

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Special Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 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
Nina Morris

Councilmembers Absent:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Derrick D. Robinson
Mayor Pro Tem Racheal Hill

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager
Fabrice Kabona, Assistant City Manager
Sean Johnson, Director of Quality of Life and Cultural Services
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief
Charley Miller, Assistant Police Chief
Chris Youngman, Assistant Fire Chief
Carey Neal, Assistant to the City Manager
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2019.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

At this time citizens who have pre-registered before the call to order will be allowed to speak on consent or action item on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings, for a length of time not to exceed three minutes. Anyone desiring to speak on an item scheduled for a public hearing is requested to hold their comments until the public hearing on that item.

There were no pre-registered citizens before the call to order.

- 1. Conduct a public hearing and discuss an ordinance regarding the proposed fiscal year 2019/2020 budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared State Truth-in-Taxation and the City Charter require the City of Lancaster to conduct a public hearing on the proposed annual budget. The proposed total tax rate required to provide revenue for maintenance and operations and interest and sinking fund requirements is \$0.840925 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The approval of the proposed ordinance will adopt the FY 2019/2020 budget and appropriate necessary funds for the City's operation, maintenance and debt service requirements. The proposed budget was presented to the Lancaster City Council at a work session held on Monday, August 5, 2019, and a Town Hall meeting held on Thursday, August 8, 2019. The first public hearing was held on Monday, August 19, 2019 and (1) citizen provided comment. The City Council closed the public hearing and announced the date and time of the next public hearing. The second public hearing was held on Monday, August 26, 2019 and (0) citizens provided comment. An additional public hearing was held on Monday, September 9, 2019. This is the final public hearing on the proposed budget.

Consideration of the budget is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019. The meeting is planned for 7:00 p.m. at Lancaster Municipal Center, 211 N. Henry Street, Lancaster, Texas. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review in the City Secretary's office. Notice regarding this public hearing was posted in accordance with state law in the City's newspaper of record, Focus Daily News on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 and on the City of Lancaster website. Staff recommends closing the public hearing and announcing consideration for adoption will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Lancaster Municipal Center Council Chambers located at 211 North Henry Street, Lancaster, Texas.

Mayor Hairston opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against. [Hill and Robinson absent]

- 2. Conduct a public hearing and discuss an ordinance regarding the proposed revenue increase from levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2019/2020 at \$0.840925 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 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 proposed for fiscal year 2019/2020 is \$0.840925 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation on taxable property within the corporate limits. These 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 7.1% (percentage by which the tax rate will be higher than effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code.) Individual taxes may increase or decrease at a rate greater or lesser depending on the change in the taxable value of each property. The City Council conducted public hearings on Monday, August 19, 2019, Monday, August 26, 2019, and Monday, September 9, 2019. The governing body may not adopt the tax rate at either of the public hearings. The governing body must announce the date, time and place of the meeting at which it will officially vote on the tax rate. The vote on the tax rate is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Lancaster Municipal Center, City Council Chambers located at 211 North Henry Street, Lancaster, Texas. The proposed tax rate of \$0.840925 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of taxable property to be apportioned and distributed as follows: \$0.5952 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.245725 for interest and sinking fund requirements. Public notice for this hearing was published on August 28, 2019 in the official City publication of record, Focus Daily News and on the City of Lancaster website. Information regarding the proposed tax rate is being made available in accordance with state law and the City Charter. Staff recommends City Council conduct and close the public hearing, and announce the date, time and location of the meeting for consideration. Consideration is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Municipal Center, Council Chambers, 211 North Henry, Lancaster, Texas.

Mayor Hairston opened the public hearing.

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There were no speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against. [Hill and Robinson absent]

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to adjourn. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against. [Hill and Robinson absent]

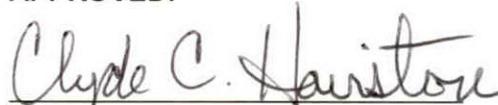
The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor