

MINUTES

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 24, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called a Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on July 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present (City Hall & Zoom):

Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor
Carol Strain-Burk
Stanley M. Jaglowski
Marco Mejia
Derrick Robinson
Mitchell Cheatham, Mayor Pro Tem
Betty Gooden-Davis, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

City Staff Present (City Hall & Zoom):

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager
Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary
David T. Ritter, City Attorney
Andy Waits, Director of Public Works
Carey Neal, Deputy City Manager
Chris Youngman, Emergency Management and Communication Chief
Christine Harris-Reed, Director of Finance
Dori Lee, Assistant City Manager
Jermaine Sapp, Director of Equipment and Facility Services
Kenneth, Johnson, Fire Chief
Lisa Wube, Director of Park and Recreation
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief
Shane Shepard, Director of Economic Development
Vicki Coleman, Director of Development Services
Gregory Carrell, Budget Analyst
Jacqueline Thompson, Assistant Director of Finance
Jennifer Avila, Deputy City Secretary
Keaira English, Public Relations Manager
Marcus, Talton, Assistant Police Chief
Michelle Evens, Assistant Director of Human Resources
Reginald Lewis, Interim Assistant to the City Manager
Ron Gleaves, IT Manager
Shawn Gary, Fire Marshal

Call to Order:

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 24, 2023.

Invocation:

Apostle Urban M. Brown, Life in Christ Family Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis led the pledge of allegiance.

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Presentation:

Mayor Hairston presented the 2023 Mayoral Scholarship to recipient Jada Dawn Mitchell.

Public Testimony/Citizen's Comments:

Kenitra Eagans, 267 Oakwood Dr, Lancaster, TX 75146 shared information about the 4YouandMe non-profit Back 2 School Bash in the City of Lancaster.

Suzi Weaver, 851 S. Dallas Ave, Lancaster, TX 75146 shared her support for the changes and improvements being made to the downtown square.

Joyce King, 1517 Swift Fox Dr, Lancaster, TX 75146 shared concerns regarding dead road ends in her property.

Keaira English, 211 N. Henry St. Lancaster, TX 75146; shared information regarding the upcoming Civic Leadership Academy.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of minutes from the Special Meeting held on June 16-17, 2023, and the Regular Meeting held on June 26, 2023.
2. Consider a resolution adopting City Council Goals and Objectives discussed in the June 16 - 17, 2023, City Council Strategic Planning Report prepared by The Elim Group.

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis to approve consent items C1 – C2. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

Public Hearing:

3. Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution adopting the Lancaster City Council's Rules and Procedures, as amended.

City Manager Mauldin-Jones gave a staff report regarding public hearing item 3.

No Speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

MOTION: Councilmember Mejia made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis to approve public hearing item 3. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against [Strain-Burk].

Action

4. Discuss and consider a variance request, to allow alcohol beverage sales within 300 feet of a church for a property located at 161 Historic Town Square.

City Attorney Ritter gave a staff report regarding the action item 4.

Charles Jackson, 900 Diann Circle, Lancaster, TX 75146 wishes not to speak, however, would like the record to show support for action item 4.

Debra Jackson, 221 Trinity Dr, Lancaster, TX 75146 wishes not to speak, however, would like the record to show support for action item 4.

Henry Jackson 221 Trinity Dr, Lancaster 75146 wishes not to speak, however, would like the record to show support for action item 4.

Chod Bergmon, 112 S. Stewart Ave, Lancaster, TX 75146 wishes not to speak, however, would like the record to show support for action item 4.

Nastassja Sorengen, 112 S. Stewart Ave, Lancaster, TX 75146 wishes not to speak, however, would like the record to show support for action item 4.

David Convontes, 1322 Roan Dr, Lancaster, TX 75146 wishes not to speak, however, would like the record to show support for action item 4.

Cheryl Jackson, 900 Diann Cir. Lancaster, TX 75146 shared her support for action item 4.

Taylor Catteberog, 727 Nokomis Cir. Lancaster, TX 75146 shared his support for action item 4.

Michaella Rambler, 150 E. 1st St. Lancaster, TX 75146 shared his support for action item 4.

Phillip Owens, 197 Historic Town Sq. Lancaster, TX 75146 shared his opposition for action item 4.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve action item 4. The vote was cast 6 for, 1 against [Hairston].

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5. In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (the Texas Open Meetings Act), the City Council may meet in executive session to discuss the following:
 - (a) Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council shall convene in executive session to confer with the City's attorney to discuss pending, threatened, contemplated, or potential related litigation in regard to Real Property located at 1508 Dewberry Boulevard (Bel-Air Place Apartments).
 - (b) Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council shall convene in executive session to confer with the City's attorney to discuss pending, threatened, contemplated or potential related litigation in regard to Real Property located at 632 Reindeer Road.
 - (c) Section § 551.071(1)(a) of the Texas Government Code, the City Council shall convene in executive session to confer with the City's attorney to discuss pending, threatened, contemplated, or potential related litigation in regard to Dagger Contracting, LLC. (Houston School Road water main damage).
 - (d) Section § 551.071(1)(a) of the Texas Government Code, the City Council shall convene in executive session to confer with the City's attorney to discuss pending, threatened, contemplated, or potential related litigation in regard to Delta Victor LLC v. City of Lancaster.

(e) Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council shall convene in executive session to confer with the City's attorney to discuss pending, threatened, contemplated or potential related litigation in regard to Real Property located at 3410 Sherwood Drive.

6. Reconvene into open session. Consider and take appropriate action(s), if any, on closed/executive session matters.

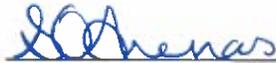
The City Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis to authorize the City Attorney to take action on item 5c and 5e. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against.

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

Meeting adjourn at 8:08 PM

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor