

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on February 24, 2014 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
Thomas Griffith, Fire Chief
Cheryl Wilson, Police Chief
Sean Johnson, Parks, Recreation and Library Services Director
Dori Lee, Human Resources Director
Rona Stringfellow, Managing Director Public Works / Development Services
Ed Brady, Economic Development Director
Cynthia Pearson, Finance Director
Baron Sauls, Assistant Finance Director
Mark Divita, Airport Manager
Robert E. Hager, City Attorney
Angie Arenas, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 2014.

Invocation:

Deacon Jones World Harvest Ministries gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember LaShonjia Harris led the pledge of allegiance.

Citizens Comments:

Thomas Allen, 200 N. Crest, shared his concerns with item C6 on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Arenas read the consent agenda.

- C1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held February 24, 2014.**

- C2. Consider a resolution ordering a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014, for the election of one councilmember for District 2, one councilmember for District 4, and one councilmember for District 6 for a three year term; providing for the publication and posting of notice; and providing for early voting dates, times and locations.**

Considere una resolución que ordena una Elección General que se celebrará el Sábado, 10 de mayo 2014, por la elección de un concejal por el Distrito 2, un concejal por el Distrito 4, y una concejal del Distrito 6 para un período de tres años; se dispone la publicación y publicación de la notificación y la provisión para las fechas de votación anticipada, horas y lugares.

- C3. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of a Joint Election Contract and Election Services Agreement with Dallas County Elections to conduct a municipal General Election for the election of one councilmember for District 2, one councilmember for District 4, and one councilmember for District 6 to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014.**

Considere una resolución aprobando los términos y condiciones del Contrato Elección Conjunta y servicios de la elección con las elecciones del condado de Dallas para llevar a cabo una elección general municipal para la elección de un concejal por el Distrito 2, un concejal por el Distrito 4, y una concejal del Distrito 6 que se celebrará el sábado 10 de mayo de 2014.

- C4. Consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Dallas and the City of Lancaster to provide certain biomedical on-line services.**

- C5. 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.**

- C6. Discuss and Consider an Ordinance of the City of Lancaster, Amending Chapter 8, Article 8.08 "Peddlers, Solicitors, Itinerant Vendors and Handbill Distributors", Section 8.08.042, "Depositing or Distributing in Public Place" to Provide for the Distribution of Handbills for Religious or Political Purposes on Public Property at Times and In Areas Which Have been Designated by the City as Reasonable and Appropriate for Such Action; and By Amending Section 8.08.046, "Permit Required; Duration; Hours of Operation" By Adding Subsection (d) to Provide an Exception to the Permit Requirement for Those Individual Distributing Handbills or Other Written Material with a Political or Religious Purpose.**

Councilmember Strain-Burk pulled consent item C6.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Daniels, to approve consent items C1 – C5. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

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Council was informed that the City Attorney Bob Hager was listening via telephone in route to the meeting. Mayor Knight called a brief recess at 7:08 p.m. Mayor Knight reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Councilmember Strain-Burk asked City Attorney Hager if it would matter if the delegation of the City Manager to designate times or places was included in the ordinance; City Attorney Hager stated that it did not and that it was more of a policy issue.

City Attorney Hager stated times are put into place to protect citizens from having people knock on their door all hours of the night and to protect the solicitors from walking around in the dark during minimal visibility.

Councilmember Harris asked if there was a reason to specify time periods between 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. City Attorney Hager reiterated the importance of safety for both the citizens and the solicitors. City Attorney Hager clarified that a solicitor was not one that is passing out campaign literature or participating in religious or political free speech.

Councilmember Harris asked if the City had the resources to enforce that time stamp, for instance dealing with those that violate the time limit. City Attorney Hager stated it would be complaint based by household.

Councilmember Jaglowski asked where the solicitors would go to register. City Manager Mauldin Robertson advised that registration is at the Police Department. Mayor Knight clarifies that this particular registration is for those vendors trying to do business in the community and the issue is not about limiting the right for people to distribute or discuss religious or political information. Councilmember Mejia added that it is strictly for profit entities.

City Attorney Hager explained that according to the Time, Place, Manner Regulation it is important to delegate an area, for example the park, to sell, share, or distribute political literature or ideas without bothering normal business.

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris, to table [item C6] until the next work session on March 17, 2014. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Daniels, to adjourn. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

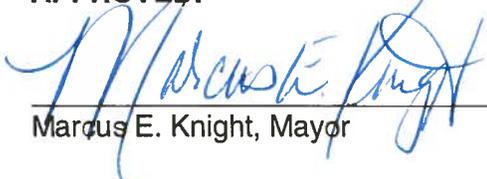
The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor

