

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

At 7:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a Special Joint Meeting with the Lancaster ISD Board of Trustees at the Lancaster Recreation Center Grand Hall, 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway on November 7, 2011 with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
Walter Weaver
Stanley Jaglowski
Marco Mejia
Mayor Pro Tem Clyde C. Hairston
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Nina Morris

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember James Daniels

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Alicia Oyedele, Assistant to the City Manager
Ed Brady, Economic Development Director
Sean Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Sheree Haynes, Finance Director
Dori Lee, Human Resources Director
Clovie English, Public Works Director
Rona Stringfellow Govan, Development Services Director
Cami Loucks, Library Director
Larry Flatt, Police Chief
Thomas Griffith, Fire Chief
Dolle Downe, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2011. President Marion Hamilton opened the meeting for the LISD Board of Trustees.

Invocation:

Pastor Diggles gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The colors were presented by the Lancaster ISD ROTC and the pledge of allegiance was led by the Lancaster ISD ROTC.

- 1. Receive and discuss a presentation from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP regarding delinquent personal property tax collections.**

Edward Lopez, Partner with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, made a presentation highlighting delinquent tax collections for the City and school district. Mr. Lopez noted that under new tax codes, business taxes may be turned over more quickly for collection.

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Mr. Lopez stated that the current collection percentage is the highest in five years at 97.78% for the City and 97.89% for the school district.

Mr. Lopez thanked the City and school district for the opportunity to serve them and the Lancaster community.

2. Receive and discuss a presentation on the state of the Lancaster Independent School District.

Dr. Michael McFarland, LISD Superintendent, presented highlights from the 2011 State of the Schools Report. Dr. McFarland highlighted district priority goals and fiscal responsibilities, emphasizing areas where needed improvements had been achieved and programs designed to close remaining gaps in academic achievement.

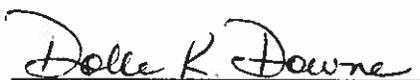
3. Receive and discuss a presentation on the state of the City of Lancaster.

City Manager Opal Mauldin Robertson provided an overview of the City's Vision 2026 and Mission from Council's strategic planning in June. City Manager Mauldin Robertson presented City budget highlights, including information on the City property tax rate and general fund revenues and expenditures. In addition, City Manager Mauldin Robertson gave an update with regard to the City Council's goals and objectives. She concluded with mutual opportunities for the City and school district in areas such as branding to impact the reality and perception of the community, community engagement and ownership, and increased communications, partnerships and support between the City and school district.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Hairston made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to adjourn. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Daniels absent].

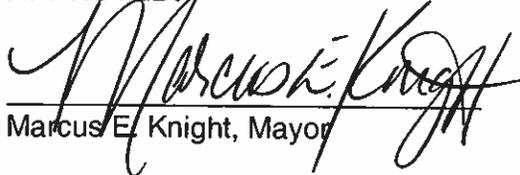
The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor