

## MINUTES

## LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in a called a Special Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 18, 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  
Betty Gooden-Davis, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

**Councilmember Absent:**

Mitchell Cheatham, 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 Communications Chief  
Christine Harris-Reed, Director of Finance  
Dori Lee, Assistant City Manager  
Jermaine Sapp, Director of Equipment and Facility Services  
Kenneth, Johnson, Fire Chief  
Sam Urbanski, Police Chief  
Shane Shepard, Director of Economic Development  
Vicki Coleman, Director of Development Services  
Cheryl Womble, Purchasing Agent  
Gregory Carrell, Budget Analyst  
Jacqueline Thompson, Assistant Finance Director  
Jennifer Avila, Deputy City Secretary  
Keaira English, Public Relations Manager  
Ron Gleaves, IT Manager

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Hairston called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. on September 18, 2023.

**Public Testimony/Citizen's Comments:**

No Speakers

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Hairston stated we do not have consent item number one and we would start with consent item number 2.

2. Consider an ordinance, establishing Civil Service classifications within the Police and Fire Departments; prescribing the number of positions in each classification.

3. Consider an ordinance, establishing Civil Service assignment pay within the Police and Fire Departments; prescribing the rate in each assignment.
4. Consider a resolution providing for the adoption of the Master Fee Schedule for all fees and charges assessed and collected by the City of Lancaster.
5. Consider an ordinance approving the proposed fiscal year 2023/2024 budget for proceeds of seized property for the Lancaster Police Department for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to approve consent items C2 – C5. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Cheatham absent]

**Public Hearing**

6. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance approving the proposed fiscal year 2023/2024 budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget

City Manager Mauldin-Jones gave a staff report regarding public hearing item 6.

City Secretary Arenas read into the record a letter from Mayor Pro Tem Cheatham in his absence.

No Speakers.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Cheatham absent].

**MOTION:** Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia to approve public hearing item 6. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Cheatham absent].

7. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance regarding the proposed revenue increase from levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023/2024 at \$0.639004 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits to provide revenues for current maintenance and operational expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements; providing due and delinquent dates; penalties and interest; providing a homestead exemption and disability exemption

City Manager Mauldin-Jones gave a staff report regarding public hearing item 7.

Lana Mitchell, 2723 McKenzie Ln, Lancaster, TX 75134 asked for clarification on the reasoning for the tax increase.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Cheatham absent].

**MOTION:** Councilmember Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gooden-Davis to approve public hearing item 7. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Cheatham absent].

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**Action**

8. Discuss and consider a resolution ratifying the budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024 that results in an increase of revenues by 15.42% from property taxes over the previous year

City Manager Mauldin-Jones gave a staff report regarding action item 8.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Strain-Burk made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski to approve item 8. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Cheatham absent].

**MOTION:** Councilmember Jaglowski made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strain-Burk to adjourn. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Cheatham absent].

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor

