

STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL –APRIL 13, 2010

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in Council Chambers, Southern Market Center, 100 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, at 7:30 p.m., with President Williams presiding.

City Council led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present – Ms. Collier, Mr. Morales, Mr. Polite, Mr. Roschel
Mr. Smith, Mr. Urdaneta, President Williams – 7

City Council approved the minutes of March 30, 2010 by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Roy Baldwin, spoke to Council about the Amazing Wellness Fair that is being held on May 7, 2010 at Clipper Magazine Stadium. He stated that they are having problems getting the students there. He asked Council if they have any ideas on inviting the students, to please help out. He stated that there will be many vendors there and free food and challenges for everyone.

READING OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS & MEMORIALS – Chief Sadler of the City of Lancaster Bureau of Police presented commendations to Deputy Chief Sue Warchola and Captain John Thomas of the Bureau of Fire. Chief Warchola and Captain Thomas assisted in an arrest of a fleeing fugitive on January 26, 2010. Chief Sadler was in pursuit of the suspect when Chief Warchola and Captain Thomas joined the chase. Captain Thomas tackled the suspect and made it easy for Chief Sadler to take him into custody. They later found that he was a fugitive from Kentucky wanted for dangerous drugs. Chief Warchola and Captain Thomas thanked the Chief and the Mayor for the recognition. President Williams also thanked the awardees on behalf of City Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Councilwoman Collier stated that her committee met on April 5, 2010 and Dean Lee Evans from St. Joseph Street, came to City Council to report on Pit Bull Dog breeding in the neighborhoods. We can't pass a law regulating a particular breed of dog, but we do have other laws that could be used. There is a law that limits how many dogs can be kept on a property and we have a Zoning Ordinance that prohibits businesses from the home. She further stated that Mr. Evans has been contacted by other cities that have a problem and will keep them posted. She asked if anyone suspects that something like this is going on in their neighborhood, to please contact the City.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Councilman Roschel stated that his Committee met on April 5th as well and they discussed three items. Two of them are on tonight's agenda and he will discuss them when they come up. The other one will come up in May and we will discuss it then, however, it is basically upgrades to our Sewage Facilities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE - Councilman

Urdaneta stated that his Committee met on April 5th also, and we discussed Resolution No. 27-2010, which is on the agenda tonight. The resolution amends the schedule of fees for residential one and two family dwelling construction and demolition, commercial, mixed use, and multifamily construction and demolition and other miscellaneous related permits. By basing permit fees on square footage of the project instead of cost of the project is effectively addressing and lessening the impact to the citizens and minimizing the impact to our budget.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Councilman Smith stated that the committee met on April 5 and discussed three items that are on the agenda tonight, Resolutions No. 25, 26 and 28. He announced the Legislative Transfers to the Budget to cover Workers’ Compensation for this quarter of 2010. He made a motion to approve and Councilman Polite seconded. City Council approved the transfers by a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE – Councilman Morales stated that his committee also met on April 5, and covered 4 items, which will be addressed in May council meetings. They will be parking lot ordinance, a lead paint ordinance, building code ordinance and fruit and vegetable vendors in City neighborhoods.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Councilman Polite stated that the committee met on April 5, and voted to approve the re-appointment of 3 members of the Fire Civil Service Board, Randolph Carney, William Whare, and Robert Kiernan. He made the motion and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. City Council approved the re-appointments by a unanimous roll call vote.

City Council considered the following application(s) & (HARB recommendation(s) for improvements to Administration Resolution No. 26-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

1. Lloyd D. Beiler requests conversion of a carport to an enclosed garage at 614 West Vine Street.
2. Trace & Kristin Oberholtzer, request construction of a one-story rear addition, and replacement of wood siding with stainless-steel tiles on the house’s side elevation at 223 North Concord Street.

Councilman Polite made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. City Council approved the recommendations of the HARB by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 22-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REIMBURSEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, NUMBER 089510, BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT AND THE

MAINTENANCE OF THE ADA CURB RAMPS CONSTRUCTED ON LOCAL ROADWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR THE PROJECT IDENTIFIED AS SR 0222 AND SR 0072.

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Councilman Roschel stated that Resolutions 22 and 23 are similar, they deal with reimbursements from PennDOT. The first one deals with ADA curb cuts and the second one with streetscape enhancements. Portions of the City streets are State Roads and portions are local. In this agreement, the portions of the streets that are city owned, we will reimburse PennDOT. The projects are mostly on Queen and Prince Streets.

Administration Resolution No. 23-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT, NUMBER 089509, BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED ON PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROADWAYS AND LOCAL ROADWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR THE PROJECT IDENTIFIED AS PHASE II STREETScape ENHANCEMENTS.

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. City Council approved both Resolution No. 22 and Resolution No. 23 – 2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 25-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 49-2008.

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Roschel seconded. Councilman Smith stated that in 2008 City Council approved a resolution that allowed the Redevelopment Authority of the City to act on behalf of the City to collect delinquent tax funds. The Authority would pay the City up front at a 90% rate and in return the City would continue on with their natural collection processes. Resolution No. 25-2010 extends the limit to \$1,200,000 for the end of 2010. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 25-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 26-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER

APPROVING AN AMENDED CAPITAL PROJECT LIST TO BE FUNDED BY THE PROCEEDS OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2007.

Councilman Morales made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. Councilman Smith stated that an ordinance was passed in 2007 authorizing the City to incur \$125,315,000, of non-electoral debt by issuance of a bond. In that ordinance there were regulations on how the money could be spent. What this resolution does is revise the plan list, some have been started, some have been eliminated, some have been added and some have been completed. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 26-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 27-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION, COMMERCIAL, MIXED-USE AND MULTI-FAMILY CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION RELATED PERMITS .

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Morales seconded.

Randy Patterson, Director of Economic Development & Revitalization , stated that we have made very few changes on the residential one and two-family unit. The only thing is that we wanted individuals to know that they had to pay the electrical inspection fees. The most changes were on the commercial, mixed use and multi-family. We used to have a minimum of \$300.00 permit fee for anything less than \$3,000, but that has been reduced to \$100.00, and then instead of using value of work, we have gone to square footage costs for over \$3,000.00. It is only the building permit fees with this resolution. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 27-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 28-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING PATRICK HOPKINS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER ALL REQUIRED FORMS AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2010 SNOW STORM.

Councilman Polite made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. Councilman Smith stated that this resolution authorizes Patrick Hopkins to act on behalf of the City in filling out documents to claim reimbursements from the Federal and State Government to recover expenses we incurred during the February 2010 snow storm. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 28-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR – The report of the Mayor can be seen in its entirety on the City’s website: www.cityoflancasterpa.com

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – President Williams welcomed the students in attendance from McCaskey, Catholic High and Living Word Academy. She also reiterated the Mayor’s invitation to the community meetings which the Administration is holding this week in the City and urged residents to come out to the meetings for valuable information and where their tax money is going.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Louise B. Williams, President

Attest:

City Clerk