

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2019

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

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

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager
Rona Stringfellow, Deputy City Manager
Fabrice Kabona, Assistant City Manager
Dori Lee, Director of Human Resources
Shane Shepard, Director of Economic Development
Sean Johnson, Director of Quality of Life and Cultural Services
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief
Jason Boulton, Assistant Police Chief
Nathaniel Thompson, Police Lieutenant
Senad Deranjic, Detective
Chris Youngman, Assistant Fire Chief
Andrew Waits, Public Works Director
Jasmine Carr, Community Programs Coordinator
Delajer Walker, E.C. & E.M. 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 August 12, 2019.

Invocation:

Reverend John Richardson gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Carol Strain-Burk led the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Secretary Arenas read the consent agenda.

1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on June 14, 2019 and June 15, 2019.
2. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster Independent School District for cooperative law enforcement service.

3. Consider a resolution approving an amendment to the license agreement for additional communication facilities to be installed by SAC Wireless, LLC. on or near the water tower located at 1013 East Beltline Road and approving the terms and conditions of a fifth amendment to the license for communication facilities agreement for the purpose of allowing the construction, installation and maintenance of additional communication equipment.
4. Consider a resolution authorizing Dallas County to resell 2557 Everton Dr., 612 Pierson St., 307 S. Dallas Ave., 114 Walnut St., 1511 W. Wintergreen Rd., tax foreclosed properties, by public or private sell, to the highest qualified purchaser, as provided by Section 34.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
5. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an agreement between D N Tanks Inc. and the City of Lancaster, RFB #2019-18 for cleaning and painting two (2) ground storage tanks located at 1999 N. Jefferson and 3624 Ames Road in an amount not to exceed two hundred thirty-six thousand five hundred ninety-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$236,593.75).
6. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an agreement with C&M Concrete for the reconstruction of 340 feet of alley behind 2629 Rutgers Drive, 532 feet of alley behind 2614 Arcady Lane, 489 feet of alley behind 806 Hartford Lane and 110 feet of alley behind 2653 Arcady in an amount not to exceed three hundred fifty-two thousand two hundred fifty-six dollars and sixty cents (\$352,256.60).
7. Consider a resolution to add the City tagline to City of Lancaster logo, authorizing the use of said logo in all aspects of promoting the city in printed materials, signage, and other appropriate uses; authorizing the City Attorney to register the logo, tag lines, and marks as a trademark with state and federal authorities; authorizing the new logo to be phased in as new materials are purchased or printed.
8. Consider a resolution adopting City Council Goals and Objectives contained in the June 14, and June 15, 2019 City Council Strategic Planning Report prepared by The Azimuth Group.
9. Discuss and consider a resolution adopting the City of Lancaster Proposed Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Councilmember Morris pulled items 8 and 9

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia to approve consent items 1 through 9 excluding items 8 and 9. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against

8. Consider a resolution adopting City Council Goals and Objectives contained in the June 14, and June 15, 2019 City Council Strategic Planning Report prepared by The Azimuth Group.

Councilmember Morris shared gratitude to the consultants, staff, the city attorney and the municipal judge for being a part of strategic planning.

9. Discuss and consider a resolution adopting the City of Lancaster Proposed Budget

Calendar for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Councilmember Morris shared she would like the dates read into the record.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones read the following dates from the proposed calendar for budget work sessions and meetings:

August 5, 2019 Special Work Session

August 8, 2019 Budget Town Hall Meeting

August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting – Record vote to consider Tax Rate

August 15, 2019 Special Work Session (If Needed)

August 19, 2019 Special Meeting (1st Public Hearing) – Tax Rate, Budget, PID

August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting (2nd Public Hearing) –Tax Rate, Budget, and PID, Service Plan Adoption
 September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting – Budget, Tax Rate

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve consent items 8 and 9. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against

10. Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution adopting the Lancaster City Council's Rules and Procedures, as amended.

City Secretary shared Section 3.14 of the City's Home Rule Charter requires the City Council to determine its own rules of order and business. The City Council's Rules and Procedures provide the framework for which the Council conducts its business and may be amended by a majority vote of City Council at a posted Regular Meeting. City Council reviewed the Rules and Procedures during the Annual Strategic Planning Session.

Mayor Hairston opened the public hearing

There were no speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve item 10. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

11. M19-10 Discuss and consider three (3) exceptions to the building (1) setback, (2) build-to-line and (3) loading dock setback requirements from the Lanport Overlay District for the proposed warehouse building to be located at 1400 Cornell Road, Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared this item is asking for exceptions to the Lancaster Development Code. The applicant is proposing to construct a warehouse distribution center at 1400 Cornell Road. This site is unique in that it has a triangular shape, has a terrain where drainage flows from the northern end of the lot to the southwest corner which restricts the detention pond locations, and is bordered by North Lancaster-Hutchins Road on the west and Cornell Road on the east side. Given these site dynamics, the applicant is therefore requesting for exceptions to the building setback, build-to-line, and loading dock setback requirements. Due to the site constraints and the additional site and building enhancements that the applicant will be providing; staff recommends approval of the exceptions as presented.

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris to approve item 11. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

12. **Discuss the proposed FY 2019/2020 tax rate of \$0.849025 per \$100 assessed valuation, receive related tax calculation documents, take record vote to consider a tax rate to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the previous year and set public hearing dates on the proposed tax rate.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared Pursuant to Truth-in-Taxation requirements, and following receipt of tax calculations from Dallas County Tax office, the governing body must take a record vote if considering a tax rate that results in an increase in total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the previous year. The City of Lancaster experienced an increase of 19.35% in taxable property values over the previous fiscal year values. Certified Values for FY 2019/2020 were \$3,060,488,567 compared to FY 2018/2019 which was \$2,564,358,642. City manager is proposing FY 2019/2020 tax rate of \$0.849025 per \$100 Assessed valuation. Staff recommends that City Council take a record vote on the proposal to consider a tax rate that will result in an increase in total revenues from properties on the tax roll in the previous year. Council should also announce the date, time and location of the public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate. The public hearings are scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Municipal Center, 211 North Henry Street, Lancaster, Texas 75146.

Councilmember Mejia clarified the Tax rate was decreasing and property values were increasing.

Councilmember Strain-Burk shared she agreed with Councilmember Mejia and it is Council vision is to bring in commercial business to remove the weight from residential tax.

Councilmember Morris shared gratitude to staff for their money management.

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski to approve item 12 and announced the public hearings scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Municipal Center, 211 North Henry Street, Lancaster, Texas 75146. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

13. **Discuss and consider confirmation of nominations made by the Planning and Zoning Commission for appointment to the Lancaster Historic Landmark Preservation Committee (HLPC).**

City Secretary shared Pursuant to Section 5.02.007 of the Lancaster Code of Ordinances, members of the Historic Landmark Preservation Committee are appointed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and confirmed by the City Council. At the Tuesday, July 2, 2019 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission appointed the following members: Amy Glover, regular position and Cheryl Wright, alternate position

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris to approve item 13. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

14. **Discuss and consider declaring a certain board, commission or committee position(s) vacant due to excessive absences.**

City Secretary shared City Council adopted Ordinance 2018-12-53 for all City Boards, Commissions and Committees, Section 5.01.001 Board and Commission appointments, terms, removal and meetings, Subsection (g) states "Three (3) consecutive absences or a total of five (5) absences

within a twelve-month period shall cause the City Council to consider removal of the board or commission member. A review of the attendance records indicates the following members did not meet attendance standards, Mindy Truly - regular member (term expires 2019).

Councilmember Morris asked which way she was contacted.

City Secretary shared they are contacted each time the agenda is emailed as well as she received a letter stating a potential violation of the attendance policy.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris to approve item 14. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

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

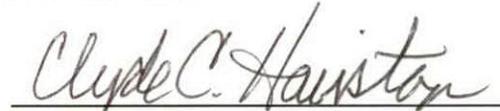
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor