

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in an Emergency Meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall on August 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels
Councilmember LaShonjia Harris
Councilmember Nina Morris

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Thomas Griffith, Fire Chief
Pat Adamcik, Assistant Fire Chief
Sheree Haynes, Finance Director
Dori Lee, Human Resources Director
Rona Stringfellow Govan, Managing Director Public Works / Development Services
Sean Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Dolle Downe, City Secretary

Call to Order

Mayor Knight called the emergency meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2012.

- 1. Discuss and consider Resolution 2012-08-62 declaring a local state of disaster because of imminent threat to public health and safety due to a severe outbreak of West Nile Virus within Dallas County and posing a threat within the city limits of the City of Lancaster, Texas; providing the consent of the City Council for the Mayor to authorize the continuation or renewal of this declaration of local disaster beyond a period of seven days following the effective date of this resolution; and providing an effective date.**

City Manager Mauldin Robertson updated Council regarding reports from Dallas County about West Nile Virus noting that the highest levels of the West Nile Virus infected mosquitoes are located north of I-30 and that new cases have been reported in southern Dallas County, mainly in Duncanville at this time. City Manager Mauldin Robertson noted that there are two cases of West Nile in Lancaster, one on the north end of the Cedardale area and one on the south end of Lancaster in the Nokomis area. In addition, today the City was notified of another location that tested positive on the east side in the Lancaster-Hutchins area. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that an area was sprayed in Lancaster on July 12 due to its close proximity to a positive area in DeSoto.

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Councilmember Weaver commented that until today there had been only two cases reported so why is this declaration necessary and asked if the City is in danger right now. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the declaration of a local state of disaster protects our right to ground and/or aerial spray and must be submitted to Dallas County by 7 p.m. today.

Mayor Knight commented that this allows the City to exercise our right to access additional resources for mosquito abatement, if needed.

Councilmember Jaglowski asked how long the declaration is valid. City Manager Mauldin Robertson indicated the declaration is for seven days and may be extended for an additional seven days.

Mayor Pro Tem Mejia asked for what reasons would we decide to spray. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that there would have to be a concentrated positive area of human cases.

Mayor Knight stated that Dallas County would continue to monitor the situation, advise the City and make recommendations regarding spraying, but today there is no need to spray.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to approve Resolution 2012-08-62 declaring a local state of disaster because of imminent threat to public health and safety due to a severe outbreak of West Nile Virus within Dallas County and posing a threat within the city limits of the City of Lancaster, Texas, as presented.

The vote was cast 3 for, 1 against [Weaver] [Daniels, Harris, Morris absent].

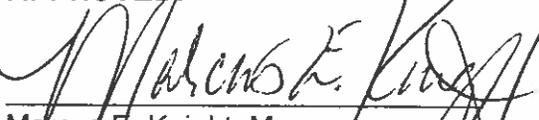
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weaver, to adjourn. The vote was cast 4 for, 0 against [Daniels, Harris, Morris absent].

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Marcus E. Knight, Mayor