be adjusted with the first Bids be advertised locally, then if not obtained, advertised in the County, and if not obtained, advertised in a neighboring County, and then the state, and then out of state until 3 bids have been obtained. He would like to give local businesses a fair chance to obtain the business. Mayor Hartless provided some examples of types of Bids obtained for projects. Town Attorney Christina Estes-Werther provided

Information for VM Genc's request. She notes there is nothing that prohibits the Town from first soliciting quotes locally and then moving outward in direction. The Town Code will need to be changed due to not having anything currently that reads obtaining bids in this matter. She notes that the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement is useful because it takes a lot of the time and effort out of the Town having to do a competitive bid process. Mayor Hartless asks if we want to make this a policy or use it as a practice. VM Genc stated he would want it in the policy and shared his opinion on not allowing local businesses to bid. Mayor Hartless provided another example of an item that may be needed and not available locally. He adds the question of whose job it would be to keep track of any new businesses coming to the town. CM DeLeon shares thoughts on providing best practices for new businesses. Christina will draft a Code change to bring back to Council for review.

COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

CM Daniels shared that the Parks & Recreation Committee is advertising for the Color Run on January 17th and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Hartless notes that WACOG is trying to recruit people to serve on the WACOG Board and is sending out a survey.

CM Shontz stated that Joint Venture has a meeting tomorrow to discuss finding an audit firm and engineering services.

CM Daniels shared that CRIT would like to meet with the Mayor and herself as Council Liaisons to discuss possibly having an event together with the Town and go over the current activities so as not to schedule on the same days.

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* *Senior Center-CM De Leon + CM Daniels* *Streets & Traffic-CM Grenwalt* *Library Board-CM Shontz * WACOG-Mayor Hartless + CM DeLeon*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday	December 24, 2025	Christmas Eve	Town Offices Closed at noon
Thursday	December 25, 2025	Christmas Day	Town Offices Closed
Wednesday	December 31, 2025	New Year's Eve	Town Offices Closed at noon
Thursday	January 1, 2026	New Year's Day	Town Offices Closed
Tuesday	January 6, 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 7:06 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)(3).