

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 8, 2017

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on May 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
 Mayor Pro Tem Carol Strain-Burk
 Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stanley Jaglowski
 Marco Mejia
 Spencer W. Hervey Jr.
 Clyde C. Hairston
 Nina Morris

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager
 Rona Stringfellow, Assistant City Manager
 Sean Johnson, Managing Director of Quality of Life & Cultural Services
 Shane Shepard, Director of Economic Development
 Fabrice Kabona, Assistant to the City Manager
 Alton Dixon, Purchasing Agent
 Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. on May 8, 2017 and altered the order on the agenda.

Executive Session:

4. **The City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section §551.074 (a)(1) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: interview candidates for the position of City Attorney.**
5. **Reconvene into open session. Consider and take appropriate action(s), if any, on closed/executive session matters.**

The City Council recessed for Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:08 p.m.

Invocation:

Pastor Dixon gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Morris led the pledge of allegiance.

Proclamation:

Mayor Knight read a proclamation announcing the month of May as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month," which urges all residents to increase safety and awareness in the community to enable the reduction of accidents and injuries involving motorcyclists.

Citizens' Comments:

Sherita Haggerty, 1836 Athena Drive, did not wish to speak but shows support for agenda item 2.

Sue Wyrick, 721 Sequoia Drive, did not wish to speak but shows support for agenda item 2.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Arenas read the consent agenda.

1. **Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on April 24, 2017.**
2. **Consider a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster approving an agreement between the City of Lancaster and Great Lakes Recycling Inc. d/b/a Simple Recycling to permit the collection of soft recyclable materials from residential customers within the City.**

Mayor Pro Tem Strain-Burk requested additional staff comments on item 2 regarding the collection of items.

Keith Kahn, 892 Union Station Parkway, Lewisville, commented that textile waste items will need to be placed in the orange bag. Additional, if the bag is removed from the property by any individual other than the company or property owner the act is a theft.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski inquired how the information will be communicated to the citizens. Mr. Kahn shared that the company will prepare and distribute the materials with specific instructions.

Councilmember Hairston inquired as to the average cost received per ton. Mr. Kahn commented that the monthly statement will reflect \$20 per ton for the City.

Councilmember Hervey inquired of staff if number four (4) on page 2 of 11 of the contract will impact other organizations which states, "During the term, Contractor shall have the sole and exclusive rights to pick up Soft Recyclables in the Service Area through municipal contracted pick up."

Assistant to the City Manager Kabona shared that citizens still have the ability to make donations to any organization of their choice. However, approval of item 2 gives the Simple Recycling authorization for curbside pick-up.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski to approve consent items. The vote was cast for 7, 0 against.

3. **Discuss and consider resolution supporting 85th Texas Legislature House Bill (H.B.) 1156, House Bill (H.B.) 2390, Senate Bill (S.B.) 1084, and Senate Bill (S.B.) 1090 related to animal services.**

Mayor Knight requested staff comments on the operational issues that would be impacted by the bills. For example, House Bill (H.B.) 2390, letter A, states, "before an animal adoption becomes final, a shelter provide the proposed new owner with a written history showing if the animal has been screened or tested for diseases and conditions common to the species along with any test dates and result."

Assistant to the City Manager Kabona shared that the history is being provided to the new owner as part of the adoption package.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski shared that he has studied the bills listed in item 3 from prior legislative sessions. He commented that the bill will take the responsibility from staff and voluntaries while the animals are present at the shelter and will open the door for additional resources.

Councilmember Mejia inquired if passing of these bills will require additional staff and funding. Assistant to the City Manager Kabona shared that staff already provides the information that the shelter has of the treatment the animals receives.

Mayor Knight commented that if the bills become law then the city will adhere to them but the question is will these bills be a burden to the City.

Councilmember Morris inquired if the item can be tabled until after the legislative session. Mayor Knight shared the month of May is the end of the current legislative session.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strain-Burk to approve item 3. The vote was cast for 5, 2 against [Mejia and Hervey].

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hairston to appoint legal services with Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P. The vote was cast for 4, 3 against [Knight, Strain-Burk, and Mejia].

MOTION: Councilmember Hairston made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strain-Burk to adjourn. The vote was cast for 7, 0 against.

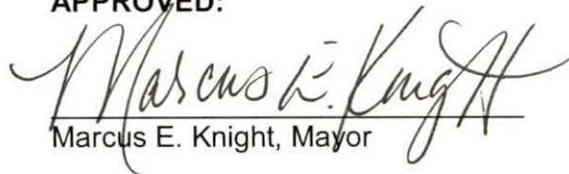
The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor