

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2020

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Special Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on June 1, 2020, 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
David T. Ritter, City Attorney
Ron Gleaves, Information Technology Manager
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 1, 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 items 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. **Discuss and consider a resolution authorizing submission of applications to Dallas County for funding under the Fiscal Year 2020 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for reconstruction of existing roadways: Cumberland Street from Danieldale Road to Springfield Avenue and Trippie Street from Cedardale Road north to dead end as primary and secondary projects.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that CDBG funds may only be used on projects that eliminate blight, a community threatening condition, or primarily benefit low/moderate income residents. The City of Lancaster would like to request that our FY 2020 funds (\$250,015.00), be used for the reconstruction of Cumberland Street from Danieldale Road to Springfield Avenue at an estimated cost of one hundred fourteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$114,500.00). The secondary location submitted is Trippie Street from Cedardale Road, north to the dead end which is estimated to cost one hundred twenty-six thousand dollars and zero cents (\$126,000.00). The two projects total two hundred forty thousand five hundred dollars and zero cents (\$240,500.00). We currently have \$166,979.00 approved for Laurel Street from Dallas Avenue to Elm Street and Lyle Street from Trippie Street to Franklin Street, awaiting completion by Dallas County Road and Bridge Division.

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

2. **Discuss and consider an ordinance extending the previously declared local public health disaster resulting from COVID-19 until June 30, 2020, and adopting and ratifying all national, state, and county executive or emergency orders regarding COVID-19.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that on March 12, 2020, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to a novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Judge Jenkins also issued an order in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus. As such, Mayor Clyde. C. Hairston also issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency and issued an order to further ensure the safety of residents and visitors of the City of Lancaster. City Manager Mauldin-Jones also provided dates of all subsequent State, County, and local orders. City Manager Mauldin-Jones stated that Staff recommends approval of the ordinance extending the previously declared local public health disaster resulting from COVID-19 until June 30, 2020, and adopting and ratifying all national, state, and county executive or emergency orders regarding COVID-19.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nina Morris to approve item 2. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

3. **Discuss and consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an interlocal agreement by and between the City of Lancaster and Dallas County to receive allocated Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds to cover eligible expenses and cost incurred due to the COVID-19 global health crisis.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that on May 11, 2020, the State of Texas announced the distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF), created within the CARES Act, to provide financial resources to state and local governments. The State of Texas received a direct allocation of approximately \$11.24 billion from the United States Department of Treasury for coronavirus related expenses. Through the CARES Act, forty-five percent (45%) of the total \$11.24 billion state allocation, approximately \$5.06 billion, was made available to local governments. Of that \$5.6 billion, \$3.2 billion was directly issued to six (6) cities and twelve (12) counties in Texas with a population greater than 500,000. Approximately, \$1.85 billion of the funds remaining was made available to the cities and counties in the rest of the state. Within the State of Texas, 242 counties fall below the 500,000 population mark; therefore, each of those cities and counties are eligible to apply to the state for per capita allocation from the 1.85 billion. Twelve (12) counties exceeding the 500,000 population received direct funding from the State of Texas based on the funding formula provided in the CARES Act. The cities with a population of less than 500,000 population within the twelve (12) counties exceeding 500,000 population are encouraged to work with the county to receive funding for their city; the cities are not eligible to request funding from the state. City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that for the City of Lancaster, the total population number of 38,400 was utilized to determine the city's two allocated amounts for direct payment and maximum reimbursement amount. Dallas County will issue funds in two forms, the first being a 20% initial direct payment the second form being the remaining 80% eligible to cities by reimbursement request. Funds will be disbursed from Dallas County CARES Funds to Dallas County Cities based on the funding formula of \$55 per capita for each city. The estimated upfront cost Dallas County will be issuing to Dallas County Cities is \$14,507,581; of that amount, the City of Lancaster will receive the direct funding amount of \$422,400. The estimated total amount of Dallas County Funds that will be available for Dallas County Cities reimbursement is \$72,537,905; of that amount, the City of Lancaster is eligible to request reimbursement up to an amount of \$1,689,600.

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve item 3. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor