

STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL –JUNE 22, 2010

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, June 22, 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. Coller, Mr. Morales, Mr. Polite, Mr. Roschel
Mr. Smith, Mr. Urdaneta, President Williams – 7

City Council approved the minutes of June 8, 2010 by a unanimous vote.

REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL – Randy Patterson, Director of Economic Development & Neighborhood Revitalization, reported to City Council about a project involving several entities. In August of 2009 the City received about \$483,000 in CDBG Recovery Funds from HUD. We decided to take properties that had been processed through the Property Reinvestment Program. We selected 4 properties in order to rehabilitate. This presented an opportunity to provide some workforce training and potential jobs for those trainees. It also gave us an opportunity to bring together, the private sector working with CareerLink, working with the Workforce Investment Board, Adult Probation and Parole gave assistance and Neighborhood Services played a roll. This particular program gave those who participated to learn some new skills, to learn some work ethic issues that they will deal with in the real world. He gave out some certificates to those who participated from the different agencies that came together in this program.

Captain Anders of the Bureau of Police gave his report on Community Policing emphasizing the Violent Crime Reduction Initiative. Stating that Lancaster is the only city in Pennsylvania who has replicated the program from High Point, NC, where the data says there is a high amount of violent crime and a lot of drug activity. Police and social services working together, after police make drug buys undercover, look at the possibility of giving offenders an opportunity of not being arrested, and actually being taken into a program. It is like having probation before being charged. And if you successfully complete probation, you don't get charged.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE- Councilman Roschel made the motion to add Resolutions 40 & 41 to the agenda and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. He will discuss them when they come up. Council approved adding the two resolutions to the agenda by a unanimous roll call vote.

Council considered the following application & (HARB recommendation for improvements to properties within the Historic District:

1. James E. Watt, to install wood shutters on the building's façade at 127 South Duke Street.

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

Administration Bill No. 9 – 2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CHAPTER 238 – REAL PROPERTY, ARTICLE 1 – REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES, SECTION 238-9 – RENTAL UNIT OCCUPANCY LICENSE, SUBPARAGRAPH H AND ADDING SUBSECTION “I” TO EXCLUDE RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FROM THE LICENSING PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER OF THE CITY CODE, AND AMENDING SECTION 238-10 – INSPECTIONS, SUBPARAGRAPH D TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSPECTIONS SET FORTH IN THAT SUBPARAGRAPH WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS PROVIDED BY PENNSYLVANIA LAW.

Councilman Morales stated that these are exclusions made for state approved facilities that were heretofore paying for these services.

Administration Bill No. 10-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REWRITING CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER – LEAD POISONING, TO ESTABLISH DEFINITIONS, PROHIBIT USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SOURCES OF LEAD HAZARDS, PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINATIONS OF LEAD SOURCE HEALTH HAZARDS, PROVIDE FOR NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS AND TESTING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS, PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MONITORING THE ABATEMENT OF LEAD HAZARDS, PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF OCCUPANTS OF RESIDENCES CONTAINING LEAD HAZARDS, PROVIDING FOR FINES AND REMEDIES FOR

VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION AND ACCESS TO PROPERTIES AND SALES OF PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS PROVIDED BY PENNSYLVANIA LAW.

Randy Patterson, Director of Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization, stated that the City does have an existing ordinance related to lead poisoning and it is Chapter 182. Over time working with the Board of Health and Pinnacle Health, which actually does the testing with the children with elevated blood lead levels, we've have gone through the process and decided that we needed to rewrite the chapter rather than amend the chapter. There were inconsistencies in enforcement and the City's departments have changed significantly since the original ordinance was written. The Environmental Protection Agency has just released new regulations related to Lead Poisoning for families with children under the age of six, and for pregnant women. So we thought it would be best to simply rewrite the ordinance. There are not significant differences in the ordinance in terms of what the City is looking at with regards to Lead Poisoning. It is written now in a format in terms of how you work yourself through the process.

Administration Resolution No. 40-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COMMONWELATH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING A GRANT FOR THE REMOTE WATER METER READING SYSTEM.

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Councilman Roschel stated that last year in May Council passed 6 resolutions authorizing the Administration to apply for grants through PennVest. It was money from the American Reinvestment Recovery Act and two of those projects we are reapplying this year through the Commonwealth Financing Authority. Resolution No. 41 will be the Green Infrastructure Improvements to reduce storm water runoff.

City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 40-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 41-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COMMONWELATH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING A

GRANT FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF.

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 41-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Reverend Bailey, Bethel AME Church asked Council to consider a stop sign at the corner of North Street and Strawberry Street. He stated that he has been asking for this for some time. President Williams explained that matter must come before the Traffic Commission and Councilman Polite stated that it did, but they haven’t heard the results of the study as yet.

Tim Rohrer came to Council to comment on the new lead paint ordinance. He stated that he and others are good landlords; however, they are being punished because of the poor landlords, because the City has put all of these new regulations and responsibilities that seem to be harder for them to stay in business. He mentioned the ticket system, where they are ticketed because their tenants put the wrong things in the recycling bins.

Irene Grivas, South West End Avenue, stated that she would like to know why the City has ignored a management company being allowed to do work, major work, like plumbing, electrical, carpentry that amount to over \$100,000 without obtaining any permits. She has brought it to the City’s attention. President Williams asked her to stay after the meeting and meet with Councilman Morales.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Louise B. Williams, President

Attest:

City Clerk