

## **STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL – AUGUST 13, 2013**

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 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 – Mr. Reichenbach, Mr. Roschel, Ms. Wilson, President Williams – 4

Excused – Mr. Graupera, Mr. Smith, Mr. Urdaneta

City Council approved the minutes of July 23, 2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL** – Ms. Kathleen Connors, member of the Lancaster City Human Relations Commission, addressed Council about the Commission and the Board of Directors. She stated that there should be 5 members of the Commission and until recently there were only two, which meant there was no quorum to address a complaint that came up. She asked Council to revisit the ordinance with some suggestions that would make it easier for them to do their jobs; mainly, keeping the Commission and the Board filled and up-to-date and to also get the word out that the City has a Human Relations Commission where complaints of discrimination can be processed. Ms. Meghan McLane, member of the Board of Directors also addressed Council about what the Board has been doing in their outreach to the Public, but did suggest more has to be done. In answer to Mr. Reichenbach's question Ms. McLane stated that they do have a Facebook page that it is comprehensive.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Roschel stated that the Committee met on Monday, August 5, and discussed two topics: Bill 8-2013 and Resolution No. 8-2013 and he will discuss them when they come up on the agenda.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Councilman Roschel stated that the Finance Committee also met on August 5, and the 2012 Audit was presented to the City Council.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Chairman Reichenbach stated that the Committee met on August 5, and discussed an easement that will be offered on a property on the corner of Chestnut and Duke Streets. That issue will be brought to our next Council meeting.

City Council considered the following application & HARB recommendations for improvements to proper ties within the Historic District:

1. Audrey Kirchner, requests installation of a fabric awning on a side wall at 668 West Vine Street.

2. B. David Wagner, requests replacement of a door on a corner commercial entryway (after-the-fact) at 450 West Walnut Street.

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

Administration Bill No. 8-2013, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO ENTER INTO A SIDEWALK EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CONESTOGA PLAZA, LP AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO REVISE THE OFFICIAL MAP AND PLANS OF THE CITY TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF THE SIDEWALK AREA TO BE DEDICATED TO THE CITY PURSUANT TO SUCH AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTANT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS PROVIDED BY PENNSYLVANIA LAW.**

Councilman Roschel stated that this is a sidewalk easement agreement between the City and Conestoga Plaza, LP, which is the entity that owns the property at 902 South Duke Street. Conestoga Plaza is building townhouses adjacent to Chesapeake Street and there has been a revision to the preliminary plan because there are utility lines that run under where the original sidewalk was designated. They will push the sidewalk back a few feet in order to revise the official City map.

Administration Resolution No. 39-2013, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING A GRANT FOR THE LANCASTER PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CENTER PROJECT.**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Reichenbach seconded. Councilman Roschel stated that this is a grant application to the State DCED in the amount of \$500,000 to construct a new public works operations center. The site is yet to be determined, it could be on an existing property or it could be on a property that is not yet purchased by the City. We need to get the grant application in now to give us flexibility. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 39-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR – Charlotte Katzenmoyer read the Mayor’s report on the Solid Waste Program. The report is available to view on the City’s website – [www.cityoflancasterpa.com](http://www.cityoflancasterpa.com)

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilman Roschel stated the Public Art Advisory Board is busy working on the public art projects for the City Parks. At Rodney Park we have part of the funding, but we are trying a program called Kick Start. It is a way for the public to get involved in helping to finance this project. We have been raising money for several days and raised over \$4,000. The drive ends the end of August, so he will be sending out facebook posts as a way to connect to the Kick Start and urging everyone to check it out and consider donating.

Councilman Reichenbach commended Mr. Tim Breneisen, who manages our Solid Waste Program and his department for the good work they are doing. He has noticed how much nicer it is not to dodge trash trucks every day and night in the City. He also mentioned how much cleaner the City is.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Louise B. Williams, President

Attest:

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City Clerk