

## **STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL – MAY 13, 2014**

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, May 13, 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, Mr. Soto  
Ms. Williams, President Graupera – 6

Excused – Ms. Wilson - 1

The minutes of the meeting of Council for April 22, 2014 were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Lori Brown, Marietta Avenue, told Council of her concerns about the noise that comes from the compressor at Regional Medical Center on College Avenue. She has spoken to them and they promised to address it, but nothing has happened.

John Beyer, speaking for the Charlotte Street Association, came to Council to express their concerns about the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He stated that the noise is a primary concern, but that is not the only problem. They have loud parties, there is litter and public urination.

**REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL** – Dr. Bryan Langlois, came to Council to inform them of a volunteer organization called Pet Pantry. Pet Pantry rescues animals, provides food and supplies to low-income families or owners, so they don't have to give up their pets. They also provide low cost veterinary services. He gave pamphlets that describe the services to the City Council.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – In Ms. Wilson's absence, Mr. Reichenbach stated that Administration Bill No. 6-2014 will be coming up on the agenda this evening and he will talk about it at that time. He also stated that he will be discussing Resolution No. 25-2014 supporting allowing municipalities to use speed-timing equipment.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Roschel stated that there are two resolutions pertaining to Public Works and he will talk about them when they come up on the agenda.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE** – Chairman Reichenbach stated that there was a brief meeting before Council tonight to discuss Administration Resolution No. 24-2014 and he will talk about that when it comes up on the Agenda.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Sorace reported that at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting Patrick Hopkins distributed the CIP Project List and noted that any questions on those projects

should be sent to Mr. Hopkins in advanced of the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Chairman Soto stated that the Committee met on May 5 and discussed Resolution No. 23-2014 which is on the agenda tonight. It is a sewer planning module which we do from time to time when

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Chairwoman Williams made the motion to approve the appointment of Roger Cohen to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate, and Ms. Jill Gagliano to the CRIZ Board. Councilman Reichenbach seconded. City Council approved the appointments by a unanimous roll call vote.

City Council considered the following application & HARB recommendation for improvements to properties within the Historic District:

1. Nubiola Salzar, requests installation of a projecting commercial sign on the building's façade. (after-the-fact)

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

Administration Bill No. 6-2014, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 285 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER - ARTICLE 17 – TOWING OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, WITH A NEW SECTION ARTICLE 17 – TOWING CONTAINING SECTIONS 285-135 THROUGH 285-157; WHICH ARTICLE PROVIDES FOR THE SHORT TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDES FOR THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO REMOVE AND IMPOUND VEHICLES, ESTABLISHES DEFINITIONS, ESTABLISHES ANNUAL LICENSES FOR PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND EVIDENCE TOWING, SETS FORTH THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR TOWING LICENSES, ESTABLISHES A TOWING ROTATION FOR THE HOLDERS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TOWING LICENSES, ESTABLISHES GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY, ESTABLISHES A SERIES OF PROHIBITED ACTS REGARDING SERVICES RENDERED BY TOWING COMPANIES, ESTABLISHES A MAXIMUM FEE SCHEDULE FOR TOWING SERVICES AND STORAGE FEES, SETS FORTH REQUIREMENTS**

**FOR NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF VEHICLES, REQUIRES TOWING COMPANIES TO MAINTAIN RECORDS OF VEHICLES TOWED OR STORED, ESTABLISHES PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, ESTABLISHES PROVISIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE PAYMENT OF TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES WITHOUT PROTEST, MAINTAINING RECORDS OF VEHICLES REMOVED AND IMPOUNDED, AND OWNER/OPERATOR LIABILITY FOR FINES AND PENALTIES, ESTABLISHES REMOVAL TIME LIMITATIONS AND A PROCEDURE FOR RENDERING COMPLAINTS AGAINST LICENSED TOWING COMPANIES, ESTABLISHES PROCEDURES FOR THE TERMINATION OF A LICENSE PROVIDES FOR IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ARTICLE AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE. THIS ORDINANCE FURTHER PROVIDES FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE AND THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA LAW.**

A discussion ensued as James Reichenbach, on behalf of Barbara Wilson, pointed out the highlights of the Revisions to the Towing Ordinance. The second reading of the Bill will be on the May 27<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Administration Resolution No. 21-2014, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY (CFA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,500.**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Sorace seconded. Councilman Roschel stated that this resolution authorizes the Administration to apply for a grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$127,500 to purchase parts for aeration mixer components at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 21-2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 22-2014, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN COMMEMORATION OF**

**THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN IN NORTH AMERICA AND THE CITY OF LANCASTER WHO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS PUBLIC WORKS.**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Reichenbach seconded. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 22-2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 23-2014, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER REVISING THE OFFICIAL SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO INCLUDE THE PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS 512 NORTH MARKET STREET LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER.**

Councilman Soto made the motion to approve and Councilman Reichenbach seconded. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 23-2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 24-2014, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO ACT AS SPONSOR AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR \$750,000 TO COMMONWEALTH REDEVELOPMENT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE NORTH MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE TO RENOVATE THEIR BUILDING AT 400 COLLEGE AVENUE.**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Reichenbach seconded. Councilman Reichenbach explained that this is a grant proposal that by law must be submitted through the municipality. There will be no cost to the City as we are just a conduit for the North Museum of Natural History to apply for a Commonwealth Redevelopment Capital Assistance Grant for the renovation of their building at 400 College Avenue. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 24-2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Council Resolution No. 25-2014, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1340 AND HOUSE BILL 1272 ENABLING ALL MUNICIPAL POLICE TO USE THE SAME MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED-TIMING EQUIPMENT AS THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.**

Councilman Reichenbach made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Sorace seconded. After a discussion which made clear that Pennsylvania is the only state in the union where municipalities cannot use the radar that is available to State Police. This resolution will

urge our State Representative Sturla and our State Senator Smucker to support these two bills which are under consideration at the General Assembly. City Council approved Council Resolution No. 25-2014 by a unanimous roll call vote.

President Graupera adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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John E. Graupera, President

Attest:

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City Clerk