

MINUTES**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, met in Regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to-wit:

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Marcus E. Knight
Walter Weaver
Stanley Jaglowski
Mayor Pro Tem Marco Mejia
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels
Nina Morris

Councilmember Absent

LaShonjia Harris

City Staff Present:

Opal Mauldin Robertson, City Manager
Dori Lee, Human Resources Director
Suzy Cluse, Interim Finance Director
Pat Adamcik, Assistant Fire Chief
M. C. Smith, Assistant Police Chief
Rona Stringfellow, Managing Director Public Works / Development Services
Sean Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Dolle Downe, City Secretary

Call to Order:

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 25, 2013.

Invocation:

Pastor John Richardson with Zion Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Marcus Knight led the pledge of allegiance.

Citizens Comments:

Chaz Rodgers, 120 Palm Drive, stated that she was coming before Council again because she is still upset and frustrated with the Lancaster Police Department and the response to her son's death; stated that there has been harassment and confrontation regarding personal belongings which should not have taken three times to get; requested to be on the agenda and stated that she had transcribed eight pages from the dash cam videos; stated that a police officer should not leave a victim in the street; stated that she will continue to come to Council meetings asking for answers to her concerns.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniels asked why she is requesting to be on the agenda. Ms. Rodgers stated that she has not received sufficient response to her questions and that in talking with the Mayor, the City Manager and a councilmember, the matter has not been placed on an agenda. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniels asked about other investigations. Ms. Rodgers stated that the

Texas Rangers are waiting on certain records to be released but that Police Department policies and procedures should already be in place.

Councilmember Morris stated that as a councilmember she would like to see all the steps laid out about this matter. Mayor Knight commented that Mrs. Rodgers had met with the Police Department, the City Manager, himself and Councilmember Jaglowski; and the City has been responsive, providing information within the context of what is available and under the Attorney General's opinion. Mayor Knight stated that the Council had been provided with an informational packet on the matter from the City Manager.

Ute Queen, 2307 Misty Ridge, Arlington, stated she is dissatisfied with the Animal Shelter, commenting that over the years she has devoted a lot of time and energy to help get animals out of the shelter and successfully placed with a rescue group; stated that she had been told she could no longer adopt animals from the shelter and that she thought it was based on some biases from the shelter supervisor; asked that the City reconsider its position.

Mayor Knight asked her to speak with staff for further information regarding her concerns.

Dinesha Schmitt, with A Different Bred Animal Rescue in Anna, Texas, stated she operates a 12 acre sanctuary for rescued animals; commented that the City Animal Shelter is only open from 2 to 5 p.m. on weekdays and closed on weekends.

Susan Anderson, 529 N. Henry, thanked Council for serving the citizens; cautioned councilmembers about public perception and stated that she found the antics several weeks ago about residency of a councilmember disappointing; stated that people watch 24 hours a day and how Council conducts themselves in public is important because it can impact how developers and others view the City; commented that it is difficult for staff and urged Council to work as a unit for the good of the community.

Pastor John Richardson, 1004 N. Jefferson, invited everyone to the Good Friday worship service at noon at Miracle Temple Church on Pleasant Run.

Consent Agenda:

City Secretary Downe read the consent agenda.

- C1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held March 11, 2013.**
- C2. Consider a resolution approving a first amendment to a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Cedar Hill, the City of DeSoto, the City of Duncanville, the City of Glenn Heights, the City of Ferris, the City of Lancaster, the City of Midlothian, the City of Ovilla, the City of Red Oak and the City of Waxahachie, Texas regarding the provision of certain government functions and services in connection with the protection of life and property in the event of a disaster, civil disaster, and/or emergency.**

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C3. Consider a resolution approving the resale by the County of Dallas of two residential tax foreclosed properties struck off to the City of Lancaster.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniels made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to approve consent items C1 – C3. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Harris absent].

4. Discuss and consider appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Library Advisory Board.

5. Consider a resolution adopting the Lancaster City Council Rules and Procedures, as amended.

Mayor Knight stated that in the interest of consistency, Council may desire to postpone appointments and consideration of the Rules and Procedures until all councilmembers are present.

MOTION: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jaglowski, to table appointments and consideration of the Rules and Procedures [items 4 and 5] until the next regular council meeting. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against [Harris absent].

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

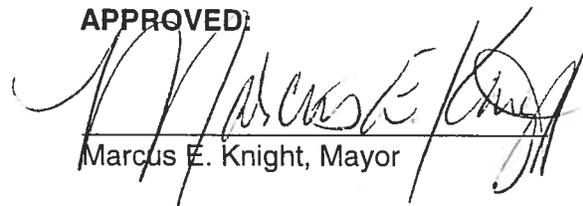
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dolle K. Downe, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Marcus E. Knight, Mayor