

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2011

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
Walter Weaver
Marco Mejia
Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels
Clyde Hairston
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Nina Morris
Council District 2 vacant

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Alicia Oyedele, Assistant to the City Manager
Mark Divita, Airport Manager
Rona Stringfellow Govan, Development Services Director
Robert E. Hager, City Attorney
Dolle Downe, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 25, 2011.

Invocation:

Pastor Urban Brown with Life in Christ Family Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Clyde Hairston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Comments:

Carolyn M. Smith, 1554 Nottingham, stated that she is a fairly new resident in Lancaster and that she is concerned about burglaries in her area; commented that someone had stolen an air conditioning unit in her neighborhood and someone tried to burglarize her home as well; asked for extra police patrol in the area because so many residents are having problems. Mayor Knight indicated that City staff would contact her.

Sally Purvis, 1767 W. Main Street, thanked the City for the traffic signal at Beltline and Bluegrove; commented that she had timed the signal and it takes way too long to cycle; asked that the signal be adjusted to facilitate the flow of traffic. Mayor Knight stated that the final sequencing for the traffic signal is not completed at this time, but it will be adjusted as the Houston School Road project is near completion.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Downe read the consent agenda.

- 1C. **Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held April 11, 2011.**

- 2C. Consider Resolution 2011-04-34 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC); authorizing the payment of five cents (\$0.05) per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation; and providing an effective date.
- 3C. Consider Resolution 2011-04-35 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, approving the terms and conditions of a terminal lease, Suite 201, by and between Aviatour, Inc. and the City of Lancaster at the Lancaster Regional Airport; authorizing the City Manager to execute said lease; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.
- 4C. Consider Resolution 2011-04-36 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 Schools to provide transportation services to Lancaster Parks and Recreation Department at a unit price; authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.
- 5C. Consider Resolution 2011-04-37 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, adopting the City of Lancaster 2011 Electronic Records Management Policy to provide for uniform management of City electronic records in accordance with state law; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.
- 6C. Consider Resolution 2011-04-38 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.
- 7C. Consider Resolution 2011-04-39 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, opposing legislation that would increase the fee imposed by the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the collection of sales tax; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Weaver requested that item 7C be pulled from the consent agenda.

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

Councilmember Weaver stated he strongly supports the resolution [item 7C] that opposes legislation that would increase the fee imposed by the Comptroller for the collection of sales tax and thinks the resolution should be revised to say "strongly" opposing such legislation.

MOTION: Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hairston, to approve Resolution 2011-04-39 with revisions to the resolution to say "strongly" opposing legislation that would increase the fee imposed by the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the collection of sales tax. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against.

8. Discuss and consider an appointment to the Lancaster Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Knight commented that, consistent with the Council's process for board and commission appointments, a person nominated should have a board or commission application on file and that a person already appointed should serve their term and then may be considered for reappointment at the appropriate time.

Councilmember Mejia commented that Council needs to seek more applications for the Planning and Zoning Commission and that the item should be postponed.

Councilmember Hairston stated that there was opportunity for additional applications since Council had made an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission in late February.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris asked if it is really necessary to table this matter at this point.

Mayor Knight reiterated the importance of the board and commission appointment process, noting that the annual appointment process is near [July].

Mayor Pro Tem Daniels expressed concerns about tabling the item.

Councilmember Weaver asked the City Secretary if any board applications had been received today. City Secretary Downe indicated none had been brought to her attention.

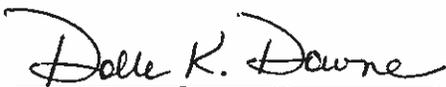
MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weaver, to table consideration of the Planning and Zoning Commission appointment and direct staff to solicit additional applications. The vote was cast 2 for [Mejia, Weaver] and 4 opposed [Knight, Daniels, Hairston, Morris].

Councilmember Hairston nominated Quinnie Wright; Mayor Pro Tem Daniels nominated Carol Burk. A roll call vote was 4 for Ms. Wright [Morris, Hairston, Knight, Mejia], 1 for Ms. Burk [Daniels] and 1 abstention [Weaver]. Ms. Quinnie Wright is appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire July 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hairston, to adjourn. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against.

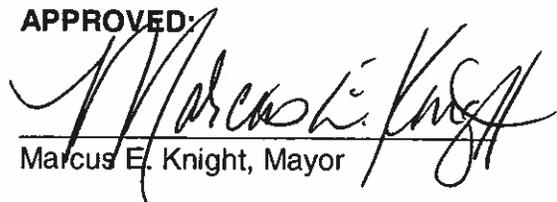
The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor