

**STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL –MAY 11, 2010**

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, May 11, 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 April 27, 2010 by a unanimous vote.

READING OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS & MEMORIALS – On behalf of the Mayor, President Williams read a Proclamation of the Mayor designating May 21, 2010 as “Ride to Work Day” in the City of Lancaster. She presented the proclamation to Brad Zook.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Thomas Walman, East Madison Street, spoke to Council about a problem he is having with a sewer lateral line. Through video inspection it was revealed to be crushed in the middle of the street. He has met with the City Engineer and the Director of Public Works and found that the responsibility of the sewer lateral is his. He has asked through additional meetings with the engineering department to consider how and the manner in which this was broken. He presented Council with pictures, saying that he has had a series of plumbers come out to investigate the repairs, and they have told him that the road must be torn up and it would take two days of closing the road in order to repair this. President Williams asked him to remain this evening and talk with Councilman Roschel who is chair of the Public Works Committee of Council.

At this point President Williams asked the City Clerk to read Administration Resolution No. 30-2010. It was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER  
CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN COMMEMORATION OF  
THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN IN NORTH AMERICA AND  
THE CITY OF LANCASTER WHO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN THE  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS PUBLIC  
WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens’ everyday lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water facilities, wastewater facilities, water transmission and distribution systems, sewers, streets and highways, parks, public buildings, engineering inspections, street tree planting management, fleet management, traffic

systems management, solid waste and recycling, public art program; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Lancaster, that the Mayor of the City of Lancaster does hereby proclaim the week of May 16 to May 22 as "National Public Works Week" in the City of Lancaster, and all citizens and civic organizations are called upon to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials and employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Councilman Roschel commended the Public Works employees for all they do for the City and also commended Director of Public Works Charlotte Katzenmoyer for her outstanding dedication to the City's Public Works. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 30-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Pat Brogan, on behalf of the Mayor, also commended the Public Works Employees and noted the extent of the responsibility of these employees as she noted the vast infrastructure that is covered by these employees. She introduced several employees who were selected by their peers as "Employee of the Month." President Williams also commended the Public Works Employees on behalf of the Council.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Councilman Roschel stated that his Committee met on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed several items, Bill No. 7-2010, Resolution No. 30 and 31. He will discuss them when they come up on the agenda. He mentioned that this morning he attended an informational meeting regarding a green infrastructure plan for the City. The meeting was hosted by Ms. Katzenmoyer. It is a collaborative effort between the City, Live Green and Lancaster County Planning Commission.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Councilman Smith stated that the committee met on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed Resolution No. 29-2010 and Resolution No. 32-2010 and he will expand on them when they come up on the agenda.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – Councilman Polite stated that the Mayor has appointed Blanding P. Watson, 206 South Ann Street, Lancaster to the Human Relations Commission to fill the unexpired term of Flor Santalo. He made a motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded.

City Council approved the motion by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

1. Historic East Side Suites, LP, requests alterations to East King Street storefronts and rear wings of buildings facing East Grant Street at 141-147 E. King Street.

2. Historic East Side Suites, LP, requests removal of a second-story side porch and a one-story addition on the rear wings at 149-155 East King Street.

3. Historic East Side Suites, LP, requests alterations to East King Street storefront and rear wings of building facing East Grant Street at 157-159 East King Street.

4. Susan Lape, requests replacement of front entry doors, reconstruction of front entry steps, replacement of a garage door, construction of a new roof dormer on the west façade and a new shed dormer on the east elevation, construction of a new garage and rooftop deck facing Washington Street, installation of new fencing on the parcel's north edge at 125 South Christian 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 Bill No. 7-2010, (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 CHAPTER 80 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO REQUIRE OWNERS, PROMOTERS OR OPERATORS OF EVENTS OR ESTABLISHMENTS TO REMOVE NOTICE SIGNS ON CITY LIGHT STANDARDS ADVERTISING THEIR EVENTS OR ESTABLISHMENTS; 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 Roschel asked Pat Brogan to address City Council. On behalf of the Mayor, Ms. Brogan talked about what the Administration hoped to accomplish by this ordinance and further stated that the Administration is going to have discussions with James Street Improvement District and the Downtown Improvement District. She asked if Council could postpone the second reading until the Administration has these further discussions. Councilman Roschel made the motion to table this bill and Councilwoman Collier seconded.

Jim Senft, North Plum Street, Marcie Utley, East New Street, Russell Frost, North Mulberry Street, Alex Wash, West Chestnut Street, Matt Holden, North Reservoir Street, Paul Sago, West

Orange Street, Josh Ryder, West Orange Street, Jenna Matlick, all spoke against the passage of this bill.

City Council voted to table Bill No. 7-2010 until a later time by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 29-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE RECORDS (DAILY CASH REPORTS, BILLING CYCLE REPORTS, DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, BANKRUPTCIES, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CANCELLED CHECKS, PAYROLL, POLICE & FIRE PENSION RECORDS, ETC.) IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS OF PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES.**

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 29-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 31-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER CLOSING OUT THE COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROJECT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CITY'S URBAN PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN (BRC-TAG-12-242).**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Councilman Roschel stated that the City developed an Urban Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. The plan was funded in part by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Now the State is requiring this resolution of Council to acknowledge that the plan was completed in accordance with the grant agreement. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 31-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 32-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A FUNDING PROPOSAL WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) TO ACCESS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR A JOINT MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. Councilman Smith stated that this resolution allows for the proposal to the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to create a joint municipal health insurance cooperative feasibility study program. The City Administrators of York, Easton, Reading, Bethlehem and Lancaster, have been meeting for the past several years for the purpose of seeing how feasible it would be to have a comprehensive health insurance request for proposal. If the study comes back as favorable, these municipalities would not be the exclusive members, but it keeps the data more manageable, just using these 5 municipalities. What they are looking for is whether or not it will be worth it for these municipalities to come together and bid out their healthcare insurance contracts collectively.

City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 32-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – President Williams reported that she attended the Community Days in Reservoir Park. Reservoir Park has recently brought back one of the twelve glider swings that was in the park in 1923 until 1960. They were originally designed by the Bausman Manufacturing Company. Friends of Reservoir Park raised money and purchased one of the swings and had the students at Stevens College of Technology repair and restore the swing. City Parks employees provided the fence and landscaping around those swings. She encouraged everyone to go and see the glider swing. Friends of Reservoir Park are dedicated to keeping the park a family place to go.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Louise B. Williams, President

Attest:

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City Clerk