

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in an Emergency Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on April 3, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
Stanley Jaglowski
Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels
Marco Mejia
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Nina Morris
Council District 5 vacant

Councilmembers Absent:

Walter Weaver

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Alicia Oyedele, Assistant to the City Manager
Dolle Downe, City Secretary
Robert E. Hager, City Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Knight called the emergency meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on April 3, 2012 stating that a tornado had touched down in the City and certain items of business related to the tornado needed to be addressed.

2. Consider Resolution declaring a local disaster; providing for implementation of the City's Emergency Management Plan; providing for a disaster period; and providing an effective date.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Daniels made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia, to approve a resolution declaring a local disaster, implementing the City's Emergency Management Plan and providing for a disaster period. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Weaver absent].

3. Update of damage assessment.

Mayor Knight stated that a tornado had traveled through most of the City and the majority of the damage was in the northwest area of the City. Mayor Knight noted that various mutual aid first responders are working with the City.

4. **Discuss declaring implementation of emergency protocols and Emergency Management Plan; and, authorize the City Manager to take appropriate action to provide for essential City services, including but not limited to limitations on utility services, establish curfews, barricades and blockades as warranted.**

Mayor Knight stated that a draft ordinance had been prepared establishing a curfew for persons residing and/or located within the City and establishing a blockade within a specified area of the disaster area.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris asked if the blockade would be enforced for everyone in the area. City Manager Mauldin Robertson stated that the blockade is only in the severely damaged areas until the City can determine if the area is safe to enter. She added that residents will not be allowed to enter until it is determined that it is safe to enter. Mayor Knight stated that a shelter has been established at the Recreation Center for those that may need a place to stay.

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Morris, to approve the ordinance establishing a curfew and blockade as presented. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against [Weaver absent].

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

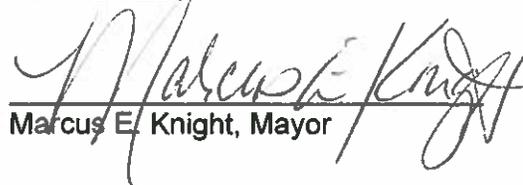
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor