

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2013

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
Carol Strain-Burk
Stanley Jaglowski
Marco Mejia
Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels
LaShonjia Harris
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Nina Morris

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Aretha Adams, Assistant City Manager
Dori Lee, Human Resources Director
Suzy Cluse, Interim Finance Director
Ed Brady, Economic Development Director
Thomas Griffith, Fire Chief
Larry Flatt, Police Chief
Rona Stringfellow, Managing Director Public Works / Development Services
Sean Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Shwetha Pandurangi, City Engineer
Mark Divita, Airport Manager
Dolle Downe, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, 2013.

Invocation:

Deacon Jones with World Harvest Ministries gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember LaShonjia Harris led the pledge of allegiance.

Proclamation

Mayor Knight read a proclamation proclaiming June 15, 2013 as Juneteenth Celebration Day in the City of Lancaster and invited everyone to attend the celebration on Saturday, June 15 from 5 to 9 p.m. in Lancaster City Park.

Citizens Comments:

Robert Stewart, 2105 N. Houston School Road, spoke against raising the speed limit to 45 mph on Houston School Road saying residents would like it to stay at 35; noted there are lots of residents on Houston School Road as well as children playing; stated there was an accident just last night and stated it would create more dangerous situations if the speed limit was increased.

Carlton Moffett, 2105 N. Houston School Road, commented that when Houston School Road was rebuilt the speeding was out of control and the Police Department did make some impact on reducing speeding; stated that only a few seconds are saved by increasing the speed limit on that segment of Houston School Road; asked Council to consider the safety factors and not make a change in the speed limit.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Downe read the consent agenda.

- C1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meetings held March 25 and April 22, 2013 and Special Meeting held May 20, 2013.**
- C2. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Houston relative to the Houston Area Library Automated Network ("HALAN") for computerized library services.**
- C3. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the City owned T-Hangar non-commercial lease from building 700 at the Lancaster Regional Airport.**
- C4. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the City owned T-Hangar non-commercial lease from building 690 at the Lancaster Regional Airport.**
- C5. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the City owned T-Hangar non-commercial lease from building 690 at the Lancaster Regional Airport.**
- C6. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the City owned T-Hangar non-commercial lease from building 670 at the Lancaster Regional Airport.**
- C7. Consider an ordinance approving and adopting Rate Schedule, Rate Review Mechanism "RRM" – Rate Corporation, Mid-Tex Division to be in force in the city for a period of time as specified in the rate schedule.**
- C8. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) Lifepak Monitors/Defibrillators from Physio Control through the federally funded program Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC) for a total amount not to exceed \$118,573.40.**
- C9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a North Central Texas Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement relative to the initial Public Works response in the event of an emergency, disaster or catastrophic event.**
- C10. Consider a resolution authorizing Dallas County to resell 3119 Daniieldale Road, a tax foreclosed property, by public or private sale, to the highest qualified purchaser, as provided by Section 34.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code.**
- C11. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of a contract for upgrading the Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system on the existing City's water infrastructure with Wheco Electric, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.**

Councilmember Strain-Burk pulled consent items C2 and C11.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to approve consent items C1 and C3 – C10. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

Councilmember Strain-Burk asked the City Manager to explain more on both items for the public's knowledge. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the Houston Area Library Automated Network [item C2] is a consortium that offers integrated library services such as cataloging and our Library will benefit from participation in the consortium.

Councilmember Harris commended Director Johnson on his work in modernizing the library. Director Johnson noted that the HALAN system expands the catalog system and offers interface for more e-books.

City Manager Mauldin Robertson noted that the SCADA system [item C11] is a tool for management of the water utilities commenting that this upgrade provides newer technology for data management, improved reliability and reduced costs.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniels, to approve consent items C2 and C11 as presented. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

12. Consider an ordinance amending the Lancaster Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Article 22.04, Speed Regulations, Section 22.04.003 by increasing the maximum prima facie speed limit on a certain portion of Houston School Road from 35 mph to 45 mph.

City Engineer Pandurangi highlighted the traffic study conducted on Houston School Road since reconstruction of the road was completed, noting that the total recorded volumes from the study indicate the mode speed is 46.2 mph. City Engineer Pandurangi stated that the staff recommendation is to change the posted speed to 45 mph along Houston School Road between Pleasant Run Road and 100 feet north of its intersection with Ames Road.

Mayor Knight stated that the roadway was designed for 55 mph and 45 mph is the recommended speed, but perhaps consideration should be given to setting the speed at 40 mph. City Manager Mauldin Robertson noted that Council could not go higher with the speed but could go lower.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniels commented that 40 mph is a good compromise.

Councilmember Jaglowski noted that the roadway may be designed for 55 mph, but there are concerns from the subdivisions and individuals along the roadway.

Councilmember Harris commented that the speakers expressed concern about safety, and she would be interested in the number of tickets issued on that stretch of roadway.

Councilmember Strain-Burk asked if we had checked with businesses on that roadway. City Manager Mauldin Robertson indicated there was no discussion with businesses.

Mayor Pro Tem Mejia asked why we conducted the traffic study. City Engineer Pandurangi indicated there have been complaints about the speed being too low. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that under the Transportation Code, a speed study is required.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniels asked to hear Police Chief Flatt's recommendation. Police Chief Flatt said that with a safety issue to consider, 40 mph is a good compromise and his recommendation would be to set the speed limit at 40 mph.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk, to approve an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Article 22.04, Speed Regulations, Section 22.04.003 by increasing the maximum prima facie speed limit on a certain portion of Houston School Road from 35 mph to 40 mph. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

Councilmember Jaglowski requested that flags be placed on top of the new speed limit signs to help call attention to the change in speed limit. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated she will coordinate with staff regarding the signage.

13. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a shade structure from USA Shade & Fabric Structures, Inc. through an Interlocal Agreement with BuyBoard (Contract #346-10) for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Grant Project #50-000413 in an amount not to exceed \$96,000.

Parks and Recreation Director Johnson outlined the project noting that the shade structure is part of the amphitheater package and is included in the 50/50 match grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Mejia asked if this purchase was additional dollars. Director Johnson indicated that it is within the \$400,000 grant.

Councilmember Strain-Burk asked about durability of the shade structure. Director Johnson commented that it is very durable and will withstand wind, hail and ice.

Mayor Pro Tem Mejia confirmed it will be insured and commented that, as in the past, he cannot support this purchase as he would like the dollars to go to infrastructure.

Councilmember Strain-Burk commented that the grant dollars can only go to that project and it is taxpayers' dollars coming back into the City. Director Johnson stated that it is a non-competitive grant.

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk, to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of a shade structure from USA Shade & Fabric Structures, Inc. through an Interlocal Agreement with BuyBoard (Contract #346-10) for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Grant Project #50-000413 in an amount not to exceed \$96,000. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against [Mejia].

14. Consider election of a Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Pro Tem Mejia nominated Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniels. Councilmember Morris nominated Councilmember Jaglowski. A roll call vote was cast 5 for Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniels to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and 2 [Jaglowski, Morris] for Councilmember Jaglowski to serve. Daniels will serve as the Mayor Pro Tempore.

15. Consider election of a Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore.

Councilmember Strain-Burk nominated Councilmember Morris. Councilmember Mejia nominated Councilmember Harris. A roll call vote was cast 4 for Councilmember Morris to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and 3 [Mejia, Daniels, Harris] for Councilmember Harris to serve. Morris will serve as the Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore.

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

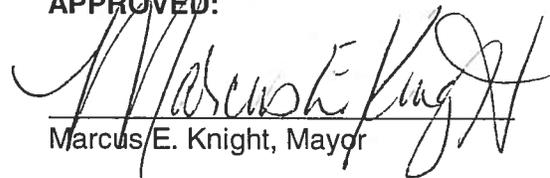
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor