

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Clyde C. Hairston
Carol Strain-Burk
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stanley Jaglowski
Mayor Pro Tem Marco Mejia
Derrick D. Robinson
Racheal Hill

Councilmembers Absent:

Nina Morris

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager
Rona Stringfellow, Assistant City Manager
Fabrice Kabona, Assistant to the City Manager
Cheryl Womble, Administrative & Community Relations Supervisor
Alton Dixon, Purchasing Agent
Jasmine Carr, Community Programs Coordinator
Andy Waits, Interim Assistant Public Works Director
Baron Sauls, Finance Director
Kenneth Johnson, Fire Chief
Chris Youngman, Assistant Fire Chief
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief
Jason Boulton, Assistant Police Chief
Charley Miller, Assistant Police Chief
Dori Lee, Director of Human Resources
Jermaine Sapp, Director of Equipment Services and Facilities
Delajer Walker, Interim E.C. Superintendent
David T. Ritter, City Attorney
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2018.

Invocation:

Pastor John Richardson gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stanley Jaglowski led the pledge of allegiance.

Proclamation:

Mayor Hairston presented a proclamation to Interim E.C. Superintendent Walker proclaiming September as "National Preparedness Month" and asked our citizens to learn more about and to participate in emergency preparedness activities available in Lancaster.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Arenas read the consent agenda.

1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on July 30, 2018.
2. Consider a resolution canceling the City Council Regular Meeting of September 24, 2018; Work Session of November 19, 2018; Regular Meeting of November 26, 2018; and Regular Meeting of December 24, 2018.
3. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Funds Sharing and Fiscal Agency Agreement between the City of Lancaster and the County of Dallas, Texas to provide funds to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.
4. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement by and between The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UT Southwestern) and the City of Lancaster, for services related to the provision of paramedic continuing education.
5. Consider an ordinance, establishing Civil Service classifications within the Police and Fire Departments; prescribing the number of positions in each classification.
6. Consider an ordinance, establishing Civil Service assignment pay within the Police and Fire Departments; prescribing the rate in each assignment.
7. Consider a resolution, establishing Language Skills assignment pay within the general government; prescribing the rate in each assignment.
8. Consider a resolution maintaining the rate for certain fees and charges assessed and collected by the City for water service; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.
9. Consider a resolution providing for the adoption of the Master Fee Schedule for all fees and charges assessed and collected by the City of Lancaster.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mejia to approve consent items 1 through 9. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

Mayor Hairston altered the agenda.

16. An ordinance authorizing and ordering the issuance of City of Lancaster, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018; prescribing the terms and form thereof; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; awarding the sale thereof; authorizing the preparation and distribution of an official statement to be used in connection with the sale of the bonds; making other provisions regarding such bonds, including use of the proceeds thereof, and matters incident thereto.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones spoke on item 16 and shared the votes on November 6, 2007 Election approved the 2007 issuance of the bonds by Resolution No. 2007-11-130. Subsequently, staff met with the rating agencies and our ratings have been confirmed as "AA-" from Standard & Poor's. She shared that Nick Bulaich, Financial Advisor of Hilltop Securities, Tonya Tarpeh, the City's Bond Counsel with West and Associates, LLP, and Finance Director Sauls are present to address any question or concerns.

Nick Bulaich, spoke on item 16 and 17 and presented a presentation related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 and General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2018A." He congratulated the City for receiving "AA-" rating from Standard & Poor's.

Mayor Pro Tem Mejia shared his appreciation on the ratings the City received and is excited seeing the progression the City is achieving.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski to approve item 16. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

17. **An ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Lancaster, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2018A" in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000; and other matters related thereto.**

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski to approve item 17. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

10. **Discuss and consider a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2018 rate review mechanism filings; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement.**

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski to approve item 10. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

11. **Discuss and consider an ordinance regarding the proposed fiscal year 2018/2019 budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 ending September 30, 2019 providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget.**

Mayor Pro Tem Mejia commended staff, the citizens of Lancaster, and the governing body regarding item 11. He stated all levels of employees will receive an increase payable adjustment and that funds are available for investments in the infrastructure and streets repairs.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski thanked staff for their sacrifices endured during the budget procedure. He also thanked his colleagues and City Manager.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hill to approve item 11. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

12. **Discuss and consider a resolution ratifying the budget for the fiscal year 2018/2019 that results in an increase of revenues by 8.5% from property taxes than the previous year.**

City manager Mauldin-Jones shared in 2007 the House Bill 3195 as passed by the 80th Legislature requires the budget to be ratified when there is an increase in revenues compared to the previous year. The legislation is specific and requires separate action by the City Council. Staff recommended approval of the resolution with the stated motion mentioned in the agenda which is required by state law.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk 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. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

- 13. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance regarding the proposed revenue increase from levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2018/2019 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.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that item 13 states that the State Truth-in-Taxation law, Local Government Code and the City Charter require that an ordinance levying the ad valorem taxes be read and a public hearing held at a regular or special meeting of the Lancaster City Council. The tax rate for fiscal year 2018/2019 is proposed at \$0.8675 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation on taxable property within the corporate limits. The tax dollars provide revenue for current operating and maintenance expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements. The total tax revenue will increase from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 8.5%. Staff recommended approval of the ordinance with the following motion that is required by state law: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.867500, which is effectively 8.5 percent increase in the tax rate."

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve item 13 by moving that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.867500, which is effectively 8.5 percent increase in the tax rate. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

- 14. Discuss and consider an ordinance approving the proposed fiscal year 2018/2019 budget for proceeds of seized property for the Lancaster Police Department for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019; providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones spoke on item 14 and shared that pursuant to the agreements signed by the Lancaster Police Department and the State Attorney General and United States Department of Justice to share the use of property and/or proceeds from seizures in connection with combined law enforcement activities, the Police Chief is submitting to the City Council a proposed budget of the expenditures for conducting the affairs of the Lancaster Police Department throughout the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019. The proposed budget for Budget Expenditures Police Seized for FY 2018-2019 is at a total of \$96,193.45 (State at \$60,022.43 and Federal at \$36,171.02). Staff recommended approval of the ordinance, as presented.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski to approve item 14. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

- 15. Discuss and consider an ordinance amending the Tribute at Mills Branch Public Improvement District Five Year Service Plan, adopted by Ordinance No.2017-09-42, as hereby amended by increasing the Tribute at Mills Branch Public Improvement District Five Year Service Plan for the current fiscal year 2017/2018 by a total of \$23,570.00.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones spoke on item 15 and shared that on September 11, 2017, the Lancaster City Council approved the Tribute at Mills Branch Public Improvement District (PID) Five Year Service Plan for the 2017/2018 budget year. In the FY 2017/2018 the Tribute at Mills Branch PID Board did not allocate enough funds in specific line items for Insurance, Water Purchases, Contract Mowing, management fees, and Dallas County tax collection. The PID has a fund balance available and wishes to utilize those funds. This budget amendment is to allow Tribute at Mills Branch Public Improvement District Board to increase their FY 2017/2018 Five Year Service Plan, adopted by Ordinance Number

2017-09-42 increasing the Insurance by \$354.00, the Water Purchases by \$6,370.00, the Contract Mowing by \$11,526.00, the Administrative Management fee by \$4,800.00 and the Dallas County Tax Collection Services by \$520.00 for a total of \$23,570.00 from their fund balance. The PID currently has \$39,692.03 available within their fund balance. Staff recommended approval of the ordinance, as requested.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hill to approve item 15. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

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

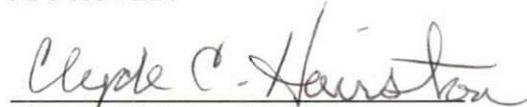
The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor