

STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL – JANUARY 8, 2002

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, in Council Chambers, Southern Market Center, 100 South Queen Street, Lancaster, Pa., at 7:30 p.m., with President Diamantoni presiding.

Monsignor Smith, St. Joseph Church, gave the invocation.

City Council led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present - Ms. Dickson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Graupera, Mr. Mendoza,
Mr. Polite, Mr. Stoltzfus, President Diamantoni – 7

Reading of Petitions, Communications & Memorials – Captain Donald Palmer presented an AED award on behalf of the Lancaster Heart Foundation to Officer Donald Shaeffer who performed a life saving procedure on Mr. Lester Turner, who had a heart attack and had lost consciousness, on September 21, 2001. Mr. Turner was in attendance.

Captain Palmer also introduced Lt. Brent Oberholtzer and Lt. Brian Wiczkowski who have recently been promoted from Sergeant. He further introduced Sgt. Peter Anders, Sgt. Clark Bearinger and Sgt. Louis Dirienzo who have recently been promoted to that rank. Chief Heim introduce the newest Captain, Capt. John Fleming.

Gregory Paulson presented the Charlotte Street Association Awards to the following recipients:

Residential:

1. 145 North Concord Street, Tim Dunlap, owner
2. 505 W. Walnut Street, Mark Stoner, owner
3. 527 W. Walnut Street, Sandi and Mark Maurer, owners
4. 531 W. Walnut Street, Thomas Frick, owner
5. 237 N. Concord Street, James Radel and Darrel Stauffer, owners

Commercial:

1. The Belvedere Inn, 402 No. Queen Street, Dean Oberholtzer, owner
2. The House of Clarendon, 201 W. Walnut Street, Julie Bashore, owner
3. The Purple Mug, 25 No. Prince Street, Stephen Diamantoni, owner

Signs of Distinction:

1. The Framing Concept, 328 N. Queen Street, Michelle Bingham, Owner
2. Center City Directional Signs, Destination Downtown, Jack Howell,
President, Lancaster Alliance
3. Smiley's Deli and Food Market, 402 N. Duke Street, Kenneth Smiley, owner

Institutional:

1. The Salvation Army, 131 S. Queen Street, Major Timothy & Major Wille May Lyle.

The owners of the establishments named came forward and received their awards.

Report of the Mayor – Mayor Smithgall stated that there will be a new sound system installed tomorrow. He further stated that he met with Randy Stewart of LEADS about the flowering baskets that were hanging downtown, they want to expand the endeavor. December 21st was Luminary Night; it was postponed from the weekend before. There was a very good turn out. On the 24th he had a wedding and on the 28th he had a meeting with the developers of the Hartman Station Development about extension of a water line to that area on the edge of East Earl Township. On New Year’s Eve he had another wedding at Mulberry Art Studios and at 9:00 he was able to get to the Countdown Festivities. He commended everyone, especially the Rec Commission for the absolute fabulous night for downtown. Yesterday he met with Chinese students from Singapore who are studying the American form of government at Millersville.

Last night was the swearing in of all new elected officials and he thanked everyone from Council who attended the event at the Boys Club in the NorthWest Quadrant. Today at the Zoning Hearing Board they went over the Penn Square Project. The new design contracts should be announced soon. This afternoon he met with Willie Borden; the State Elks Convention will be held on the third weekend in May 2002.

He further stated that he is recommending Gene Duncan to the Governor to serve as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

President Diamantoni stated that he just handed out the assigned committees. For the record, Mr. Graupera is the Chairman of Economic Development and Revitalization, Mr. Gene Duncan is the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Ms. Julianne Dickson is the Chairperson of the Community Development and Planning Committee, Mr. Polite is the Chairman of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Mendoza is the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and Mr. Stoltzfus is the Chairman of the Public Works.

President Diamantoni adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

President

Attest:

City Clerk