

**MINUTES****LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 16, 2011**

At 6:30 p.m. the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a Special Meeting at the James R. Williams Pump Station at 1999 Jefferson on May 16, 2011 with a quorum present to-wit:

**Councilmembers:**

Mayor Marcus E. Knight  
Walter Weaver  
Marco Mejia  
Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels  
Clyde C. Hairston  
*Council District 2 Vacant*

**Councilmembers Absent:**

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Nina Morris

**City Staff Present:**

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager  
Dolle Downe, City Secretary

**Call to Order**

Mayor Knight called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2011.

- A. Discuss and consider Resolution 2011-05-40 of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, ratifying the letter agreement authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP) to negotiate an extension to the current electric supply and necessary related services agreement with Next Era for a fixed price per kWh that is lower than contract rates for 2011-2013, said extension to continue until December 31, 2018; approving TCAP contracting with Next Era and authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with TCAP for the City's electricity needs for the period beginning as soon after finalization of a contract as possible and extending up to December 31, 2018; committing to budget for energy purposes and to honor the City's commitments to purchase power through TCAP for its electrical needs through December 31, 2018.**

City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that Lancaster is a member of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP) and an excellent opportunity has been presented to reduce electricity prices and achieve significant savings by amending and extending the existing supply agreement for electricity. City Manager Mauldin Robertson further noted that a conservative estimate of cost savings for the City is \$100,000 annually.

Councilmember Mejia asked if the costs are based on actual usage by the City. City Manager Mauldin Robertson indicated that it is and would include all City facilities, as well as electric usage for street lights and traffic lights.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weaver made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hairston, to approve Resolution 2011-05-40 ratifying the letter agreement authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP) to negotiate an extension to the current electric supply and necessary related services agreement with Next Era for a fixed price per kWh that is lower than contract rates for 2011-2013, said extension to continue until December 31, 2018; approving TCAP contracting with Next Era and authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with TCAP for the City's electricity needs for the period beginning as soon after finalization of a contract as possible and extending up to December 31, 2018; committing to budget for energy purposes and to honor the City's commitments to purchase power through TCAP for its electrical needs through December 31, 2018.

The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

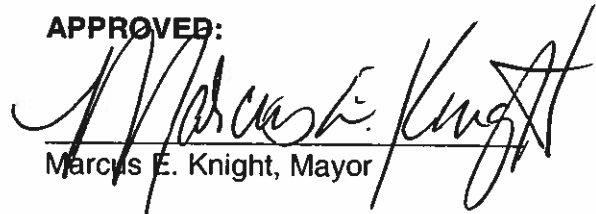
**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Daniels made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hairston, to adjourn. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Morris absent].

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Marcus E. Knight, Mayor