

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
Walter Weaver
Stanley Jaglowski
Marco Mejia
Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels, arrived at 7:07 p.m.
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Nina Morris
Council District 5 vacant

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Alicia Oyedele, Assistant to the City Manager
Breanna Colvin, Intern (City Manager's Office)
Sean Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Dori Lee, Human Resources Director
Larry Flatt, Police Chief
Thomas Griffith, Fire Chief
Rona Stringfellow Govan, Development Services Director
Jim Brewer, Building Official
Shwetha Pandurangi, City Engineer
Clovia English, Public Works Director
Sheree Haynes, Finance Director
Cami Loucks, Library Director
Dolle Downe, City Secretary
Robert E. Hager, City Attorney

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 12, 2012.

Invocation:

Pastor John Richardson with Zion Chapel gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation:

Mayor Knight read and presented a proclamation to Tyger Williamson, fifth grader at Pleasant Run Elementary and state winner of the Arbor Day Poster Contest, proclaiming March 20, 2012 as Tyger Williamson Day in the City of Lancaster for the Arbor Day celebration to be held on said date. Mayor Knight congratulated Tyger and recognized his art teacher, Ms. Perdue, as well as family and friends in attendance.

Citizens Comments:

Dorie Torres, 4185 Portwood, stated that several years ago her house at 4181 Portwood had been demolished by the City even though she had tried to talk with the City before it was torn down; stated that her English is not very good and she did not understand the reason the house was torn down.

Mayor Knight suggested she visit with staff after the meeting to get more information.

James Lewis, 818 Katy Street, commented that the City had bulldozed Ms. Torres' house on Portwood without talking with her, along with four houses of his; said that Ms. Torres did not speak very much English and did not understand why the City tore down her house; stated that in the City of Lancaster there is a law requiring 25 signatures on a petition to get on the ballot; said no one doing business with the City would sign a petition which keeps people off the ballot; stated that the City should have long ago removed that requirement; said it benefits those in office; stated that the City should stop bullying people.

James Adams, 2003 Hash, stated with regard to item 7C [no parking ordinance for a portion of Jefferson Street] the compliant is that there is not sufficient parking in the area and that the City should provide parking due to the football, soccer, playground and other activities in the area, particularly on Saturdays; commented that the only place left to park is on the shoulder on Jefferson Street.

Executive Session:

At 7:13 p.m. Council recessed to go into Executive Session. At 7:14 p.m. the City Council convened into closed Executive Session pursuant to:

- 1A. **Section § 551.072 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property north of Pleasant Run Road, east of Houston School Road and south of IH-20; and**
- 1B. **Section § 551.074 (a)(1) of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate the evaluation and duties of a public officer or employee, to-wit: the City Manager.**
2. **Reconvene into open session. Consider and take appropriate action(s), if any, on closed/executive session matters.**

The City Council recessed from Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. and convened into open session at 7:46 p.m.

No action was taken following the Executive Session.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Downe read the consent agenda.

- 3C. **Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held February 27, 2012.**

- 4C. Consider Resolution 2012-03-27 approving the terms and conditions of an amended Best Southwest Interlocal Agreement by and between the cities of Lancaster, Cedar Hill, Duncanville, DeSoto, and Midlothian, to add the cities of Red Oak and Venus for the cooperative purchase of goods and services.
- 5C. Consider Resolution 2012-03-28 approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Frisco and the City of Lancaster for the cooperative purchase of goods and services.
- 6C. Consider Resolution 2012-03-29 approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement by and between the Harris County Department of Education and the City of Lancaster for the cooperative purchase of goods and services.
- 7C. Consider an ordinance designating a portion of Jefferson Street as a No Parking Zone at any time on any day on either side from the point of its intersection with Wintergreen Road to the point of its intersection with Pleasant Run Road in the City of Lancaster.

Councilmember Mejia pulled consent item 7C.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Daniels made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris, to approve consent items 3C - 6C. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against.

Councilmember Mejia asked about limited parking available in the area during events and Saturday activities.

Parks and Recreation Director Johnson stated that during high volume events, a bus is used as a shuttle from the Life Center and the school district property to help ease parking.

Councilmember Mejia expressed concern about parking on the grass in front of the Pump Station due to the limited parking options and commented that parking on the grass violations need to be enforced; also commented that often there is trash everywhere and the City needed to enforce its litter ordinance. Parks and Recreation Director Johnson noted that each organization is required to make a deposit which could be used for trash pick-up if the area is left littered.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris asked how long the no parking has been being enforced. Parks and Recreation Director Johnson said he did not know about enforcement prior to his arrival, but for the two years he has been with the City, it has been enforced.

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Daniels, to approve an ordinance designating a portion of Jefferson Street as a No Parking Zone at any time on any day on either side from the point of its intersection with Wintergreen Road to the point of its intersection with Pleasant Run Road in the City of Lancaster. The vote was cast 5 for, 1 against [Weaver].

Presentations:

Presentation of service plaque honoring former District 5 Councilmember Clyde C. Hairston and acknowledgements from other dignitaries.

Mayor Knight presented former Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember District 5, Clyde Hairston, a service plaque honoring his nearly nine years of service to the citizens and community. Mayor Knight thanked Mr. Hairston for his service to the citizens, Council and Lancaster.

Mr. Hairston thanked the Mayor and expressed his appreciation for being allowed to serve the citizens of Lancaster; said that he loves Lancaster. Mr. Hairston recognized former mayor, Joe Tillotson and former councilmember, Susan Anderson, saying that he enjoyed serving with them as well. He introduced his wife, noting their 35 years of marriage.

There were no other presentations.

MOTION: Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris, to adjourn. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against.

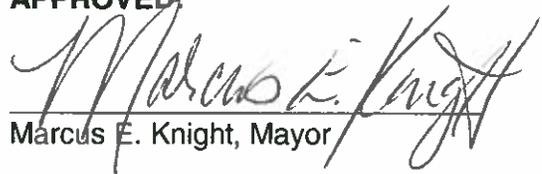
The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor