

## MINUTES

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on October 20, 2014 at 8:53 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  
Thomas Griffith, Fire Chief  
Cheryl Wilson, Police Chief  
Sam Urbanski, Assistant Police Chief  
Jason Boulton, Assistant Police Chief  
Jerry Rand, City Marshal  
Cynthia Pearson, Finance Director  
Baron Sauls, Assistant Finance Director  
Ed Brady, Director of Economic Development  
Sean Johnson, Managing Director of Quality of Life & Cultural Services  
Mark Divita, Airport Manager  
Alton Dixon, Purchasing Agent  
Kim Pekofske, Court Administrator  
Robert E. Hager, City Attorney  
Angie Arenas, City Secretary

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 8:53 p.m. on October 20, 2014.

**Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Knight read the consent agenda.

- C1. Consider a resolution authorizing the award of bid #2014-138 for an annual contract to provide Pump Maintenance to Rotoserv, LP.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk, to approve consent item C1 and pull items C2 and C3. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- C2. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of an ambulance and fire truck through an interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement; authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for a Lease/Purchase financing plan with Chase Equipment Finance not to exceed \$1,250,000.00; and to issue a purchase order pursuant to approval.**

Councilmember Mejia requested more information on the funds for the purchase of the equipment. City Manager Mauldin-Robertson stated that due to a critical operational need, staff is recommending the lease/purchase of an ambulance and fire truck through our cooperative purchasing agreements. At the end of the finance plan (10 year period) the City will own the equipment. The current maintained Equipment Replacement Fund is being utilized to replace equipment on a consistent basis such as the purchase of public safety, public works, and parks equipment.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris requested further explanation on the allocation of funds for the additional equipment, specifically public safety. City Manager Mauldin-Robertson stated the current equipment replacement fund is being allocated to ensure that they City continues to have quality fleet for public safety, parks, and streets. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Harris stated that it is critical to have public safety vehicles as a priority in the allocation of funds.

Councilmember Jaglowski requested an updated vehicle equipment roster/list. City Manager Mauldin-Robertson stated that she would bring an updated equipment replacement schedule to a future work session. Councilmember Jaglowski also inquired about the average life of an ambulance. City Manager Mauldin-Robertson stated after mileage and usage the average life of an ambulance is 7 years; which is why the city is structured to finance 5 years to ensure useful life of the equipment.

Councilmember Strain-Burk asked for verification that the City has been utilizing other city's ambulance vehicles. City Manager Mauldin-Robertson confirmed that the City has been utilizing mutual aid due to maintenance.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Daniels, to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of an ambulance and fire truck through an interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

- C3. Consider an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance by amending Chapter 8, "Business Regulations", by amending Article 8.02, "Alarm Systems", Section 8.02.004, "Definitions", to amend changes to the alarm administrator, amending Section 8.02.005, "Violations; Penalty", Section 8.02.020, "Appeal of Action on Permit or Assessment."**

Councilmember Jaglowski stated that he was looking for clarification and reasoning on the change and how the billing was been taken place in the past.

City Manager Mauldin-Robertson stated that currently the City is utilizing a third party company for billing but there have been numerous customer service issues and concerns from citizens. Priorities in this instance are customer service and responding to the customer issues. The police department has examined the issues and concluded that performing the service internally would be the best solution.

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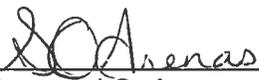
Councilmember Strain-Burk asked if additional staffing would be necessary. City Manager Mauldin-Robertson stated that additional staffing would not be necessary because the current staff already does a substantial amount of the work and that notification will be made to share that the City will now be billing internally.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to approve an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

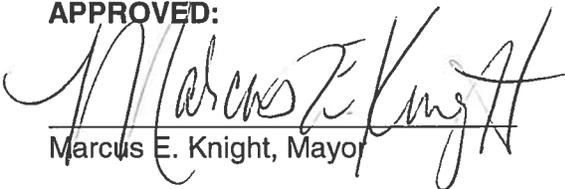
**MOTION:** Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to adjourn. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Marcus E. Knight, Mayor

