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LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2020

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Special Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on December 7, 2020, at 7:45 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present (City Hall & Zoom):

Mayor Clyde C. Hairston
Carol Strain-Burk
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Stanley M. Jaglowski
Marco Mejia
Keithsha C. Wheaton
Mayor Pro Tem Racheal Hill
Betty Gooden-Davis

City Staff Present (City Hall & Zoom):

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager
Fabrice Kabona, Deputy City Manager
Carey Neal, Assistant to the City Manager
Keturah Barnett, ICMA Fellow
Andrew Waits, Public Works Director
Dori Lee, HR Director
Jermaine Sapp, Equipment and Facilities Services Director
Kenneth Johnson, Fire Chief
Kim Hall, Director of Finance
Lisa Wube, Director of Parks and Recreation
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief
Shane Shepard, Economic Development Director
Vicki Coleman, Director of Development Services
Alton Dixon, Purchasing Agent
Charley Miller, Assistant Police Chief
Crystal Cloud, Utility Billing Manager
John Melton, Library Manager
Kellen, Benbrook, Airport Manager
David T. Ritter, City Attorney
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 8:52 p.m. on December 7, 2020.

Public Testimony:

There were no speakers.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Arenas read the consent agenda.

1. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) professional services agreement and GEXA Energy's Commercial Electric Service Agreement for power provided on and after January 2023.

2. Consider a resolution establishing the City of Lancaster Legislative Priorities for the 87th Session of the Texas Legislature.

Councilmember Jaglowski pulled consent item 2.

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

2. Consider a resolution establishing the City of Lancaster Legislative Priorities for the 87th Session of the Texas Legislature.

Councilmember Jaglowski shared his participation and engagement with Texas Municipal League. Councilmember Jaglowski provided a brief update.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared the Texas Legislature meets in a regular session every two years, convening on the second Tuesday in January of every odd-numbered year. These biennial sessions are limited to 140 days. The governor can also call additional special sessions as necessary, which cannot exceed 30 days. The 87th Legislative Session is scheduled for January 12 through May 31, 2021. Bill filing for the 87th legislative session began on November 12, 2020. Prior to the start of each legislative session, the City Council establishes legislative priorities that it considers of great importance and relevance to the City. On November 19, 2020, at a work session, Council discussed the legislative priorities. A resolution will officially establish the discussed priorities and allow staff to coordinate with regional advocate affiliations such as the Best Southwest Partnership, North Texas Commission, Dallas Regional Chamber, and Texas Municipal League. Items are being proposed based on review by staff and the regional advocate affiliations such as the Best Southwest Partnership, North Texas Commission, Dallas Regional Chamber, and Texas Municipal League as having the potential to impact our organization if passed.

MOTION: Councilmember Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve consent items 2. The vote was 7 for, 0 against.

Executive Session:

3. The City Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section §551.071 (1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to discuss: City of Lancaster City Council Rules and Procedures-Censure Policy and possible future agenda items.

4. Reconvene into open session. Consider and take appropriate action(s), if any, on closed/executive session matters.

The City Council recessed for Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 10:20 p.m.

City Attorney Ritter shared Council's pleasure to proceed with the previously filed censure and set it for the initial hearing as prescribed in the Rules and Procedures on the next council meeting December 14, 2020.

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MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wheaton to adjourn.
The vote was 7 for, 0 against.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor