

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on October 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
Walter Weaver
Stanley Jaglowski
Marco Mejia
Mayor Pro Tem Clyde Hairston
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Nina Morris

Councilmember Absent:

James Daniels

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Alicia Oyedele, Assistant to the City Manager
Rona Stringfellow Govan, Development Services Director
Larry Flatt, Police Chief
Dolle Downe, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 10, 2011.

Invocation:

Pastor Clyde Hairston with Harvest Time Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Marco Mejia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Comments:

Wanda Willis, 1335 Roan Drive, commented that the roads in her area need repair work, particularly Wintergreen to Houston School Road and that there are many potholes on Bayport and Rodgers that are tearing up cars.

James Leveretz, 504 C.R. 4557, Winnsboro, stated that Council should look on the Airport's website at the picture of the runway looking to the south; commented that when looking at the rows of hangars, there are two hangars that need repairs and materials for those repairs were brought in two years ago and still have not been used; stated that the airport is losing revenue because these repairs have not been made; asked Council to examine the new lease agreement to understand what is going on at the airport; commented that a license is needed to be able to inspect and determine if an aircraft is airworthy.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Downe read the consent agenda.

- 1C. **Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held September 26, 2011 and Special City Council Meeting held October 3, 2011.**

- 2C. Consider Resolution 2011-10-84 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, approving the terms and conditions of an interlocal agreement by and between the City of Lancaster and Dallas County Health and Human Services to provide health services; authorizing the City Manager to sign said agreement; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.
- 3C. Consider Resolution 2011-10-85 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, approving the terms and conditions of an interlocal agreement by and between the City of Lancaster and Dallas County Health and Human Services to provide food establishment inspections and other environmental health services; authorizing the City Manager to sign said agreement; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.
- 4C. Consider Resolution 2011-10-86 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, amending the Master Fee Schedule, Article 4.000 Business Related Fees, Section 4.400 Food Service Establishments to amend certain fees and charges assessed and collected by the City for food establishment inspections; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.
- 5C. Consider an ordinance of the City of Lancaster, Texas, amending the Lancaster Code of Ordinances by amending Article 12.2600 "Truck Idling" by amending Section 12.2602 to provide for year round enforcement; and amending Section 12.2603 by amending the exemptions and adopting limited exemptions for armored cars and commercial vehicles with idle reduction systems; providing an exemption for idling during government mandated rest periods; amending Section 12.2604 to provide for a maximum fine of \$500; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing a repealing clause; providing a penalty of fine for each offense; and providing an effective date.
- 6C. Consider Resolution 2011-10-87 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, declaring certain board, commission and committee position(s) vacant due to excessive absences; and providing an effective date.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Hairston made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia, to approve consent items 1C - 6C. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Daniels absent].

- 7. Discuss the proposed redistricting plan (Illustrative Plan 1) and consider possible action to adjust the proposed redistricting plan.

Discutir el plan de redistribución propuesta (Plan Indicativo 1) y considerar las posibles medidas para ajustar el plan de redistribución propuesto.

John Long with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP presented information in response to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris' previous question about changes in the percentage of African American population in District 6 from the adopted plan with Census data from 2000 to the current proposed plan. Mr. Long indicated that for the year 2010 in District 6, African Americans make up 84.45% of the district's population and for the year 2000 benchmark in District 6, African Americans made up 83.59%. Mr. Long further noted that for the year 2000 and the plan as adopted, the African American population in District 6 is the same as the 2010 proposed plan at 84.45%.

Mr. Long commented that in response to Mayor Pro Tem Hairston's previous question about adding a certain piece of District 5 back into the plan, that to do so would bump the numbers too high without cutting into district 4.

Mr. Long indicated that the plan, as proposed, is less than 10% deviation, contains no retrogression and permits voters to elect the representative of their choice. In addition there is not a majority Hispanic district either before or after the redistricting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hairston commented that he understands that placing the portion back into District 5 that he asked about would throw off the numbers, and he has no problem with the map as it is presented.

8. **Discuss and consider Resolution 2011-10-88 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, approving the redistricting of the City's single-member council districts and establishing new district boundary lines based on 2010 Census data for Lancaster City Council elections; directing the City's redistricting consultant to submit the adopted plan for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act; and providing for an effective date.**

Discutir y considerar 2011-10-88 Resolución del Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Lancaster, Texas, la aprobación de la redistribución de los distritos de la Ciudad del consejo de un solo miembro y el establecimiento de nuevas líneas de límites del distrito sobre la base de datos del Censo 2010 para la ciudad de Lancaster elecciones al Consejo, dirigir la redistribución de distritos de la ciudad de consultor para presentar el plan adoptado para preinspección en la sección 5 de la Ley Federal de Derechos, y proporcionar una fecha efectiva.

Mayor Knight commented that formal approval of the redistricting map is necessary for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Hairston made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weaver, to approve Resolution 2011-10-88 approving the redistricting of the City's single-member council districts and establishing new district boundary lines based on 2010 Census data for Lancaster City Council elections; directing the City's redistricting consultant to submit the adopted plan for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Daniels absent].

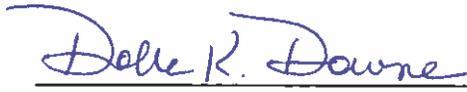
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MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Hairston made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia, to adjourn. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Daniels absent].

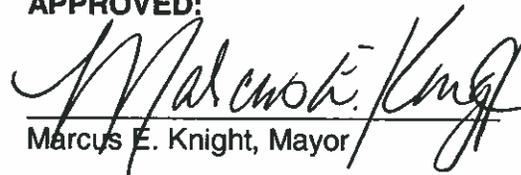
The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor