



# **CITY OF PARKER**

## **City Hall**

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### **Mayor**

Rich Musgrave

### **Clerk**

Nancy Rowell

### **Council Members**

Mike Miller, Mayor Pro Tem

Ron Chaple

John Haney

Ken Jones

### **Attorney**

Tim Sloan

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**OF**

**THE CITY OF PARKER COUNCIL**

**July 17, 2018**

**5:30 PM**

**PARKER CITY HALL**

NOTE: AT EACH OF ITS REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETINGS, THE CITY OF PARKER COUNCIL ALSO SITS, AS EX OFFICIO, AS THE CITY OF PARKER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AND MAY CONSIDER ITEMS AND TAKE ACTION IN THAT CAPACITY.

## **AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Musgrave

**INVOCATION** – Rev. Carl Fondren, Hiland Park Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Mayor Pro Tem Miller

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENTATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - City Council

Regular Meeting June 19, 2018

Workshop Meeting June 27, 2018

Special Meeting June 27, 2018

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE (non-agenda items)**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1. Report on 2017 Audit—Richard McKinney, CRI**
- 2. Request for Temporary RV Permit Application—818 Arrow St—Candy Dornan**
- 3. Banking Resolution—City Clerk Rowell**
- 4. Resolution No. 2018-352—Fifty Years of Municipal Home Rule—Mayor Musgrave**

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

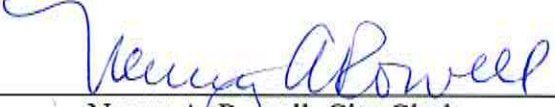
## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Upcoming Events**

- Next Planning Commission Meeting is July 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Next Regular City Council Meeting is August 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

  
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Nancy A. Rowell, City Clerk

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, if an appeal is available, such person will need a record of the proceeding and such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at 1001 West Park Street, Parker, Florida 32404; or by phone at (850) 871-4104. If you are hearing or speech impaired and you have TDD equipment, you may contact the City Clerk using the Florida Dual Party System, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). ALL INTERESTED PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD ON THE AFORESAID agenda are invited to be present at the meeting.

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
PARKER CITY COUNCIL  
June 19, 2018  
5:30 p.m.**

Mayor Musgrave called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.  
Mayor Musgrave gave the Invocation.  
Mayor Pro Tem Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Council Members Chaple, Haney, Jones, Miller and Mayor Musgrave  
**Also Present:** City Clerk Rowell, City Attorney Sloan, Public Works Supervisor Summerlin, Police Chief Hutto and Fire Chief Kelly

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—On motion of Council Member Chaple and second of Council Member Haney, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2018, were approved, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**—None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Mayor Musgrave asked the Council for permission to add an item to the agenda that came in after the packet had been presented. He said it was a change order for the wastewater project, delaying the date of completion due to delays with Gulf Power's work. Council Member Haney asked that the item be placed on the next agenda and the Mayor noted that time was important. It was not added to this meeting's agenda, but agreed to be heard at the next meeting.

**1. Request for Development Order—East Arrow Subdivision, 5005 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**—Planning Commission Chairman Duane Christie addressed the Council about the Commission's review of the project, noting that the discussion focused on easements versus the City owning the stormwater facilities, and the requirement for maintenance bonds in amount of 15% of construction costs. He said the Commission's recommendation was to approve the application. Council Member Haney asked about soil samples and it was noted the developer could address that. Sean McNeil of McNeil Carroll Engineering, representing owner Jerry Forehand and developer Greco Corporation, addressed the Council, stating this was an 11-lot subdivision, an infill development, between East St. and Arrow St.; that there were existing water and sewer lines to connect to; that there were three stormwater facilities proposed for the subdivision, two on Arrow, one on East, and that after attenuation, the stormwater would flow down the swale on the west side of East St. to Parker Bayou; that easements were being granted to the City for access to and maintenance of those facilities; that boring samples were taken for the stormwater facilities, that there is debris on the property, and that the developer is aware of that. Council Member Haney said that the automotive business in front may have dumped chemicals on that property in the past. Property owner Jerry Forehand responded that he was unaware of any chemicals on the property and that was not part of the review.



Council Member Haney made a motion to approve the development application with the conditions stated in the Planning Commission minutes. Chris Shortt of Dewberry Engineering addressed the Council as the City's reviewer of the development application, noting the review steps, particularly the stormwater facilities. He also noted the maintenance bond required by the City's Land Development Regulations is due to the City when the final plat is filed/recorded. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays. City Attorney Sloan noted that when the developer is ready to proceed, they would come back to the City with a plat, the Council would review and approve, and then the plat could be filed/recorded.

**2. Request for Development Order—HBO Storage, 330 S. Tyndall Pkwy—**Planning Commission Chairman Duane Christie addressed the Council about the development noting that the discussion at the Commission focused on water connections, adequacy of water, all infrastructure being owned by the property owner, not the City, and the City's access to meters and valves as needed. He noted that the property would remain non-conforming due to the impervious surface, but that the changes would actually reduce that slightly. He said the Planning Commission's recommendation was to approve the application.

Jeff Brittain of Dewberry Engineering, representing HBO Storage and owner Gary Eilers, addressed the Council. He said that this development was the addition of 14,400 sq. ft. of storage space and 3,200 sq. ft. of office space, to be built in part of the current parking lot; that the architectural upgrades and landscaping would improve the looks of the site; that there would be no additional impervious surface, in fact impervious surface would be reduced due to landscaping islands; that existing stormwater pond and sanitary service would be used; that they had worked out an agreement with Fire Chief Kelly and Public Works Supervisor Summerlin to improve the water distribution system in the area; that the plan is to add a hydrant in the back of the facility by extending an existing 6" line, allow the City access to field-locate an existing private 6" inch main that runs across the front of the building, have the owner extend the water main and connect to an existing 6" main on N. Lakewood drive, and add an additional hydrant on the right-of-way on Tyndall Pkwy.

Fire Chief Kelly said there had been several meetings over last few weeks and that the solution proposed by Mr. McNeil is really the only solution; that this will allow looping of the water system into a figure 8.

City Attorney Sloan asked about the piping from the right-of-way to the hydrants and asked if the City would maintain those lines. Chief Kelley said the hydrants must be owned by the City and Public Works Supervisor Summerlin said he didn't know how the City could own the hydrants without owning the water lines. Mr. Brittain said the owner would give ownership of the onsite lines and hydrants to the City and put easements over them so the City could access and maintain. There was discussion about the shopping center owners next door repairing their two hydrants and giving them to the City; that this would be done soon.



Council Member Miller questioned the ownership of the stormwater pond and how the owner of HBO Storage uses the pond; that the pond was not currently well maintained and should be owned by the City. City Attorney Sloan asked how many hydrants would have to be installed by HBO Storage and Fire Chief Kelly said three. City Attorney Sloan asked where the meters would be, and Public Works Supervisor Summerlin said the new meter would be on the ROW and there would be an easement for access to the existing meters.

Mr. Brittain addressed the Council regarding the conditions of the development order (DO), requesting that the conditions be met at the stage of development prior to Certificate of Occupancy issuance; that they need to be able to go forward with the building permit to get contractors on site to begin the water distribution improvements. He asked that the conditions be met before the vertical improvements begin, but not prior to issuance of the DO. City Attorney Sloan noted that construction should not be ongoing without adequate fire protection, and Mr. Brittain responded infrastructure would go in first, prior to any vertical construction being commenced. Owner Gary Eilers addressed the Council, stating that infrastructure improvements can't begin until he can get a building permit.

Council Member Haney made a motion to approve the development application subject to the execution of a development agreement. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**3. Review Economic Development Contract with Bay County Chamber of Commerce and NextSite**—Mayor Musgrave introduced the item, stating that Gulf Power has contracted with NextSite and the Bay County Chamber of Commerce to match vacant properties with interested developers. The Chamber of Commerce will pay 50% of the City's costs for the first year of a three-year agreement, 30% of the second year, and 10% of the third year, for a total cost to the City for three years of a little more than \$13,000. The City of Callaway is also sharing costs with Parker for a portion of Tyndall Parkway. Council Member Haney questioned what kind of improvements would be made and said he wanted to know what they'd propose first. The item was held for the next meeting.

**4. Personnel Policy Updates—Vacation Accrual, Sick Leave, and Probationary Period**—Mayor Musgrave said he and the department heads had met over the past few months to look at areas of change; that one of the issues was looking at paying out some portion of sick leave for employees retiring or leaving the City; that they had looked at the high vacation accrual rates offered by the City compared to other municipalities; that they were recommending the probationary period for all employees be one year. Council Member Miller suggested that a workshop be held and it was agreed to schedule one on the topics.

**CLERK'S REPORT**—None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**—None

**COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Council Member Jones asked about the investigation as did Council Member Haney. Council Member Chaple asked whether the police vehicles donated to the school district would be used in Parker. Police Chief Hutto said he would check.

**ADJOURNMENT**—The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Nancy A. Rowell, City Clerk



**MINUTES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
PARKER CITY COUNCIL  
June 27, 2018**

Mayor Musgrave called the workshop meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Council Members Chaple, Haney, Jones, Miller and Mayor Musgrave

**Also Present:** City Attorney Sloan, City Clerk Rowell, Police Chief Hutto, Fire Chief Kelly and Public Works Supervisor Summerlin

**1. Discuss Economic Development Contract with Bay County Chamber of Commerce and NextSite** — Doug Moore, Chairman of the Board of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council, noted his background in the community, and that he believed NextSite was a very beneficial mapping, analysis and marketing tool for municipalities. He noted their data and analysis can identify where customers come from, where they go when they leave a location, as well as traffic flows and counts. He said NextSite will proactively market the communities they represent; that the total cost to the City would be \$13,650 over three years. Carol Roberts, President/CEO of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce, gave the Council Members handouts and addressed them, noting that NextSite has excellent connections with businesses nationwide and that in her years with the Chamber, this is the first serious, meaningful group she's encountered that can deliver. Council Member Jones asked what Nextsite could deliver to help Business Hwy. 98.

**2. Discuss Change Order for SRF Wastewater Project**—Dina Bautista of Dewberry Engineering addressed the Council about the Wastewater Project overall, noting that the request for an extension was 80 days from May 11 and that August 6 would be the final completion date for the project, 35 days from this meeting date. Council Member Miller asked if the system was on line. Ms. Bautista responded that the lift stations were up and running, the bypass pumps were removed, that the transfer switches and backup generator were ready to be tested by Generac and that the telemetry was up. Brian Strickland of L and R, contractors for the project, noted that the generators should be on line next week.

**3. Discuss Personnel Policies for Annual Leave, Sick Leave, and Probation**—Council Member Miller asked that Item 3 not be discussed since he had to leave and that all members should be present. The item was not discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**—The workshop meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

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Nancy A. Rowell, City Clerk

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
PARKER CITY COUNCIL  
June 27, 2018  
Upon adjournment of Workshop Meeting**

Mayor Musgrave called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m.  
Mayor Musgrave gave the Invocation.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Council Members Chaple, Haney, Jones, Miller and Mayor Musgrave

**Also Present:** City Attorney Sloan, City Clerk Rowell, Police Chief Hutto, Fire Chief Kelly and Public Works Supervisor Summerlin

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**—None

**AGENDA**

- 1. Economic Development Contract with Bay County Chamber of Commerce and NextSite** — On motion of Council Member Jones and second of Council Member Chaple, the contract with the Bay County Chamber of Commerce and NextSite for community development services was approved, 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- 2. Change Order for SRF Wastewater Project** — On motion of Council Member Haney and second of Council Member Miller, the change order to extend by 80 days the completion of the project by L and R Construction was approved, 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- 3. Personnel Policies for Annual Leave, Sick Leave, and Probation**— This item was not discussed. It was agreed a separate workshop/meeting would be held.

**COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**—None

**ADJOURNMENT**—The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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Nancy A. Rowell, City Clerk





## CITY OF PARKER AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**1. DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST/NAME OF PRESENTER:**

Applicant—Candy Dornan

**2. MEETING DATE:**

July 17, 2018

**3. REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:**

Determine if a temporary permit should be granted for continued parking of occupied RV in front yard—818 Arrow St.

**4. IS THIS ITEM BUDGETED (IF APPLICABLE)**

YES

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NO

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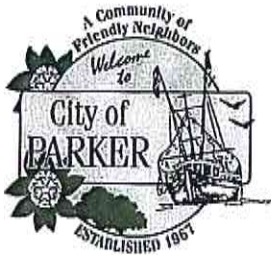
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**5. BACKGROUND: (PROVIDE HISTORY; WHY THE ACTION IS NEEDED; WHAT GOAL WILL BE ACHIEVED FOR THE CITY)**

The camper trailer has been in the front yard of 818 Arrow St. for approximately two months. Code Enforcement notified the owners on May 23 that it could not be in the front yard and that a temporary permit must be obtained. The application was only submitted on June 21.

The Council should review the conditions found in Section 5-12.2(12) of the Land Development Regulations to make its determination. If it is determined that a temporary permit be issued, the permit must expire no later than May 22, 2019. The camper must also be moved from the front yard. Further, the monthly municipal service charge (\$5.00) should be applied, and doubled (\$10.00), for each month (2) the camper had been on the property without Council authorization (\$20 total).



City of Parker  
1001 West Park St  
Parker, FL 32404  
(850) 871-4104  
(850) 871-6684 fax

Permit #: 18-3575

Date: 6-21-18

Issued Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Temporary Mobile Home/RV Permit

Per Ordinance 2012-358, Section 5-11.4(6) a temporary permit may be issued by the City Council to park or maintain a mobile home/RV only after a Public Hearing is held and the City Council determines that such permit is in the best interest of the city under the following conditions:

- Mobile home/RV is to be occupied, rent free, by a blood relative, within the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, of a person, or the spouse of a person who owns and occupies a single-family home on the parcel of land which the mobile home is to be placed.
- The mobile home/RV is to be used exclusively as an office during construction.
- The mobile home/RV is to be occupied as a residence during the period of construction, under an existing building permit, of a home by the applicant.
- No significant harm to the interests of adjoining or nearby landowners will result if such permit is granted and special circumstances exist which will result in undue hardship to the applicant if such permit is not granted.
- This permit shall be temporary and will not exceed a period of one year. The applicant will pay to the City a fee of \$5.00 monthly for each month that the permit is to remain in effect and it is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the city upon removal of the temporary mobile home.
- A permit shall be renewable and shall be subject to revocation at any time that the City Council, at its discretion, determines that the conditions under which it was issued have materially changed or the revocation is required to protect the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the city.

Name: Candy Dornan (850) 960-1747

Address: 818 Arrow St, Panama City, FL 32404

Explain circumstances requiring temporary permit: With my job, I'm

unable to find a place (eviction too) This is not for

a long time, just for a few months and my grandparents

need help with my 7 year old nephew. They can only do  
so much at their age. (75+69)



Explain how temporary mobile home/RV will be provided potable water and sanitary sewer:

Water and sewage is not hooked up. I have  
access to the inside for restroom usage.

\_\_\_\_\_ Include a site plan including location of temporary mobile home/RV.

PERMIT REVIEW FEE: \$100.00 PAID: CASH X CHECK \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understand and agree to the conditions required to obtain a temporary mobile home/RV permit. The utility hookups will be dependent on the placement/location of the temporary mobile home/RV. I have been explained the required fees to provide services to the temporary unit and agree to the monthly fees. Any other start up fees must be paid in full prior to placement of unit.



Applicant's Signature

6-21-18

Date

Candy Dornan

Printed Name

Public Hearing Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Revised 8/19/14

Backyard

Trailer Home

11' 7"  
about  
9-10ft  
away

front yard

about 9' ↑  
6-7 feet  
away

Camper Trailer

24-26

Electric  
only  
when I leave  
for work  
electric  
is  
shut  
off

no water  
no  
sewage.

arrow





## CITY OF PARKER AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**1. DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST/NAME OF PRESENTER:**

Administration

**2. MEETING DATE:**

July 17, 2018

**3. REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:**

Approve banking resolution

**4. IS THIS ITEM BUDGETED (IF APPLICABLE)**

YES

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NO

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N/A

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**5. BACKGROUND: (PROVIDE HISTORY; WHY THE ACTION IS NEEDED; WHAT GOAL WILL BE ACHIEVED FOR THE CITY)**

This will provide another City authority for banking activities, if needed, so there are always two signers available. This came up recently when two of the three signers had to be out of town for family business. This capability is especially important on AP and payroll days. Council Member Chaple is recommended due to his tenure on the Council.





**COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST FOR  
ACCOUNT TITLE/SIGNATURE AUTHORITY UPDATE**

Reason for Update: ☐ Change Account Title  
☒ Add Authorized Signature(s)  
☐ Change of Officer(s)  
☐ Other

**HANCOCK WHITNEY BANK**

Branch Name: Hwy 77  
Name/User ID: BParker010604

Account Numbers:

Checking  
Savings

Existing Account Title:  
CITY OF PARKER

New Account Title (if applicable):

Authorized Signature:

Name (Print)

Title

Signature

RICHARD P MUSGRAVE

MAYOR

MICHAEL L MILLER

MAYOR PRO TEM

NANCY A ROWELL

CITY CLERK

RONALD CHAPLE

COUNCIL MEMBER

I/We, the above signed, certify by signing this document that I/We have been provided copies of the customer agreements applicable to the above designated accounts and agree to be bound by them.

Mailing Name CITY OF PARKER

Home Phone

and Address

1001 W PARK ST

Business Phone (850) 871-4104

PARKER FL 32404

Tax ID #

95-1210031

Address Belongs To: CITY OF PARKER

Accepting Employee

Accepting Branch

Date

**RESOLUTION OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING UNDER AUTHORITY OF A BOARD, COUNCIL OR OTHER TYPE GOVERNING BODY**

## Hancock Whitney Bank

Branch Name: HWY 77

Name/User ID: BPARKER 010604

CITY OF PARKER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1001 W PARK ST

Address

PANAMA CITY FL 32404

City, State, and Zip Code

- A. We, the undersigned, certify that: we are the President and Secretary/Clerk of the above-named State or Local Government (hereinafter referred to as the Governing Authority") duly created, organized, and operating under the Constitution and Laws of the State of FLORIDA, Federal Employer ID Number                     , and; that the following is a true, correct, and certified copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Governing Authority, properly called and duly held on                      and; that this resolution has been properly entered into the minutes of the Governing Authority, having not been modified or rescinded.
- B. To be resolved that:
- (1) The Financial Institution named above is designated as a depository for the funds of this Governing Authority;
- (2) This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its recession, modification, or cancellation has been received and recorded by this Financial Institution;
- (3) All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of the Governing Authority with this Financial Institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed;
- (4) Any of the persons named below, so long as they are acting in a representative capacity as agents of the Governing Authority, are authorized to make any and all contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable and necessary to open an Account(s) with the Financial Institution and for the effective exercise of powers over said account(s) for the transacting of all business concerning funds deposited in, moneys borrowed from, or other business transacted by and between this Governing Authority and said Financial Institution and; to endorse checks and orders for the payment of moneys and withdrawal of funds on deposit with this Financial Institution, subject to any restriction(s) stated below. The Governing Authority agrees to, shall be bound by, and otherwise be liable for, the terms and conditions of all such contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders. It shall be the responsibility of the Governing Authority to provide written notice to this Financial Institution should the authority of any of the agents it has so authorized to transact business on its behalf has been terminated. This Financial Institution shall incur no liability for acting in good faith upon the representations of said agents until such notice is properly given;
- (5) Any and all prior resolutions adopted by this governing authority and certified to this Financial Institution as governing the operation of the Governing Authority's account(s), are in full force and effect, unless supplemented or modified by this authorization;
- (6) The Governing Authority agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any authorized representative of the Governing Authority and authorizes the Financial Institution named above, at any time, to charge the Governing Authority for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of moneys, drawn on the Financial Institution;
- C. Print the name(s) and title(s) of any person who is authorized to exercise the powers listed below:
- RICHARD P MUSGRAVE, MAYOR
- MICHAEL L MILLER, MAYOR PRO TEM
- NANCY A ROWELL, CITY CLERK
- RONALD CHAPLE, COUNCIL MEMBER
- D. I further certify that the Governing Authority has, and at the time of adoption of this resolution did have, full power and lawful authority to adopt the foregoing resolution(s) and to confer the powers granted to the person(s) named herein;
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our signatures as of                      (date).

President

**Secretary/Clerk**

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_



**COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST FOR  
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**HANCOCK WHITNEY BANK**

Branch Name: Hwy 77  
Name/User ID: BParker010604

Account Numbers:

Checking  
Savings

Existing Account Title:  
CITY OF PARKER

New Account Title (if applicable):

Authorized Signature:

Name (Print)

Title

Signature

RICHARD P MUSGRAVE

MAYOR

MICHAEL L MILLER

MAYOR PRO TEM

NANCY A ROWELL

CITY CLERK

RONALD CHAPLE

COUNCIL MEMBER

I/We, the above signed, certify by signing this document that I/We have been provided copies of the customer agreements applicable to the above designated accounts and agree to be bound by them.

Mailing Name CITY OF PARKER

Home Phone

and Address 1001 W PARK ST

Business Phone (850) 871-4104

PARKER FL 32404

Tax ID #

Address Belongs To: CITY OF PARKER

Accepting Employee

Accepting Branch

Date

RESOLUTION 2018-352

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTING TO AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP FLORIDIANS UNDERSTAND THIS BENEFICIAL RIGHT.

WHEREAS, Florida's voters placed municipal Home Rule powers into the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, during the regular elections as an amendment to Article VIII; and

WHEREAS, this power has enabled each city, town and village across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt, revise or remove its own laws without the need to seek legislative permission from the state and has further served as the foundation upon which every municipality builds its governmental structure; and

WHEREAS, the political climate within the Florida Legislature has recently included many attacks on these powers; and

WHEREAS, grassroots measures calling such actions wrong and declaring that local decisions be made at the local level by local officials must continue so that all legislators clearly understand Florida's Home Rule as a constitutional power and one upheld in state statutes; and

WHEREAS, a 50th anniversary is a fitting time for all municipalities to engage their respective citizens to educate them about the Florida Constitution and local laws, so that all Floridians may continue to receive the many benefits of Home Rule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKER, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That this anniversary presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule authority, and that all necessary resources shall be provided for such public information.



Section 2. That the city will actively challenge all efforts to reduce or erode this cherished right and further employ all efforts to ensure state and federal government partners understand that a one-size-fits-all approach to governance is not in the interests of Florida citizens.

Section 3. That the tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential to protect, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintains its quality of life.

Section 4. That the city will include this information on its website, as a regular agenda item for public discussion and within the city's services in as many outreach venues as possible.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Parker, Florida on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

City of Parker

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RICHARD MUSGRAVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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NANCY A. ROWELL, CITY CLERK

Examined and approved by me, this 17th day of July, 2018.

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RICHARD MUSGRAVE, MAYOR