

## MINUTES

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF August 11, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on August 11, 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  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem LaShonjia Harris  
Nina Morris

**City Staff Present:**

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager  
Rona Stringfellow, Assistant City Manager  
Fabrice Kabona, Assistant to the City Manager-Intern  
Thomas Griffith, Fire Chief  
Cheryl Wilson, Police Chief  
Jerry Rand, City Marshall  
Jim Brewer, Director Public Works  
Cynthia Pearson, Director of Finance  
Sean Johnson, Managing Director of Quality of Life and Cultural Services  
Robert E. Hager, City Attorney  
Angie Arenas, City Secretary  
Kim Pekofske, Court Administrator  
Austin James, Lead Community Relations Assistant

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2014.

**Invocation:**

Pastor Richardson with Ministerial Alliance gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Councilmember Stanley Jaglowski led the pledge of allegiance.

**Citizens Comments:**

There were no speakers.

**Consent Agenda:**

City Secretary Arenas read the consent agenda.

**C1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held July 28, 2014.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to approve consent item C1. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

2. **Conduct a public hearing and discuss an ordinance regarding the proposed revenue increase from levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2014/2015 at \$0.8675 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits to provide revenues for current maintenance and operational expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements; providing due and delinquent dates; penalties and interest; providing a homestead exemption and disability exemption.**

City Manager Opal Mauldin-Robertson stated that the proposed tax rate is to maintain the current rate at \$0.8675 and that the total tax revenue will increase from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 11.65%. Staff recommends that council hold the two required meetings the first of which is tonight followed by the second scheduled meeting August 25, 2014 and at the conclusion of the hearing Council would close the public hearing, and announce the date, time and location of the second public hearing as well as the date, time, and location of the consideration for adoption.

Mayor Knight opened the public hearing.

Thomas Allen, 200 North Crest, stated he was looking for discussion the corporation 4B which to his understanding was supposed to a corporation that stood on its own being financed from fees charged and sales tax revenue. Mr. Allen shared his concern about a future trend of a deficit and the fact that to his understanding the tax rate would be subsidizing the money losing operation which was not what was shared during the adoption of the 4B program. Lastly, Mr. Allen wanted an explanation as to why the Airport was not a break even operation.

Carolyn Morris, 887 Wintergreen, asked for verification on whether this public hearing was the tax rate increase or the proposed budget as a whole. Mayor Knight stated that the purpose for the public hearing was for citizens to comment, inquire, or share thoughts concerning the proposed tax rate. Ms. Morris thanked council for not raising the taxes.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to close the public hearing and announce that the next public hearing would be held August 25, 2014 during a regular Council Meeting at Lancaster Municipal Center, City Council Chambers located at 211 North Henry Street. The adoption of the tax rate is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Lancaster Municipal Center, City Council Chambers located at 211 North Henry Street. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

3. **Consider an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Court to charge a Special Expense Fee of up to \$25.00 for issuance and service of an arrest warrant.**

City Marshall Jerry Rand shared that the special expense fee has been on the books since 1999 but has never been enforced. The fee would help recover the money spent doing "pick-ups", such as mileage.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to approve an ordinance authorizing the Municipal Court to charge a Special Expense Fee. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

**4. Consider a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule, Article 12.000 Municipal Court, by adding, Sec 12.300 Special Expense Fee.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to approve a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

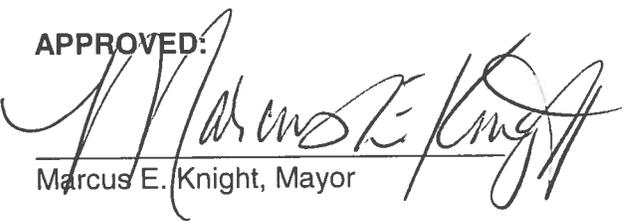
Councilmember Strain-Burk addressed some questions that were proposed during the public hearing. Councilmember Strain-Burk shared that the airport is a valuable asset that will eventually be an economic generator.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**  
  
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Marcus E. Knight, Mayor