

## MINUTES

## LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2020

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on August 24, 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  
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary  
Fabrice Kabona, Assistant City Manager  
Dori Lee, Director of Human Resources  
Carey Neal, Assistant to the City Manager  
Michelle Evans, Assistant Director of Human Resources  
Keturah Barnett, ICMA Fellow

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 24, 2020.

**Invocation:**

Bishop Clyde C. Hairston of Miracle Temple Fellowship Church gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Councilmember Jaglowski led the pledge of allegiance.

**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

**Consent Agenda:**

City Secretary Arenas read the consent agenda.

1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meetings held on July 27, 2020.
2. Consider a resolution amending Resolution No. 2020-03-25 postponing the General Municipal Election from May 2, 2020, to November 3, 2020; to authorize the execution of an amended contract between the City of Lancaster and the Dallas County Election Departments, to amend the Notice of Election to provide for extended early voting dates and runoff period as provided by state law.

Considerar la aprobación enmendada la Resolución 2020-03-25 posponiendo las elecciones generales al 3 de noviembre de 2020; autorizar la ejecución de cualquier enmienda para el

**contrato de elección conjunta para la elección del 3 de noviembre del 2020 con el condados de dallas, estipular horas extendidas durante la votación adicional y votación del día de elección designado en el condado de dallas.**

- 3. Consider a resolution adopting City Council Goals and Objectives contained in the June 26, and June 27, 2020 City Council Strategic Planning Report prepared by The Azimuth Group.**
- 4. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an interlocal agreement by and between the City of Lancaster and Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services to provide certain health services.**
- 5. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an interlocal agreement by and between the City of Lancaster and Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services to provide certain food establishment inspections and environmental services.**
- 6. Consider an amendment to Resolution 2020-06-44 to include language requested by the Office of Governors (OOG).**
- 7. Consider declaring certain board, commission or committee position(s) vacant due to resignation.**

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

- 8. Discuss and consider a resolution with four (4) options to either remove, relocate, amend the language, or take no action to the historical marker identified as 6655 Site of Confederate Arms Factory located at 220 W. Main St, Lancaster, TX 75146.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that on August 17, 2020, Council discussed the historical marker identified as marker number 6655. Council requested additional information and that the item come back before Council to consider a request for removal, relocating, making alterations, or no action at all with the historical marker number 6655 which is property of the Texas Historical Commission.

Councilmember Strain-Burk asked if there were any addition letters and or communication. City manager shared that the letters were sent directly to Council and to her knowledge there were not any additional correspondence.

Councilmember Strain-Burk asked if the person who sent the letter is a resident of Lancaster. City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared that we do not have an address for the person.

Councilmember Mejia stated that his motion to remove the monument is due to the business being a failed business and that the monument was placed at an incorrect location.

Councilmember Strain-Burk clarified that the monument was in the correct location.

Councilmember Mejia shared with Councilmember Strain-Burk that the information he stated of the business being a failed business, and that the monument being placed at an incorrect location had been shared by Councilmember Strain-Burk in a recorded meeting video in which he had viewed.

Councilmember Strain-Burk restated the state's finding of issues with the business.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill shared her support for removal of the monument is due to the business being a failed business, and as the summary provided, a business that commercialized slavery.

Councilmember Mejia shared with passion his position to speak-up, verify information, and advocate for District 3.

Councilmember Strain-Burk shared her opinion is to remove the word "confederate" and have the monument moved to the State Auxiliary Museum in Lancaster.

Councilmember Strain-Burk requested that the minutes, discussion, and vote be part of the documents submitted for removal of the monument.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill to remove the monument. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against [Strain-Burk].

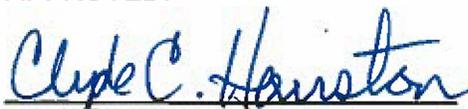
**MOTION:** Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill to adjourn. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

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

**ATTEST:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor