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LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2022

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on July 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present (City Hall & Zoom):

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

City Staff Present (City Hall & Zoom):

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary
David T. Ritter, City Attorney
Chris Youngman, Emergency Management Chief
Dori Lee, Director of Human Resources
Jermaine Sapp, Director of Equipment and Facility Services
Kenneth Johnson, Fire Chief
Lisa Wube, Director of Parks and Recreation
Mike Delmore, Director of Finance
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief
Shane Shepard, Director of Economic Development
Vicki Coleman, Director of Development Services
Cynthia Smith, Admin & Community Relations Supervisor
Cheryl Womble, Purchasing Agent
Jennifer Avila, Deputy City Secretary
Keturah Barnett, Assistant to the City Manager
Scott Finley, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 25, 2022.

Invocation:

Reverend Kenneth Johnson, from The Truth Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Pro Tem Stanley Jaglowski led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Testimony/Citizen's Comments:

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager of Lancaster, 211 N. Henry St., shared information on upcoming events.

Consent Agenda:

1. Consider a resolution amending Article 5.000, "Fire Services Fees", Section 5.1200, "Required Annual Operational Permit Fees" of the Master Fee Schedule to include the addition of an administrative fee.
2. Consider a resolution approving a Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agreement with Dallas County for the provision of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to unincorporated areas adjacent to the City of Lancaster.
3. Consider a resolution amending Resolution No. 2022-03-29, ratifying the purchase of twelve (12) generators from Clifford Power Systems Inc. authorizing the expenditure of an additional forty-one thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars and seven cents (\$41,933.07) for an amended aggregate total of an amount not to exceed one million, three hundred forty-two thousand, three hundred twelve dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$1,342,312.78).

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve consent items C1, C2 and C3. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Z22-10 Conduct a public hearing and consider a rezoning request from Agricultural Open (A-O) to Single Family Residential Estate (SF-E). The property is addressed as 1545 Raintree Drive. The property is further described as a tract of land situated in Volume 85227, Page 5467 in the City of Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones, shared this item is to conduct a public hearing and consider a rezoning 1545 Raintree Drive from Agricultural Open (A-O) to Single Family Residential Estate (SF-E). The property is approximately 2,093 feet east of Nokomis Road and it is 2.33 acres in size. The current zoning only allows for agricultural uses and a single-family dwelling on five (5) acres or more. An SF-E zoning would allow one (1) dwelling unit per acre. On June 19, 2022, a notice for this public hearing appeared in the Focus Daily Newspaper. Notifications of this public hearing were mailed to owners that are within 200 feet of the subject property. There were no letters received in opposition or support of the request. On July 5, 2022 the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request. Staff concurs with the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation.

Councilmember Mejia asked about the neighborhood zoning and if it would be possible to make all of that area into a Single-Family Residential Estate (SF-E).

City Manager Mauldin-Jones, replied the property was annexed into the City in 2011 it came in as an Agricultural Open (A-O) zoning and when any construction or changes on the property are made they must have the lot zoned. Council is able to initiate a self-initiated rezoning in the area, by providing proper notices to the owners, the newspaper and submitting it to the planning and zoning commission and City Council.

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Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski asked how many rezoning to a Single-Family Residential Estate (SF-E) have occurred in Raintree Drive since the annexation in 2011.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones, stated she will provide the information once gathered.

Mayor Hairston opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Mayor Por Tem Jaglowski to approve item 4. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- 5. M22-21 Conduct a public hearing and consider an amendment to the 2020 Master Thoroughfare Plan of the Comprehensive Plan by reclassifying Pinto Road's designation type from Major Arterial Type B to Urban Major Collector on approximately 2,154 feet of Pinto Road north of Pleasant Run Road. The roadway facility is situated in the Samuel Keller Survey, Abstract No. 721, City of Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones, shared this item is to conduct a public hearing and consider an amendment to the 2020 Master Thoroughfare Plan of the Comprehensive Plan by reclassifying Pinto Road's designation type from Major Arterial Type B to Urban Major Collector type road way. The Master Thoroughfare Plan provides guidance based upon the traffic necessitated by development and around the area. The 2020 Master Thoroughfare Plan designates Pinto Road as Major Arterial Type B and requires the rights-of-way to be 100 feet. The Major Urban Collector is a two-lane divided roadway requiring 60 feet of rights-of-way. WHL is developing the northwest corner of Pleasant Run Road and Pinto Road. They are requesting an amendment on the Master Thoroughfare Plan as the east half of Pinto Road is within the City of Wilmer. The west half of Pinto Road is within the City of Lancaster. The road way dead ends at the future Union Pacific Railway rail spur and does not continue traffic through the project. The applicant is requesting to change the designation of the road way. Notice of this public hearing was published in the official publication of record Focus Daily News on June 19, 2022. On July 5, 2022 the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request. Staff concurs with the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation.

Mayor Hairston opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cheatham to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve item 5. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

ACTION:

- 6. Discuss and consider an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 4, "Animals" to provide for amendments conforming with state law requirements regarding tethering and the unlawful acts regarding unlawful restraint of dogs.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared at the July 18 Work Session Senate Bill 5 was discussed as well as Lancaster's Code of Ordinances Chapter 4, "Animals". In December 2020, City Council adopted a resolution establishing legislative priorities for the 87th Session of the State Legislature. In October 2021, Governor Greg Abbott signed the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act formerly known as Senate Bill 5 (SB5). The bill bans the use of chains for tethering dogs and requires dog owners to only use humane materials, the bill also mandates owners to provide adequate shelter, shade, and clean water whenever the dog is tethered. On April 20, 2022, the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee discussed Senate Bill 5 (SB5), the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act, and at their June 2, 2022, Special Meeting, approved a resolution recommending City Council implement an Ordinance with stipulations displayed in Senate Bill 5 (SB5), the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act. Staff recommends approval of the resolution as it has been presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski made a comment regarding Senate Bill 5, he also thanked the current Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Board for their support to implement the protection of dogs within the community.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve item 6. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- 7. Discuss and consider a resolution amending Resolution No. 2017-11-82, City Council Travel Policy.**

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared as prescribed in the City Council Rules and Procedures, amended in August 2021, Section D. City Council Agenda Process, Subsection 1.b., Mayor Hairston requested that an item be included on a Work Session for the purpose of discussing the city council travel budget. At the July 18, 2022, Work Session, City Council requested that the item be placed on the agenda for Council consideration of amending the travel budget for seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for Councilmembers and seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for the Mayor. The item is for Council discussion, deliberation and consideration.

Councilmember Mejia shared that he is against this item and that District 3 constituents are having a hard time with inflation. Councilmember Mejia stated that he will keep his promise to District 3 that he gave twelve years (12 years) ago and that he will not take a nickel of the budget he will pay out of his pocket and encourages other Councilmembers to do the same.

Councilmember Cheatham shared that the Council is not on salary for their position. The travel budget pays for their training and his knowledge as a City Councilmember. Councilmember Cheatham shared that the Council money is not being spent frugally but the budget should have a cushion for travel occurrences and request the support from the City's residents.

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MOTION: Councilmember Cheatham made a motion to increase the Travel Policy for Councilmembers to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and Mayors' to twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00), no second. Motion Failed.

Councilmember Strainburk shared the importance of the training classes and that she is proud of Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Gooden-Davis and Councilmember Wheaton on receiving their Certified Municipal Office Certificate. Councilmember Strain-Burk also shared that it is a privilege that the tax payers are helping Council receive an education on making the City better and progressive and that Council will be responsible in spending the minimum amount of budget as they are appreciative of the funds being available for their education.

Mayor Pro Tem Jaglowski, shared that this Council is very active in attending events and achieving there TML status and that he is proud to a part of this Council.

Councilmember Mejia questioned if his left-over budget funds can be donated to a department.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones clarified that any unused funds at the end of year go into the fund balance. There is a target that has to be maintained in the event of a disaster which is 18% of our annual budget expenditures and funds balance. Anything over the target balance, Council designates for equipment replacement and capital projects.

Mayor Hairston shared that being on Council is volunteer service and members sacrifice their time for the City.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis to approve item 7. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against. [Mejia]

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor