

STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL –DECEMBER 14, 2010

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A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, December 14, 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 November 23, 2010 by a unanimous vote.

Charlotte Katzenmoyer, Director of Public Works, introduced Brian Marango, of CH2M Hill, Inc., who stated that they have been working with the City to develop a green infrastructure plan to help the City become a greener city and manage storm water runoff more effectively to improve local water quality. We are primarily an engineering firm that helps to build the types of things that help to improve a community. This is a great time of the year for us, because it is a time for us to give back in the cities in which we work to the local youth in the city. They raise money throughout the year internally, and then work with a group called the Neighborhood Bike Works to assemble the bikes we purchase with the money we raise. There are 50 bicycles in the Chambers this evening which are to be distributed to deserving youngsters, some of which are here this evening. Chief Sadler, Bureau of Police, stated that Officer “Ted” Makauskas, will be providing a safety course to the new owners of the bikes.

Ken Barton, Bureau of Fire spoke to the Council in defense of the Fire Fighters Union, and the problems they have been having with layoffs and poor publicity the past year. He further explained the Firefighters side of the deliberations with the City.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairman Smith stated that the Finance Committee met this past Saturday to discuss the budget for 2011. He will address the two ordinances that are on the agenda tonight when we get to that part of the agenda.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE – Chairman Morales stated that his committee met earlier this evening and discussed two items. One is Resolution No. 58-2010 which I will speak to it when it appears on the agenda. The other item was rezoning request that the Council must acknowledge the receipt of. He read a paragraph of the request: “rezoning of property at the corner of Chesapeake Street and South Duke Street from a C2 Urban Commercial to an MU Mixed Use District. The City of Lancaster has received an application to amend the City of Lancaster’s Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property at the intersection of South Duke and Chesapeake. The application from SACA Development seeks to rezone 902 South Duke Street from C2 to MU. In accordance with the PMPC we request that City Council refer this proposed zoning map amendment to the City’s Planning Commission for its recommendation.”

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Chairman Polite made a motion to reappoint the following

members of the Traffic Commission: Dean Lee Evans and Constantine Mandros. Councilman Urdaneta seconded the motion and City Council approved the re-appointments by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, COUNTY OF LANCASTER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING THE SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH DURING THE YEAR 2011; ALLOWING FOR A SEVERANCE PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Councilman Smith stated that this is the first time since 2006 we are scheduled to have a 0% tax increase. To summarize the discussion from Saturday, discussing the Library's operating budget, which is about \$1.6 million, annually, with an endowment of about \$2.6 million. We also forgive the water, sewer and trash removal charges. The problem that has helped his decision is the Police contract has gone to arbitration and we still don't know what that decision will be. The current budget shows no increase for the Police salaries; however, when the decision of the arbitrator comes down, we will have to find the money somewhere to accommodate that decision. He encouraged the Library to increase its fundraising and encouraged the other municipalities that are served by the Library to increase their funding. Councilman Morales also commented on the hard work done by the supporters of the Library and by the Administration who worked on this budget during difficult times.

John McGrann, West Chestnut Street, serving on the Library Board, saying that he understood the lack of funding from the City, but was nonetheless disappointed by the decision. Kendra Saunders, North Pine Street, stated that she appreciates the hard work done by the Administration to present this budget, but asked that the next time CDBG grants are allocated to the City, that Council keep the Library in mind.

City Council approved Administration Bill No. 19-2010, by a unanimous roll call vote and it shall hereinafter be known as Administration Ordinance No. 19-2010.

Administration Bill No. 20-2010 (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CHAPTER 270 - TAXATION, ARTICLE IV - PROPERTY AND RESIDENCE TAX, SECTION 270-26 – LEVY AND RATE, BY FIXING THE TAX RATE AT 12.04 MILLS ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES; ALLOWING FOR A SEVERANCE PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Polite seconded.

City Council approved Administration Bill No. 20-2010, by a unanimous roll call vote and it shall hereinafter be known as Administration Ordinance No. 20-2010.

Administration Resolution No. 58-2010,(the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TWENTY-SECOND YEAR CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION, BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00, TO BE USED FOR VARIOUS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PURPOSES.

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

Councilman Morales stated that this application is being submitted as it has in recent years to apply for funding that will support Historic Preservation. In this case, this grant will be used to present case studies of historical preservation and approval process on the City's website. So folks that are considering getting into the process will have some examples to see on the City's website.

City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 59-2010, by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 59-2010, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER APPOINTING RUDY DELAURENTIS, 430 NORTH DUKE STREET, TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER ZONING HEARING BOARD, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011.

Councilman Polite made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded.

Councilman Polite stated that tonight the Committee interviewed Rudy DeLaurentis to the Zoning Hearing Board. The City Council is required by law to make this decision. City Council approved Council Resolution No. 59-2010 by a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Hildebrand, City resident, stated she is here about the Dog Park in Buchanan Park. There is a sign that states that the rules need to be obeyed by all for the safety and concerns of the citizens. They are not. She brought photographs of her dog, that showed injuries that were caused by an aggressive dog, whose owner became combative when Ms. Hildebrand had to remove the aggressive dog from her own pet. Councilman Roschel will talk to Ms. Hildebrand after the meeting and address her concerns.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Gray presented his budget report and it can be viewed on the City's website www.cityoflancafterpa.com

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Louise B. Williams, President

Attest:

City Clerk