

**STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL –JANUARY 26, 2010**

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A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, January 26, 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 January 12, 2010 by a unanimous vote.

READING OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS & MEMORIALS – Lisa Fairman of the Lancaster County Safety Coalition presented an, in depth, power-point report on the work of the Safety Coalition in the City.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairman Smith stated that the Committee met earlier this evening to review Administration Bills No. 3 & 4-2010. He asked for a motion to add the bills to the agenda. Mr. Morales made the motion and Mr. Roschel seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Bill No. 1 – 2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AMENDING CHAPTER 155, ARTICLE 1, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER (ORDINANCE NO. 9 – 2001, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE), BY ADDING BOTH SIDES OF THE 100 BLOCK OF NORTH MARY STREET TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. City Council approved Administration Bill No. 1-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote and it shall hereinafter be known as Administration Ordinance No. 1-2010.

Administration Bill No. 2-2010, (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 67 – POLICE BUREAU, SECTION 67-1 – COMPENSATION AND GRADES TO PROVIDE THAT THE POLICE BUREAU SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SUCH DIVISIONS, NUMBERS OF SWORN OFFICERS AND RANKS AS DETERMINED BY THE POLICE CHIEF AND MAYOR; AMENDING SECTION 67-2 – CHIEF OF POLICE TO PROVIDE**

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**THAT THE DIRECTION, SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE BUREAU OF POLICE SHALL BE VESTED IN THE CHIEF OF POLICE ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR; AMENDING SECTIONS 67-5, 67-7 AND 67-9 TO PROVIDE THAT ALL OF THE SUPERVISORY ITEMS SET FORTH IN THOSE SECTIONS ARE AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE MAYOR AND TO REVISE THE PROMOTION PROCEDURE GRADING; 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 Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Smith seconded. Administration Bill No. 2-2010 was approved by a unanimous vote and shall hereinafter be known as Administration Ordinance No. 2-2010.

Administration Bill No. 3-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 64 (PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT) TO PROVIDE FOR AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS; 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 Smith stated that the Finance Committee reviewed this Bill at the meeting earlier this evening. The City has offered early retirement incentives to employees of the City. 6 employees in the AFSCME union have taken advantage of the offer. In the Police Bureau there are 8 officers who have taken advantage of the offer and there are 5 firefighters from the Bureau of Fire who may take the offer.

Mayor Gray explained that in the Police Bureau, the officers taking early retirement will prevent the necessary layoffs of those with less seniority, most of them patrol officers that we need on the street. He further explained that the Fire Bureau retirements are not clear as yet, because the Firefighter's Union will meet on Friday to consider the offers. We will know after that how many are willing to take advantage of the offer.

This being the first reading of the bill; it will be read again on February 9, 2010 for adoption.

Administration Bill No. 4-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR \$1,085,000 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES IN 2010; 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 Smith noted that this bill is necessary to establish appropriations to cover the expense of the Early Retirement Incentive Program. This is the first reading of Administration Bill No. 4-2010 and will be read again on February 9, 2010 for adoption.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Kendra Saunders, North Pine Street, asked about the make-up of the Board of Directors of the Lancaster Safety Coalition. She said that relationships are good now, but what if down the road, things change and the wrong appointments would happen. She was told that there are bylaws that govern the structure of the Board and who makes the appointments. She further asked who has control over the bylaws and she was told that the Board of Directors does.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR -** Mayor Gray gave his report to the Council and it can be seen in its entirety on the City's website. [www.cityoflanasterpa.com](http://www.cityoflanasterpa.com)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT –** President Williams stated that she wanted to announce that the City Council held an Executive meeting on January 5, 2010 to discuss personnel issues.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Louise B. Williams, President

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City Clerk