

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Special session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on March 31, 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
Rona Stringfellow, Assistant City Manager
Angie Arenas, City Secretary
Robert E. Hager, City Attorney
Thomas Griffith, Fire Chief
Sean Johnson, Managing Director of Quality of Life and Cultural Services

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order in open session at 7:00 p.m. on March 31, 2014.

Citizens Comments:

Thomas Allen, 200 N. Crest, shared his concerns regarding the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article 8.08. Mr. Allen also suggested that the public should be made aware of the exact dollar amount the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce will pay the City of Lancaster for the license in regards to the License and use agreement between the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and the City of Lancaster.

Susan Filgo, 302 S. Dallas Ave, stated she no longer had any comments.

Suzy Weaver, 411 S. Centre Ave, gave a brief history on the 2nd Saturday event. She stated the purpose of the event was to bring tourists to the city and she fears the vision has been lost.

Executive Session:

At 7:09 p.m. the Council convened into closed Executive Session pursuant to:

- 1. The City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section § 551.074 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on matters in which the duty of the attorney to governmental body requires confidential legal advice regarding:**

- (a) **License and use agreement by and between the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and the City of Lancaster, Texas; and**
 - (b) **Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article 8.08 "Peddlers, Solicitors, Itinerant Venders and Handbill Distributors," of the Code of Ordinances 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.**
2. **Reconvene into open session. Consider and take appropriate action(s), if any, on closed/executive session matters.**

The City Council reconvened into open session at 8:34 p.m.

With regard to Executive Session item 1(A):

City Attorney Hager states that originally the License and use agreement contained five requirements and with deliberation there are now only two requirements. The first requirement is that the licensee provides a designated area as public and such area should be dedicated for the exercise of free speech without fee or charge of any kind.

The second requirement is that the licensee provides traffic control for East and West Main Street coming off the veranda of 1st Street. The City will provide traffic control equipment.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Daniels made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia, to approve the license agreement subject to the mentioned changes and conditions as well as the designation of the public access area for free speech. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

With Regard to Executive Session item 1(B):

City Attorney Hager stated that subsection A would be left as originally proposed. Subsection B would continue to allow the City Manager to make regulations as long as a published notice in general circulation of proposed designated places is posted. The notice will be posted on the City's website for duration of 30 days in which the public can make comments which will be proposed to Council under notice for their comments. After a 10 day period the City Manager could propose a new or different Ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris states that she supports the public's right to distribute information and free speech in public areas, specifically parks as long as they are not violating any laws.

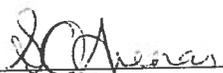
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Daniels made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to approve the ordinance with changes mentioned by City Attorney Hager. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against [Morris].

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

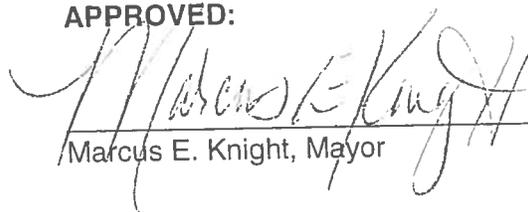
The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor

