

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Special Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on March 16, 2020 at 7:15 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
Fabrice Kabona, Assistant City Manager
Sean Johnson, Director of Quality of Life and Cultural Services
Shane Shepard, Director of Economic Development
Rebecca Lex, Communications & Public Relations Coordinator
Charley Miller, Assistant Police Chief
Kenneth Johnson, Fire Chief
Chris Youngman, Assistant Fire Chief
Carey Neal, Assistant to the City Manager
David T. Ritter, City Attorney
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on March 16, 2020

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 speakers.

- 1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS, DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING PROMPT AND GENERAL PUBLICITY; ADOPTING THE DALLAS COUNTY MARCH 13, 2020 and MARCH 16, 2020 (AMENDED) ORDERS ATTACHED HERETO; GRANTING THE MAYOR THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO REVIEW, ADOPT, RATIFY, AND EXECUTE ANY**

SUBSEQUENT DALLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDERS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones read preventive and precautionary measures taken by the City of Lancaster in compliance with the Dallas County Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health and Emergency issued by Judge Clay Jenkins; State Declaration of Disaster, issued by Governor Greg Abbott; and the Public Disaster for Public Health, issued by President Trump.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones discussed and answered questions presented by Council inquiring of the City's procedures and protocols during the Local Disaster Declaration as a result of COVID-19. She discussed the City's precautions being in alignment and uniformity with the COVID-19 precautions of the Office of the Dallas County Judge and the Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services ("Health Authority"). Additionally, the area's regional emergency management operations coordinator, Tonya Hunter discussed and answered Council's inquiries on the item.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones identified herself and Chief Kenneth Johnson as the City's Local Response persons.

City Attorney David Ritter read into the minutes for Council's consideration declaring a local disaster, implementing the City's Emergency Management Plan and adopting the Dallas County March 13, 2020, and the amended March 18, 2020 Emergency Orders and granting the Mayor power and authority to review, adopt, ratify and execute any subsequent Dallas County Emergency Orders on behalf of the City relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones explained the amended order is for seven (7) days.

Mayor Hairston took a roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris to approve item 1 with changes. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sorangel O. Arenas

Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Clyde C. Hairston

Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor