

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 14, 2025

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present (City Hall & Zoom):

Mayor Clyde C. Hairston
Carol Strain-Burk
Stanley M. Jaglowski
Marco Mejia
Derrick Robinson [Zoom]
Mayor Pro Tem 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 Ritter, City Attorney
Dori Lee, Assistant City Manager
Timothy Vessakosol, Director of Parks and Recreation
Vershurn Ford, Director of Community & Public Relations
Vicki Coleman, Director of Development Services
Camryn Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager
Greg Carrell, Assistant to the City Manager
Marcus Talton, Assistant Police Chief

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. on July 14, 2025.

Invocation:

Apostle Urban M. Brown, The Life in Christ Family Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell Cheatham led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Testimony/Citizen's Comments:

Brianna Terrell, 1558 Nottingham Drive, Lancaster, Texas, 75134, shared concerns about City Playgrounds.

Timothy Terrell, 1558 Nottingham Drive, Lancaster, Texas, 75134, shared concerns about City road repairs.

Rasheed Aziz, 1121 Nancy Lane, Lancaster, Texas, 75134, introduced the Webo Tigers Youth Association

Carl Sherman, 1670 N. Hampton Road, Desoto, Texas, 75115, shared the governor's proclamation for special called meetings about local control.

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Vershurn Ford, 211 N. Henry Street, Lancaster, Texas, 75146, provided information on the quarterly "Trash Off" event, Lancaster Library "Color Our World" neon paint event, Parks and Recreation Month events: Community fitness class, Dive in After Dusk at the Recreation pool, A Family Adventure Day a part of the Lancaster hike and bike trail, and a Night Hike.

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Consider the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2025 and June 9, 2025.**

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

Action:

- 2. Discuss and consider a resolution suspending the July 31, 2025 effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to allow the city more time to review the application and decide on the final action, including settlement or denial of requested rate increase.**

City Manager Mauldin Jones gave a staff report on action item 2.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden Davis to approve action item 2. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- 3. Discuss and consider an ordinance renewing an electric delivery franchise for the use of present and future streets, alleys, highways, public utility easements, public ways and public property to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC.**

City Manager Mauldin Jones gave a staff report on action item 3.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain Burk made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cheatham to place action item 2 on the July 28, 2025 meeting for a second reading. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- 4. M25-20 Discuss and consider a resolution accepting one 15-foot public sanitary sewer easement, being 255 square feet, on a property being 0.328 acres out of the Roderick Rawlins Survey, Abstract No. 1223, located at 618 North Dallas Avenue, City of Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas.**

City Manager Mauldin Jones gave a staff report on action item 4.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia to approve action item 4. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against

Public Hearing:

- 5. M25-27 Conduct a public hearing and consider a request to Section 6.07.006 (a) and (b) to allow for a 6-foot-tall, wood, solid screen fence, located 7-feet from the southern property line, on the property located at 1865 Southwood Drive, City of Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas.**

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City Manager Mauldin Jones gave a staff report on public hearing item 5.

Mayor Hairston opened the public hearing.

Jai, 271 Southwood, Lancaster, Texas, 75146, wishes not to speak, however, would like the record to show support for public hearing item 5.

Guadalupe Balderas, 1865 Southwood Dr., Lancaster, Texas 75146, wishes not to speak, however, would like the record to show support for public hearing item 5.

Mayor Hairston closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stanley Jaglowski, to approve public hearing item 5 with the condition of 6-foot tall wood solid screen fence along the south and west property lines (per Exhibit 1), with the condition that the fence be setback 10-foot along the south property line. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

Executive Session:

6. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council will convene in Executive Session to consider the following matters:

1. Section 551.074 (a)(1) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties or dismissal of a public officer, to wit: the City Attorney.

**2. Section 551.017 Consultation with attorney in regard to:
a) Solid Waste Agreement**

The City Council recessed for the Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:02 p.m.

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

No action

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden Davis to adjourn. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

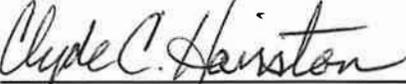
The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor