

## LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Special session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

**Councilmembers Present:**

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

**City Staff Present:**

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager  
Rona Stringfellow, Assistant City Manager  
Dori Lee, Human Resources Director  
Shane Shepard, Director of Economic Development  
Baron Sauls, Finance Director  
Sean Johnson, Managing Director of Quality of Life & Cultural Services  
Jermaine Sapp, Director of Equipment and Facility Services  
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief  
Robert Franklin, Fire Chief  
Alton Dixon, Purchasing Agent  
Fabrice Kabona, Assistant to the City Manager  
Dale Jackson, Building Official/Interim Development Services Director  
Chris Youngman, Assistant Fire Chief  
Than Nguyen, City Engineer  
David T. Ritter, City Attorney  
Cheryl Womble, Administrative & Community Relations Supervisor  
Jason B. Boulton, Assistant Police Chief  
Chris Youngman, Assistant Fire Chief  
Andy Waits, Water/Wastewater Superintendent  
Imelda Speck, ICMA Fellow for Economic Development  
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 18, 2017.

**Consent Agenda:**

City Secretary Arenas read the consent agenda.

1. **Consider a resolution adopting the City of Lancaster's Investment Policy providing that all funds of the city be managed and invested for safety, liquidity, diversification and yield and that investments be chosen in a manner which promotes diversity by market sector, credit and maturity; providing that this policy serve to satisfy the requirements of Chapter 2256 of the Local Government Code, "Public Funds Investment Act".**
2. **Consider an ordinance approving the proposed fiscal year 2017/2018 budget for proceeds of seized property for the Lancaster Police Department for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018; providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget.**

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hairston to approve consent items 1 through 2. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

3. Discuss and consider an ordinance, establishing Civil Service classifications within the Police and Fire Departments; prescribing the number of positions in each classification.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hairston to approve item 3. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

4. Consider an ordinance regarding the proposed fiscal year 2017/2018 budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 ending September 30, 2018 providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Hairston made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve item 4. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

5. Discuss and consider a resolution ratifying the budget for the fiscal year 2017/2018 that results in an increase of revenues by 8.33% from property taxes than the previous year.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris requested additional staff comments on item 5. City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that item 5 resulted in an increase of revenues from property taxes by 8.33 percent. However, the tax rate is considered to remain the same at \$0.8675.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Hairston made a motion, to approve a budget that will result in an increase of revenue from property taxes than the previous year and to ratify a property tax revenue increase reflected in said budget, seconded by Councilmember Hervey. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

6. Consider approval of an ordinance regarding the proposed revenue increase from levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2017/2018 at \$0.8675 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits to provide revenues for current maintenance and operation expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements; providing due and delinquent dates; penalties and interest; providing a homestead exemption and disability exemption.

Mayor Pro Tem Hairston requested additional staff comments on item 6. City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that the current tax rate for fiscal year 2017/2018 is proposed at \$0.8675 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation on taxable property within the corporate limits. The proposed tax rate of eighty-six seventy-five one thousandths cents (\$0.8675) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of taxable property to be apportioned and distributed as follows: \$0.6012 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.2663 for interest and sinking fund requirements.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris thanked City Manager Mauldin-Jones for managing the budget well and expressed her appreciation to all of staff for presenting the budget in a timely manner.

**MOTION:** I, Mayor Pro Tem Hairston, move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.867500, which is effectively a 3.54 percent increase in the tax rate, seconded by Councilmember Hervey. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

Mayor Knight announced that District 6 Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Recreation Center, Grand Hall located at 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway.

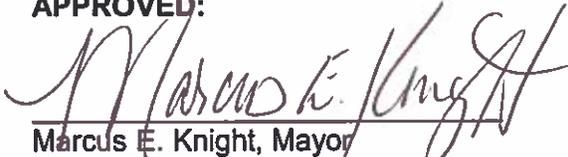
**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia, to adjourn. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Marcus E. Knight, Mayor