

## STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 25, 2014

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in Council Chambers, Southern Market Center, 100 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, at 7:30 p.m., with President Graupera presiding.

Council led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present – Mr. Reichenbach, Mr. Roschel, Ms. Sorace, Ms. Williams,  
Ms. Wilson, President Graupera – 6

Excused – Mr. Soto – 1

The minutes of the meeting of Council for February 11, 2014 were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Solicitor Handwerger conducted a public hearing pertaining to a PLCB liquor license transfer into the City of Lancaster, to the Orsini Group at 26 East King Street in the City. The license is currently in safe keeping with the PA Liquor Control Board.

Councilman Reichenbach made the motion to add Resolution No. 11-2014 to the agenda this evening and Councilwoman Wilson seconded. City Council approved the motion by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Solicitor read the title of the Resolution as follows:

**“A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE NO. R-887-LID NO. 64430 INTO THE CITY OF LANCASTER.”**

Councilman Reichenbach made the motion to approve the resolution and Councilwoman Wilson seconded. City Council approved Resolution No. 11-2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Roschel stated he would like to make a motion to add Resolution No. 10-2014 to the agenda. This resolution establishes the base rate for the Stormwater Management Fee and the Appeal Fee. Councilman Reichenbach seconded. City Council approved adding Resolution 10-2014 to the agenda by a unanimous roll call vote.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE** – Chairman Reichenbach gave a report of the CRIZ Authority which occurred earlier today. The discussion centered on the progress of the Hotel Lancaster.

City Council considered the following application and the Historic Commission recommendation for construction & demolition in the Heritage Conservation District:

1. Matt Douglas-Snyder, proposes demolition of a one-story rear frame wing on a brick rowhouse at 27 North Charlotte Street.

Councilman Reichenbach made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Sorace seconded. City Council approved the recommendation of the Historic Commission by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Bill No. 1-2014, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE FOR STORMWATER COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT; TITLING THE ORDINANCE AS THE “CITY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE ORDINANCE”; PROVIDING A STATEMENT OF FINDINGS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS FOR TERMS USED HEREIN; IMPOSING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE; ESTABLISHING TIERS OF PROPERTIES; ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS FOR BILLING AND PAYMENT; ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS FOR THE CALCULATION OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE; PROVIDING PROVISIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FUND; PROVIDING PROVISIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND GRANTING OF STORMWATER CREDITS; CREATING A CITY OF LANCASTER STORMWATER APPEAL BOARD; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO REQUEST ADJUSTMENTS AND TO FILE APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNPAID STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEES; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; CREATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE LIMITATION ON THE CITY’S LIABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS PROVIDED BY PENNSYLVANIA LAW.**

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

Councilman Roschel made a motion to amend Administration Bill No. 1-2014, by attaching Exhibit A, as referenced in Section 4 in the ordinance and he also moved to amend Section 11-A where it says one month to 30 days and he moved to amend Section 12 – E-10 to change 60 days to ninety days. Councilman Reidenbach seconded. Mr. Roschel stated that the first part that references Section 4 is City owned properties. The second part is changing one month to 30 days. Everywhere else in the ordinance refers to 30 days. The last one is changing 60 days to 90 days is the amount of time the Appeals Board will have to hear the appeal. City Council approved the amendments by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Roschel stated why he is supportive of this ordinance. We have a stormwater system where we have stormwater that runs off into the Conestoga River, the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. We need to do something about this mandate that has been given us by the federal government. We need to find a way to pay for it. This ordinance does that. He further stated how this came about, by having citizen groups discuss this, the Committee meeting of Council with public input, the first reading and now the second reading.

Mr. Reichenbach stated that he understands a very real concern with the larger property owners. He agrees with Mr. Roschel about the amount of outreach that was done. He would like to be able to work with business owners to figure out a way. Lancaster has done a terrific job over the last 10 years finding grant money, to be able to help businesses and the City.

Ms. Sorace stated that this is the beginning and not the end for Burle. She is sensitive to that particular property and Park City and the other large rate payers. In addition to the non-profit and church communities, who have large parking lots. It is a lot of runoff. She advised them to not let up on the advocacy related to the credit system.

City Council approved Administration Bill No. 1-2014 by a unanimous roll call vote and it shall hereinafter be known as Administration Ordinance No. 1-2014.

Administration Resolution No.10-2014, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**“A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING: (1) THE BASE RATE FOR THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE AND (2) THE APPEAL FEE BOTH UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE CITY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE ORDINANCE.”**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Williams seconded. Mr. Roschel stated that this resolution goes with Ordinance No. 1. It sets up a fee schedule in different tiers according to the size of your property. The second part is a \$200.00 for filing a petition for appeal. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 10-2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – President Graupera reminded everyone that there will be a meeting next Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church on Cabbage Hill to reach out to the neighbors who have signed the petitions to be removed from the Historic District.

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

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John E. Graupera, President

Attest:

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City Clerk