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AGENDA

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/ EXECUTIVE  
SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, February 16, 2021 5:15 P.M.

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

CALL THE SPECIAL WORK SESSION TO ORDER: Mayor Bonds Call The Special Work Session To Order At 5:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Bonds, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Member Shontz, Council Member Savino, Council Member De Leon, Council Member Heartless, Council Member Lucas

Other staff present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Chief Of Police Michael Bailey, Library Manager Tracy McConnell, Payroll Clerk Jennifer Alcaida, Senior Center Director Darla Tilley, Public Works Director Steve Zeigler, Fenix Okershuasen, Hortencia Robles, Leo Bejarano, Francisco Sanchez, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Community Health Outreach Program Director Lee Ann Anderson, Martha Duran, Amanda Lucas, Mandy Shank

Others Present: Lydia Lara, Philip Lara, John Gutekunst

PURPOSE:

Discussion Only

- a. Senior Center FY20-21 Update

Darla Tilley, Senior Center Director

Senior Center Director Darla Tilley provides the council with an update of the activities of the senior center for fiscal year 20-21. She notes how many meals have been served, what they've done during the pandemic and how they will continue to serve the community through the rest of the year.

b. Library FY20-21 Update

Tracy McConnell, Library Manager

Library manager Tracy McConnell provides the council with an update of the activities of the public library during p fiscal year 20 - 21. She provides an overview of the number of people served where those people come from Etc. She notes ongoing projects that are being worked on and what they hope to do next year.

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Bonds calls the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:00 P.M.

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

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Others Present: Lydia Lara, Philip Lara, John Gutekunst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all in attendance

PRESENTATION: 5 Year Business Awards

Mayor Bonds reads the list of 5-year Business Awards and thanks everyone for being a part of the community.

PRESENTATION: Introduction of New Employees

Fenix Ockershausen  
Amanda Lucas

Hortencia Robles  
Leo Bejarano

Francisco Sanchez

Each department head introduces the new members of staff to council.

PRESENTATION: Commendation of Service

Lee Ann Anderson, Community Health Outreach Director

Director of the community health outreach program Lee Ann Anderson thanks Martha Duran for her 13 years of service to the program. She presents Martha with an award and pictures are taken.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There was no call to Public presented to the clerk

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

All items in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the Council, and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless 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 January 19 , 2021
- b. Town of Parker Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021
- c. Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 7:00AM-5:00PM. 2nd Annual Volks Jam VW Car Show Street Closure of Desert and Chemehuevi between Riverside and 7th Street surrounding Western Park.

**MOTION:** Move to Approve Consent Agenda Items a-c  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Savino  
**VOTE:** All others in favor, the motion passed;

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

- 1. Approve/Deny LSTA-CAP Mini Grant for Spanish Collection  
Tracy McConnell, Library Manager

*Library Manager Tracy McConnell requests Mayor and Council to approve the submission of the LSTA-CAP mini grant for new Spanish books. She notes the population of only Spanish speakers in our community is about 24.8%. Currently the library Spanish books only make up 1% of their total collection and many of them are outdated. The grant will provide \$4,000 to purchase Spanish and bilingual books. Vice Mayor Hooper asks if the library has any bilingual staff. currently there are no bilingual members of staff at the library. There are no other questions at this time.*

**MOTION:** Move to Approve LSTA-CAP Mini Grant for Spanish Collection  
**BY:** CM Hartless  
**SECOND:** CM De Leon  
**VOTE:** All others in favor, the motion passed;

2. Approve/Deny LSTA Grant-Laptops, WiFi, Outdoor Seating

Tracy McConnell, Library Manager

*Library manager Tracy McConnell requests the Mayor and Council to approve the submission for a Library Services Technology Act Grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. With this grant The library will be able to purchase new laptops, new Wi-Fi routers and outdoor seating. Tracy advises Council that in the current situation with the pandemic it would be nice to have an outdoor seating area for people to sit down and read books or use the library Wi-Fi services. They are asking for \$20,000 to purchase the laptops, Wi-Fi routers and outdoor furniture. There are no other questions*

**MOTION:** Move to Approve LSTA Grant-Laptops, WiFi, Outdoor Seating  
**BY:** CM Shontz  
**SECOND:** CM Savino  
**VOTE:** All others in favor, the motion passed;

3. Approve/Deny Mural Painting on Library

Tracy McConnell, Library Manager

*Library manager Tracy McConnell requests Mayor and Council approval to enter into an agreement with artist Rachel Kaiser to paint a mural on the outside of the library. Tracy notes that Rachel has been working with Jon Luther, our grant writer to submit a grant for the large-scale mural on the outside of the library. Tracy notes that Rachel has made it to the second phase of the Grant application process and John has helped her prepare for the zoom interview with the grant judges and submitted her final items for approval. She notes her different projects and provides the council with pictures .The project will cost about \$13,000 and the grant will cover \$5,000 and the library will need to raise the other \$8,000. She's hoping to start with one wall and then move to another. Council Member De Leon asks about the project timeline. Tracy notes that Rachel will have one year to complete the mural per the grant contract. There are no other questions*

**MOTION:** Move to Approve Mural Painting on Library  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Lucas  
**VOTE:** All others in favor, the motion passed;

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COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- \*Chamber of Commerce-CM Savino + Manager Wedemeyer\*
- \* Tourism-CM Hartless \* Joint Venture-VM Hooper + CM Savino\* PAACE-CM Lucas\*
- \*Tribal Committee -Mayor Bonds + CM Savino \*
- \*Parks & Recreation- CM Lucas + VM Hooper\* Senior Center-CM De Leon+ CM Savino \*
- \*Streets & Traffic -VM Hooper + CM Savino\*

\*Library Board-CM Shontz\* La Paz County Fair Board-Mayor Bonds\*  
 \* WACOG-CM De Leon + CM Savino\*  
 \*WAEDD- CM Hartless\*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Wednesday	February 17, 2021	La Paz Fair Board	6:00 PM Fair Offices
Thursday	February 18, 2021	Chamber of Commerce Board	8:15 AM Chamber Office
Friday-Saturday	February 18-19, 2021	BITD Parker 250	Various events in Town see Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism website for additional info
Monday	February 22,2021	Streets and Traffic Committee	5:15 PM
Tuesday	March 2, 2021	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00 PM

*Unless so noted, all meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 1314 11<sup>th</sup> Street.*

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).

**Convene into Executive Session**

**“Note, Executive Sessions are not open to the public, Matters discussed in Executive Session must be kept Confidential by those attending”**

**CALL EXECUTIVE SESSION TO ORDER:** Mayor Bonds calls the executive session to order at 6:28 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:** Mayor Bonds, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Member Shontz, Council Member Savino, Council Member De Leon, Council Member Hartless, Council Member Lucas

**Other staff present:** Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community development director Nora Yackley

PURPOSE:

1. Discussion and possible action to convene into an Executive Session pursuant to **A. R. S. § 38-431.03A (3) and (7)** for the purpose of:

- a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney relating to the sale, purchase or redevelopment of Town property.
- b. Discussions or consultations with the Town Attorney(s) regarding the sale, purchase or redevelopment of Town property.

ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor bonds adjourned the executive session at 6:52 p.m.

CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Bonds calls the special meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

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

Other staff present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community development director Nora Yackley

*Approve/Deny possible action on the following item(s)*

- 1. Discussion and instruct the Town Manager to negotiate the purchase or lease of real property in the town.

**MOTION:** Move to Approve allowing the Town Manager to negotiate the purchase or lease of real property in the town.  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM De Leon  
**VOTE:** All others in favor, the motion passed;

ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING: Mayor Bonds adjourns the special meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Approve



Karen Bonds, Mayor

**ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION**

**SPECIAL WORK SESSION/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Time: February 16, 2021 5:15 PM Arizona**

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