

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 December 17, 2024, 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, December 17, 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, 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, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Library Director Fenix Markel, Town Attorney Christina Estes-Werther(telephonic)

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Pastor Louie Marsh, Josh Grenwalt, Vivian Hartless, Taelar Oberg, Trent Timothy, Dan White

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**.

There was no Call to the Public

CHAMBER DIRECTORS REPORT: Erin Uken, Chamber Director

Chamber Representative Taelar Oberg shared with the Mayor and Council that the Chamber would be hosting their Chamber Mixer on Thursday, December 19 hosted by the Parker Motor Company, JB 15, and Beaver Insurance. There will be a Tourism Expo at the Casino on January 8th. January 16-19 will be the Parker 400 with the Downtown Experience being held on January 16. The Parker Dam 500 will be on January 19- 22 with the Downtown Experience held on January 20.

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 November 19, 2024

MOTION: BY: SECOND: APPROVE:	To approve the Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2024 VM Lucas CM Shontz With all others in favor; the motion passed
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REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

- 1. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny the Purchase of 8 Street Lights for Western Park for \$33,999.98 subject to the terms of the existing APS Agreement for construction and maintenance.

Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

Town Manager Nora Yackley respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to authorize staff to have APS install 8 street lights along the Western Park parking for \$33,999.80. Western Park is the most used park in Town with baseball, football, soccer, and annual Town and Chamber events being held there throughout the year. Unfortunately over the past year and a half, there have been 2 shootings that have occurred in the parking lot which has severely impacted the use of the park. Public Works along with the Police Department have been working together to come up with improvements to help increase public safety of the patrons that use the park. One of the improvements is to increase the lighting. Public Works staff has adjusted the volleyball and basketball court lights to be on from dusk to dawn. The other lighting in the park is already on from dusk to dawn sensors. Staff believes adding parking lot lights on both Chemehuevi Avenue and Desert Avenue will further increase public safety. Staff reached out to APS and met with them at the park to discuss adding the light poles and the attached map with the locations was developed based on that meeting. The cost to have APS install these new light poles with LED heads is \$33,999.80. As you are aware, the Town has a street light maintenance contract with APS therefore additional proposals were not obtained. The funding for this project is coming from the approved FY 24/25 Streets Capital Project Budget. This was not an earmarked project but considering the recent shootings and the impact it has had on the public safety at the park, staff

feels it is just and warranted. Staff budgeted \$708,000 for the 18th Street remove and replace project but the congressional grant we applied for to do the project was not approved so the funds to pay for this will be taken from that line item. CM Hooper asked if grants have been applied for to go towards the cost of this project. Nora stated, no, not at this time. CM Hooper requests grants be applied for to cover the cost. CM Wooddell asked what the total amount set aside for the remove and replace project was and if that total included grant funds. Nora stated that part of the \$708,000 would have included grant funds.

MOTION: To approve the Purchase of 8 Street Lights for Western Park for \$33,999.98 subject to the terms of the existing APS Agreement for construction and maintenance.
BY: CM Daniels
SECOND: CM Hooper
APPROVE: With all others in favor; the motion passed

2. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Agreement with Oculens LLC for the Purchase of Cameras for Western Park for \$9,101.70

Michael Bailey, Chief of Police

Chief of Police Michael Bailey respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve the purchase of trial cameras that were installed at Western Park by Verkada/Oculens. This purchase will be part of a larger project to install cameras throughout Western and Pop Harvey Parks over a designated period of time. There have been 2 shootings at Western Park. One was the result of a death of a juvenile and the other resulted in lifetime paralysis of the victim. The cameras that are installed at both Western and Pop Harvey Parks are primarily being utilized for crimes that occur at or near where they are installed, the concession stand, near the restrooms, and the basketball court. The location of the first incident was within the field of view of a camera on the concession stand, however, due to the storage-saving setup of the camera, the incident was not captured on video. The location of the second incident was not captured on any surveillance cameras installed at the park. Four companies were reached out to. LVT and Verkada/Oculens both have a large presence in providing surveillance cameras to municipalities, schools, and private corporations. Each company was able to meet our requirements but was off on the fiscal constraints based on the products or the services they provided. In addition to the two nationwide companies, I requested a quote from Desert Works Computers LLC. LVT would cost \$330,000 for five years for complete coverage of Western Park and would only be leasing the equipment, Verkada/Oculens provides 5 years for \$82,110 or a 10-year plan for \$94,780 and we would own the equipment. Both plans include 15 cameras and a loudspeaker. They also provide several payment options for their products. The third company was Security Lines US. These are pole-mounted cameras only and Public Works would have to install them. While they have similar features to LVT, they do not offer all that Verkada offers. The cost of these cameras was \$16,534.52 for a pod of 2 cameras and a satellite pod with an additional 4 cameras. The quote provided did not provide enough cameras for complete coverage as it was provided. Desert Works Computers LLC was unable to provide a quote for the specific request asked for and no additional information was provided. During this research phase, Verkada has provided the Town with two cameras to test and evaluate. The quality of the videos, ease of operation, and the multitude of features this system provides are by far the best choices to go with. The cost of the cameras that have been installed for the test and evaluation session is \$9,101.70. This cost is included in the total cost of the Verkada project. This cost will be deducted from the total cost of the project when we move forward. The Mayor and Council discussed the options and benefits to move forward with this project.

MOTION: To approve the Agreement with Oculens LLC for the Purchase of Cameras for Western Park for \$9,101.70

BY:
SECOND:
APPROVE:

CM Hooper
CM DeLeon
With all others in favor; the motion passed

3. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Planning and Zoning Recommendations for Docket: PZ24-01 From Wet Investment LLC to Change the Use of Property at 1800 Kofa Ave From Apartments to Condominiums

Nora Yackley, Town Manager

Town Manager Nora Yackley presented from the Town of Parker Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the request from Wer Investment LLC, to change the use of property, located at 1800 Kofa Avenue, APN's 311-28-063D, OT from Apartments to Condominiums. The referenced parcel is located within the limits of the Town of Parker and is generally situated in Subdivision: PARKER TOWNSITE Block: 262 Lots: 1-4, Section: 1 Township: 9N Range: 20W Uses of surrounding lots are Residential and School District. The General Plan Land Use and 2005 Zoning Ordinance designated the reference parcels as OT. The purpose of this zoning district is to provide a location for small-scale, well-designed professional offices and personal services within a neighborhood setting. It is intended that this district accommodates a very limited range of uses and encourages residential development either as the primary use or secondarily in conjunction with the professional office or personal service within a residential environment. The building was built in 1978 and has been updated several times. The new use would stay with the same footprint of the building and parking area. New updates to the individual units and exterior of the building along with a parking area and trash receptacle are in progress now. The only amenities that will be added to the complex will be two laundry rooms. Notices were published in the local newspaper per state law and legal notices were posted at the parcel. Letters were sent to 29 property owners representing 29 parcels within the stipulated 300 feet of the parcels requesting the use change. Review Committee Response sheets were sent to local agencies and utilities. Southwest Gas commented: had no objections: PW commented: no objection Joint Venture commented: No objections. The Planning and Zoning Commission met on November 26, 2024, and voted to recommend to Council that the use be changed as requested by the property owner(s) with a unanimous vote accompanied with the stipulation that Proposition 207 Waiver be signed by the Applicants along with a copy of the CC&R's and Public Report (Disclosure Report) A.R.S. 32-2183 be turned in to Community Development prior to any units being sold. If approved the Prop 207 waiver, a copy of CC&Rs and the Public Disclosure will be recorded. Mayor Hartless clarified that the apartments would be for rental use and the condominiums would be for sale. Nora stated that was correct. Mayor Hartless stated that he felt the process of giving the tenants 30 to vacate seemed to be short notice. Nora stated the apartments were purchased over a year ago by the current owners and this was the plan from the start and the tenants were well aware this was going to be requested. Owner Trent Timothy stated to the Mayor and Council that they have invested over \$100,000 and there has been damage and destruction to the property making it not worth holding on to just to continue to put more money out. The Mayor and Council discussed the benefits and options of this request.

MOTION:

To approve the Planning and Zoning Recommendations for Docket: PZ24-01 From Wet Investment LLC to Change the Use of Property at 1800 Kofa Ave From Apartments to Condominiums

BY:
SECOND:
APPROVE:

CM Hooper
CM Shontz
With CM Daniels and CM Wooddell voting no and 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 the Parks & Recreation Committee held their annual Christmas in the Park on December 6 and it was a fun-filled night for the community. She thanked all who volunteered their time to make the event a success. CM Hooper stated there would be a Joint Venture meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM to discuss current financial issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday	December 19, 2024	Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Monthly Business Mixer hosted by Parker Motor Co, JB15, and Beaver Insurance	5:30 PM @ Parker Motor Company
Tuesday	January 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 6:40 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