

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2012

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on August 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
Walter Weaver
Stanley Jaglowski
Mayor Pro Tem Marco Mejia
LaShonjia Harris

Councilmembers Absent:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels
Nina Morris

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Amber Dorsey, Community Relations Assistant
Sean Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Dori Lee, Human Resources Director
Ed Brady, Economic Development Director
Larry Flatt, Police Chief
Pat Adamcik, Assistant Fire Chief
Rona Stringfellow Govan, Managing Director Public Works / Development Services
Jim Brewer, Assistant Director Public Works / Development Services
Dolle Downe, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 13, 2012.

Invocation:

Pastor John Richardson with Zion Chapel gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Harris led the pledge of allegiance.

Citizens Comments:

Joe Smith, 2609 Princeton, asked what is being done about a suggestion box near the Utility Billing area that he had suggested last month; stated citizens want to know the status. Mayor Knight indicated someone from the City Manager's office would follow up with him.

Richard Griesman, 128 Pecan Grove, thanked Council and City staff for the computers at the Senior Life Center; stated that the classes have been helpful for those at the center and he greatly appreciates the City getting the computers for the center.

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Bob Borden, 770 Millcreek Road, stated that with the upcoming Trash-Off event, he thinks Council should include a method for disposing of household chemicals; commented he is very familiar with the problems and hazards with such items including aerosol cans which can be highly flammable; urged Council to provide a way for citizens to safely dispose of hazardous items.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Downe read the consent agenda.

- 1C. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held July 23, 2012.
- 2C. Consider Resolution 2012-08-56 approving the terms and conditions of the City owned T-hangar non-commercial lease from building 680 at the Lancaster Regional Airport.
- 3C. Consider Resolution 2012-08-57 approving the terms and conditions of the City owned T-hangar non-commercial lease from building 670 at the Lancaster Regional Airport.
- 4C. Consider Resolution 2012-08-58 authorizing the award of Bid 2012-42 to Aetna for employee medical administration with a Health Savings Account (HSA) option; and authorizing continuation with Aetna for dental administration; CIGNA for basic and voluntary life, accidental death and dismemberment, and long term disability; Discovery for flexible spending and the Section 125 Plan; Conexis for COBRA administration; and Alliance Work partners for Employee Assistance Program administration.
- 5C. Consider Resolution 2012-08-59 authorizing the award of Bid 2012-28 for the purchase of ready-mix concrete to Redi-Mix Concrete.
- 6C. Consider Resolution 2012-08-60 authorizing the award of Bid 2012-32 for the purchase of asphalt to Austin Asphalt and APAC Texas, Inc.
- 7C. Consider Resolution 2012-08-61 authorizing the award of Bid 2012-36, an annual contract for mowing services (Code Enforcement properties) to T. Smith's Lawn Service.

Councilmember Weaver pulled item 7C from the consent agenda.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weaver, to approve consent items 1C - 6C. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

Councilmember Weaver asked if we could expect to see improvements in response time for code violations. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated mowing had been slow due to rain earlier in the season and this contractor will be able to readily get to properties. Councilmember Weaver asked about the off-set in costs. City Manager Mauldin Robertson indicated that when the City has property mowed for code violation, a lien is placed on the property.

Councilmember Harris commented that she applauds the City's effort to maintain properties when there is a need as it helps keep property values up, noting that it is a resident's responsibility to maintain their property.

MOTION: Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mejia, to approve Resolution 2012-08-61 authorizing the award of Bid 2012-36, an annual contract for mowing services (Code Enforcement properties) to T. Smith's Lawn Service. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

8. **Conduct a Public Hearing and discuss an ordinance making certain findings in connection with the proposed supplemental services ordered in connection with the Beltline Ashmoore Public Improvement District; providing for: findings of benefits accrued, accepting five year service plan, recording final assessment onto tax roll, setting the assessment levy, establishing a method of payment and assessment due.**

City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the proposed annual assessment for the Beltline Ashmoore PID is \$0.15 per \$100 assessed valuation, the same as in FY 2011/2012.

Mayor Knight opened the public hearing.

Speaking regarding the proposed service plan were:

Howard Wilson, 508 Bald Cypress Drive, commented that he had recently moved here and there was no information about a PID when he signed the mortgage papers; asked for more information regarding the public improvement district. Mayor Knight indicated someone from staff would take his name and number and call him later to answer any questions.

Sara Walden, 1916 Crepe Myrtle, asked how can we comment when we do not know anything about it. Mayor Knight stated that staff would take her name and get back with her.

There were no other speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mejia, to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

Mayor Knight announced that another public hearing and consideration of the service plan would be held at the Council meeting on August 27, 2012 for Beltline Ashmoore Public Improvement District as well as the other PID's on this agenda.

9. **Conduct a Public Hearing and discuss an ordinance making certain findings in connection with the proposed supplemental services ordered in connection with the Boardwalk Public Improvement District; providing for: findings of benefits accrued, accepting five year service plan, recording final assessment onto tax roll, setting the assessment levy, establishing a method of payment and assessment due.**

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City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the proposed annual assessment for the Boardwalk PID is \$0.25 per \$100 assessed valuation, a decrease from \$0.276 per \$100 assessed value in FY 2011/2012.

Mayor Knight opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mejia, to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

10. **Conduct a Public Hearing and discuss an ordinance making certain findings in connection with the proposed supplemental services ordered in connection with the Glendover Estates Public Improvement District; providing for: findings of benefits accrued, accepting five year service plan, recording final assessment onto tax roll, setting the assessment levy, establishing a method of payment and assessment due.**

City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the proposed annual assessment for the Glendover Estates PID is \$0.25 per \$100 valuation, an increase from \$0.22 per \$100 assessed value in FY 2011/2012.

Mayor Knight opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weaver, to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

11. **Conduct a Public Hearing and discuss an ordinance making certain findings in connection with the proposed supplemental services ordered in connection with the Lancaster Mills Public Improvement District; providing for: findings of benefits accrued, accepting five year service plan, recording final assessment onto tax roll, setting the assessment levy, establishing a method of payment and assessment due.**

City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the district is currently undeveloped and the PID Advisory Board has proposed a zero (\$0.00) assessment as there are no budgeted expenses for FY 2012/2013.

Mayor Knight opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Harris, to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

12. **Conduct a Public Hearing and discuss an ordinance making certain findings in connection with the proposed supplemental services ordered in connection with the Meadowview Public Improvement District; providing for: findings of benefits accrued, accepting five year service plan, recording final assessment onto tax roll, setting the assessment levy, establishing a method of payment and assessment due.**

City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the proposed annual assessment for the Meadowview PID is \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, the same as in FY 2011/2012 and noted that members from the PID Advisory Board are in the audience.

Mayor Knight opened the public hearing.

Speaking regarding the proposed service plan:

Trina Gamble, 1431 Singing Bird, asked what the cost is to the homeowner. Mayor Knight stated that the fee is assessed based on the appraised value of the home.

There were no other speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mejia, to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

13. **Conduct a Public Hearing and discuss an ordinance making certain findings in connection with the proposed supplemental services ordered in connection with the Rolling Meadows Public Improvement District; providing for: findings of benefits accrued, accepting five year service plan, recording final assessment onto tax roll, setting the assessment levy, establishing a method of payment and assessment due.**

City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the proposed annual assessment for the Rolling Meadows PID is \$0.23 per \$100 assessed valuation, the same as in FY 2011/2012.

Mayor Knight opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

14. **Conduct a Public Hearing and discuss an ordinance making certain findings in connection with the proposed supplemental services ordered in connection with the Tribute at Mills Branch and Tribute East at Mills Branch Public Improvement District; providing for: findings of benefits accrued, accepting five year service plan, recording final assessment onto tax roll, setting the assessment levy, establishing a method of payment and assessment due.**

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City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the proposed annual assessment for the Tribute PID is \$0.36 per \$100 valuation for lots with completed homes and for lots without homes it is \$0.50 per \$100 assessed value.

Mayor Knight opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

- 15. Discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 tax rate of \$ 0.8675 per \$100 assessed valuation; receive related tax calculation documents; and set Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate.**

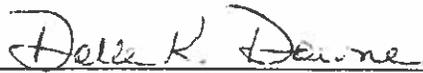
City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the certified values had been received from the Dallas County Appraisal District on July 23, 2012. The City experienced a 2.65% decrease in property values. The effective tax rate is \$0.899462 per \$100 assessed value. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the proposed budget for FY 2012-2013 as presented to Council maintains the tax rate at \$0.8675 per \$100 assessed value.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to set the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for August 27, 2012. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

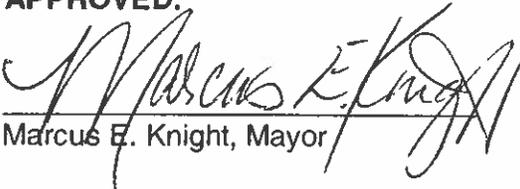
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to adjourn. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Daniels, Morris absent].

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:


Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Marcus E. Knight, Mayor