

**STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL –FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in Council Chambers, Southern Market Center, 100 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, at 7:30 p.m., with Vice - President Polite presiding.

City Council led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present – Ms. Coller, Mr. Morales, Mr. Roschel  
Mr. Smith, Mr. Polite – 5

Excused – Mr. Urdaneta, President Williams

City Council approved the minutes of February 9, 2010 by a unanimous vote.

READING OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS & MEMORIALS – At this time Mayor Gray presented a Proclamation to Susan Lineberger of the League of Women Voters in honor of their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Mayor also presented a certificate to Fire Chief Tim Gregg who successfully completed the Executive Fire Officer Program and the required applied research.

At this time Vice President Polite asked the Clerk to read Council Resolution No. 20-2010 as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN A. JARVIS, AND EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER.**

**WHEREAS**, John A Jarvis came to the City of Lancaster to become Headmaster of Lancaster Country Day School; and

**WHEREAS**, John Jarvis and his wife, Sally, became residents of the City of Lancaster, raising their family here; and

**WHEREAS**, John soon became involved in the civic life of his adopted City, serving on the Lancaster City Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, John Jarvis was a founder of the Charlotte Street Association, a group that has given awards to City property owners who have improved their properties. These Certificates, designed by John, are given yearly and presented at a City Council meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, John Jarvis worked diligently on the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 1992, serving on the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration, John wrote and directed the Pageant of History, recruiting volunteers to play Lancaster citizens of note, beginning with the early settlers.

**WHEREAS**, at that time, John had the original Lancaster Charter of 1742 restored and had copies made for display. He also had the 1786 map of James Hamilton's estate restored and copies made for display; and

**WHEREAS**, John Jarvis also had framed a City Plan from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century donated by the Library of Congress; this plan can be seen on the second floor of City Hall; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Lancaster is proud and pleased to celebrate the life of John A. Jarvis who unselfishly gave so much of himself to the quality of life in the City of Lancaster.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Lancaster extends best wishes to the family of John A. Jarvis and thanks them for sharing him with the City of Lancaster.

Councilwoman Collier made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded.

Mr. Budd Callman made a statement about the Charlotte Street Association and the founding of it in 1968. He remembered John's love for the City and stated that they would continue the work for John.

Cheryl Holland-Jones, the first African-American student to graduate from Lancaster Country Day School, spoke of Mr. Jarvis and how he provided her with an education that opened doors for her at an age that otherwise would not have happened. He really cared a lot about people and about his community and she is happy to be here to be able to say how much he meant to her and to the community.

Mayor Gray stated that we would be remiss in not honoring the contributions that Mrs. Jarvis has made to the community, as she has worked with John over the years in activities that have contributed to the betterment of the City of Lancaster. He thanked Sally, who was in the audience.

Margo Brubaker stated that she did not want this evening to pass without recognizing John for his founding of the Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. They saved one of Lancaster's most historic buildings from the wrecking ball by sheer will, The Sehner-Ellicott-Von Hess house on Prince Street. John breathed life into the Historic Preservation Trust and kept that organization going through many years, and it has had such a positive effect on the City and the County, as well.

City Council approved Council Resolution No. 20-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Councilwoman Collier presented Mrs. Jarvis with a copy of the resolution stating that she loved John dearly and still has on her wall a drawing that he did of her house. Mrs. Jarvis accepted the resolution and thanked Council, stating that she will share it with their children and they will be thrilled.

Vice President Polite remarked how Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis were always an encouragement to him as he ran for public office and further stated that as an educator, Mr. Jarvis was a tremendous influence on the children of the City of Lancaster as well as his students.

**REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL** – Chief Keith Sadler gave a report to City Council on the Neighborhood Policing Program and Policing in Lancaster City, in general. He commended the citizens of Lancaster who do report crimes and get involved. He spoke of being proactive in crime resolving. He spoke about crime statistics and the newly hired Crime Statistician who now works in the police bureau.

He further talked about the cameras and stated that they have assisted us numerous times and he hopes we keep them.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Roschel stated that last year the City updated its Urban Park Recreation and Open Space Plan and it was just recently announced that that plan received an honor award from the American Society of Landscape Architects. He congratulated the architects that worked on that project but also City Staff and the numerous volunteers that gave their input.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Chairman Morales stated that the Committee met just before this meeting and discussed a grant application that the City will be making for Emergency Shelter Grant funds.

Administration Resolution No. 14-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR THE SOUTH SQUARE APARTMENTS, LP PROJECT IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH QUEEN STREET.**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. Randy Patterson, Director of Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization, and Mike Carper, head of HDC Developers explained the project to City Council. Sheldon Weaver, Lancaster asked about the funding and how our tax money is being spent. Mr. Carper explained the funding to him.

City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 14-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 18-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE ON THE PENN SQUARE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT COMMEMORATING LANCASTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF PUBLIC ART TO OVERSEE THE PROJECT AND GIVE FINAL APPROVAL.**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded.

Dr. Ripple, representing the Lancaster Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, stated that this is the most important war that we have ever fought and it is about time we were recognized. Lancaster played a very important part in the Revolutionary War supplying the cause with goods and men. Leslie Fordham, Public Arts Manager, stated that she is working with Dr. Ripple on the verbiage of the plaque.

City Council approved Resolution No. 18-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 19-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED). THE SUBMISSION IS A REQUEST FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000 UNDER THE 2010 AND 2011, FEDERALLY-FUNDED EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAMS.**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. Councilman Morales stated that this is a grant that the City applies for frequently. The amount, \$220,000 is going to be distributed to four homeless shelters, CAP, Tabor, Clare House and Glass House. If approved, this will cover a two year period. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 19-2010 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](http://www.cityoflancasterpa.com)

Vice -President Polite adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Nelson M. Polite, Sr., Vice-President

Attest:

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City Clerk