

STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL –JULY 12, 2011

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A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 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 28, 2011 by a unanimous roll call vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE – Chairman Urdaneta stated that the committee met on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 and they heard a presentation by the Heritage Center Board of Directors who would like to come to Council at a later date to have some deed restrictions removed from their building, so that they can pursue other uses for the building. Mayor Gray stated that their solicitor and ours have met and are pursuing the possibilities of changing the deed restrictions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairman Smith stated that there are two items on the agenda. The Finance Committee met earlier this evening for our annual audit review of 2010 budget. We have Resolution No. 32 and Resolution No. 33 on the agenda this evening and he will talk about them when they come up. He further made a motion to approve the Legislative Transfers for Workmen’s Compensation from the last quarter and Councilman Polite seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

1. James E. Watt, requests replacement of rear patio fencing at 127 South Duke Street

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

Administration Resolution No. 31-2011, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) FOR THE FY2011 BYRNE
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM.**

Councilman Smith made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Mayor Gray stated that the Federal government is considering cutting some of these programs, but there is still money for this grant. We are going to buy two police cars with this grant. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 31-2011 with a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 32-2011, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ASSIGN CERTAIN FUND BALANCE RESERVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GASB STATEMENT NO. 54.

Councilman Polite made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Councilman Smith stated that the Governmental Accounting Standards Bureau Statement No. 54 is basically a new way to assign available funds that are in our General Fund Budget. Historically, the City has assigned them to be reserved or unreserved. Moving forward there are new assignments and Resolution No. 32 gives the Mayor the ability to categorize money in the Budget into one of these categories. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 32-2011 by a unanimous roll call vote.\

Administration Resolution No. 33-2011,(the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER APPROVING THE COMMITMENT OF CERTAIN GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR SUNNYSIDE PENINSULA MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

Councilman Polite made the motion to approve and Councilman Morales seconded. Councilman Smith stated that Resolution No. 33-2011 is assigning \$654,184.06 into the category that is defined as Committed. This money was received from the County, and it comes along with the Sunnyside peninsula money that was put into escrow for the City to use towards infrastructure.

City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 33-2011 by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Gray stated that in response to the suggestions given at the last Council meeting by the public, he has instructed staff members to investigate possible alternative sites for a recycling drop off center. Any location must be fenced in or secured in some fashion and the center must be staffed. This is the only way to prevent illegal dumping. He will report back to Council when he has the response from staff.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Louise B. Williams, President

Attest:

City Clerk