

**Lancaster City Council Special Committee Meeting
September 26, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

**COMMISSION ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX
120 NORTH DUKE STREET**

CALLING ROLL OF MEMBERS

Present – Mr. Reichenbach, Mr. Roschel, Ms. Sorace and Mr. Soto, Ms. Wilson – 5

Excused – Ms. Williams and President Graupera - 2

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Administration Resolution No. 56-2017, authorizing the submission of a Business in Our Sites Program grant application on behalf of the CityGate project. Mr. Reichenbach made a motion to move the resolution to the full Council for action at the regular meeting later in the evening. Mr. Rochel seconded the motion and it was approved by the committee.

Director of Economic Development & Neighborhood Revitalization Randy Patterson said the resolution authorized application for a \$2 million grant for the CityGate project and signaled Council approval and support for an additional \$3 million loan from the state Commonwealth Financing Authority. Those funds will help pay for \$6.5 million in traffic improvements to access the site, at 1570 Fruitville Pike. Traffic signals at Fruitville Pike and at the intersection of Dillerville Road and Erick Road are planned. Environmental remediation of the 9-acre tract is also needed and significant site improvements due to it being a low-lying area adjacent to a wetland.

Eric Scott, senior vice president for operations of developer Oak Tree Development Group, said six to seven feet of earth will be added to the site to raise it for construction of the planned 122,000-square-foot medical office building. Without the state funds, it would be difficult for the project to be financially viable.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. North Reservoir Street parking. No Council action taken.

City Clerk Bernard Harris read a statement from Council President John Graupera, who was unable to attend the meeting. The statement noted that a North Reservoir Street resident spoke at the last Council meeting and requested that parking restrictions be removed from the street adjacent to the entrance to the former Giant Food Store parking lot. Since Giant closed the store, concrete barriers had been put in place blocking vehicle access to the parking lot.

At Council's request, Mayor Gray consulted with the solicitor regarding amending the parking ordinance. A provision was discussed that would allow parking in front of blocked driveways. The solicitor responded that such a provision would have citywide implications, despite the intention to have a limited effect and for a short period. At the solicitor's recommendation, the "no parking" signs were removed in that block of North Reservoir Street and City police and the Lancaster Parking Authority were informed that associated parking restrictions on the block should not be

enforced. The signs will be replaced and parking restrictions enforced when the concrete barriers are removed.

The mayor also ordered that no parking restrictions will remain in place along the North Broad Street side of the parking lot, where a chain has been placed across the parking lot entrance. Those restrictions are intended to allow the property owner and emergency responders access to the lot as needed.

The hope of the mayor and Council is that this action satisfies the request of the residents, while avoiding the lengthy process of amending the City law, for a situation which all hope is for the short term.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Barbara J. Wilson
Vice President

Attest:



Bernard W. Harris Jr.
City Clerk