

## STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL – MARCH 22, 2016

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 in Council Chambers, 120 North Duke Street, (Rear Annex) Lancaster, PA, at 7:30 p.m., with President Graupera presiding.

The Council led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Excused – Ms. Williams - 1

The minutes of the meeting of Council for March 8, 2016 were approved by a roll-call vote. Ms. Wilson abstained.

### INTERIM REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Sorace reported that the Tax Revenue Anticipation Note with which the City had borrowed \$4,000,000 in January, had been repaid in full. Real estate tax payments for the year are now being received and the City's cash flow is in good standing.

### LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Administration Bill No. 3-2016, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania amending Chapter 114 of the Code of the City of Lancaster removing the requirement that businesses operating within the City of Lancaster register the business on an annual basis and pay an annual registration fee and to make other minor changes to the code; providing for the repeal of inconsistent ordinances; providing for the severability of the ordinance; and providing that the ordinance shall take effect as provided by Pennsylvania law.**

Mr. Reichenbach said the bill will amend the ordinance in response to complaints from business owners. Specifically, it eliminates the annual business registration fee and replaces it with a one-time fee charged to new businesses and those which change location or ownership; businesses with multiple locations in the City will be able to submit a single registration rather than one for each location; Social Security numbers will only be required from principals of businesses with the City Revitalization and Improvement Zone; and the City will now send annual notices asking business to confirm the registration information on file.

A vote will be taken on the ordinance at the April 12 meeting.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Graupera said construction work had recently begun on Mulberry Street to convert the one-way street to two-way traffic. The conversion will improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and improve quality of life for residents along the street. He noted the street was converted to one-way traffic nearly 50 years ago to allow motorists to drive more quickly through the City. This change will be an improvement for residents. He thanked the administration for making the conversion a priority and said he hopes Mulberry Street is the first of several to be converted back to two-way traffic.

Also, President Graupera said Council had received notice from Jim Schultz of the Lancaster Housing Opportunities Partnership that the next community meeting of LHOP's southwest neighborhood initiative will be held Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the St. Joseph's Church gym and social hall.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Wilson thanked her fellow Council members for their passage on March 8<sup>th</sup> of Resolution No. 11-2016, which opposes a proposal to eliminate Magisterial District 2-01 in the southeast section of the City. Ms. Wilson was unable to attend the meeting due to recent surgery. She thanked everyone who had attended meetings about the consolidation of magisterial districts and who were united in opposition to the proposal.

Mr. Reichenbach said he had led a tour of City Hall on March 8<sup>th</sup> for science, technology and engineering students of McCaskey High School. He thanked Administrative Services Director Patrick Hopkins, Fire Chief Tim Gregg and Chief of Staff Pat Brogan for taking time to explain their roles and the functions of local government in general with the students. He had received much positive feedback from the students and their instructor.

Ms. Sorace noted that flyers had been distributed to Council members inviting them to attend a concert at the Ecclesial Center of Lancaster. The Music for Everyone student orchestra will perform on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. She encouraged everyone to attend.

President Graupera adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Barbara J. Wilson, vice president

Attest:

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Bernard W. Harris Jr., City Clerk