

**STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL – JANUARY 8, 2013**

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, January 8, 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. Graupera, Mr. Reichenbach, Mr. Roschel, Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Urdaneta, Ms. Wilson, President Williams – 7

City Council approved the minutes of December 18, 2012 by a unanimous roll call vote.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE** – Chairman Urdaneta stated that the committee met last evening and all the resolutions discussed were approved to send to Council. They are on the agenda this evening and he will discuss them as they come up.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the quarterly Workman’s Compensation Transfers and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. City Council approved the legislative transfers by a unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Chairman Reichenbach stated that the Committee met last evening and there was a discussion regarding a CLG application with the PA Historical and Museum Commission. He will discuss this further when it comes up on the agenda.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – Chairman Graupera made a motion to approve the re-appointment of J. Glenn Ebersole Jr. to the Lancaster Industrial Development Authority and also the re-appointment of Bill Burke, Building Official, to the Historical Commission. Councilman Roschel seconded and the re-appointments were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

City Council City Council considered the following applications & (Historic Commission recommendation(s) for construction & demolition within the Heritage Conservation District:

1. Franklin & Marshall College, proposes demolition of a freestanding two story cement block building at 516 Harrisburg Avenue.

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Reichenbach seconded. The decision of the Historical Commission was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 1-2013, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO FILE A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED), COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CONESTOGA RIVER PLAZA TOWNHOME DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Council Reichenbach seconded. Councilman Urdaneta stated that this is a resolution to file a proposal for funds with the DCED for the townhouses that have already been started. Hopefully, the DCED will be able to give us the grant. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 1-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 2-2013, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO FILE A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED), COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CONESTOGA PLAZA COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

Councilman Smith made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Councilman Urdaneta stated that this is a “sister” application to Resolution No. 1-2013. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 2-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 3-2013. (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION, COMMERCIAL, MIXED-USE AND MULTI-FAMILY CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION RELATED REVIEW AND INSPECTION FEES AND PERMITS.**

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wilson seconded. Councilman Urdaneta stated that we now amend the fees by resolution and this is what this resolution does. Most of the fees proposed were minor adjustments, and all of them upward. The biggest changes come in the area of Commercial, Mixed Use and Multi-family construction in which the Administration is proposing a three tier system that is geared to protect the smaller investments. It will allow us to guarantee lower fees for smaller projects. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 3-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 4-2013, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT**

**AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND LANCASTER PRESS PARTNERS, L.P. TO REDEVELOP THE LANCASTER PRESS BUILDING, 401-403 NORTH PRINCE STREET AND TWO IMPROVED LOTS AT 37 AND 39 WEST LEMON STREET, LANCASTER.**

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Roschel seconded. Councilman Urdaneta stated that this is a new agreement because accounting changes in master leases, the Garden Spot component left the Partnership and this is a new restated agreement that we will vote on tonight. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 4-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 5-2015, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION, BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00, TO BE USED FOR VARIOUS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PURPOSES.**

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Reichenbach seconded. Councilman Reichenbach stated that this resolution is to allow the City to apply for a CLG grant through the PA Historical and Museum Commission. The amount is for \$15,000 and it is used for various historical preservation purposes. The City has applied and received this grant for the previous 23 years. It has been very helpful to be able to manage our historical preservation needs. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 5-2013, by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR – Mayor Gray gave his report to City Council and it is available on the City’s website at [www.cityoflancasterpa.com](http://www.cityoflancasterpa.com)

There continued a discussion about the Humane League announcing that they were not going to take any stray animals anymore from the municipalities in the County. The Mayor had announced that there is a plan to use the property on Chesapeake Street temporarily until a better location could be found. He further stated that the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has formed in the County and they would be running the sanctuary. Council questioned the Mayor about any foreseeable problems and several members discussed the seriousness of the problem that has risen from the Humane League’s announcement.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Louise B. Williams, President

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City Clerk