

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2021

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called Special Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on August 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present (City Hall & Zoom):

Mayor Clyde C. Hairston
Carol Strain-Burk
Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Stanley M. Jaglowski
Marco Mejia
Keithsha C. Wheaton
Mayor Pro-Tem Racheal Hill
Betty Gooden-Davis

City Staff Present (City Hall & Zoom):

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager
Fabrice Kabona, Deputy City Manager
Carey Neal, Assistant City Manager
Andrew Waits, Director of Public Works
Chris Youngman, Emergency Management Chief
Jermaine Sapp, Director of Equipment and Facility Services
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief
Bryce Reed, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator
Cheryl Womble, Administrative & Community Relations Supervisor
Keturah Barnett, Assistant to the City Manager
Michelle Evans, Assistant HR Director
Ron Gleaves, IT Manager
David T. Ritter, City Attorney
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on August 16, 2021.

Public Testimony:

There were no speakers.

Executive Session:

3a. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section §551.071 (2) of the Texas Government Code to confer with the City's attorney and receive an update on the rapidly changing litigation posture of the local disaster related to COVID-19.

3b. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary.

The City Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 7:28 p.m.

Action:

4a. Discuss and consider an ordinance declaring a local disaster related to COVID-19, ratifying the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster for a period of sixty (60) days, establishing the required use of face coverings in city-owned buildings, making findings related thereto, and providing an effective date.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gooden-Davis to take no action on item 4a. The vote was 7 for, 0 against.

4b. Discuss and consider a resolution to amend the FY2021/2022 budget calendar.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones shared the City received notice from Dallas County on August 11, 2021, that adoption of the budget must take place within seven days of the first public hearing, according to State law. The first Public Hearing is currently scheduled for August 30, 2021, and the second Public Hearing on September 13, 2021, which expands a time frame more than the seven days allowed by Dallas County. Due to the fact that the holiday following Monday, August 30, 2021, is September 6, 2021 (Labor Day), we are proposing moving the first public hearings from August 30, 2021, to September 13, 2021, and the second public hearing from September 13, 2021, to September 20, 2021. Approving this resolution establishes an amended schedule relative to the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget that conforms to State law. Staff recommends approval of the resolution, as presented.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gooden-Davis to approve item 4b. The vote was 7 for, 0 against.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gooden-Davis to adjourn. The vote was 7 for, 0 against.

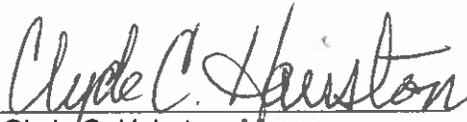
The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor