

STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 12, 2013

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, February 12, 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. Urdaneta, Ms. Wilson, President Williams – 6

Excused – Mr. Smith - 1

City Council approved the minutes of January 22, 2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Carolyn Purcell, 32 East Farnum Street, stated that she is a homeowner, and her neighbors on both sides are harassing her. They are in rental homes and she has talked to the police, to Karen in Housing Department, and the rental company. She lives alone. She further stated that she has had property damage. President Williams asked her to stay until the meeting is over and speak with a Councilmember.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Councilwoman Wilson stated that she has two resolutions to present tonight and she will go into detail when they come up on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Councilman Roschel state that the Committee met on February 4, and Director Charlotte Katzenmoyer lead a nearly hour-long presentation and discussion on the City's Ten-year Pavement Management Plan. Last year with the assistance of consultants CH2MHill, the City used a van with Lazer-guided sensors to survey all city streets and alleys collecting data on the conditions of the paving. The resulting data led to the City's new Ten-year Pavement Plan. In the past, street repairs were often influenced by the level of complaints residents offered by a particular road or alley. But this plan incorporates a combination of factors as it looks to guide the City through a more logical non-subjective time line for street and alley repairs. Given limited finances, these factors include a smaller number of roads designated for complete reconstruction annually as compared to more streets and alleys that can be repaired by an asphalt overlay. Among other factors, one factor includes annual scheduling of an equivalent number of blocks spread proportionally throughout all sectors of the City. Also included is a consideration of City compliance with the American Disabilities Act, continuing our efforts to install sidewalk handicap ramps. One final factor of note is an analysis of which streets and alleys would be best suited for green infrastructure improvements to assist the City in our ongoing plan to reduce storm water runoff.

The Mayor stated that the money from liquid fuels that has been given to municipalities is going to be cut back, in the Governor's budget. So the amount that Ms. Katzenmoyer indicated was

barely adequate to keep the roads in the condition they are in now, is possibly proposed to be cut back.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Urdaneta stated that the Committee met on February 4, 2013 and Mr. Patterson presented a resolution regarding the property at 38 West King Street, for Aussie and the Fox, LLC. This is a property that has requested a liquor license and they are asking for modification to the license to include areas of the building that were not included previously. That resolution is on the agenda this evening.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Councilman Roschel stated that the Committee met on February 4, as well. There is one item and that would be Resolution No. 12-2013 and he will go into further detail when it comes up on the agenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Councilman Graupera stated that the Committee met last Monday and recommended the reappointments of Dean Lee Evans and Constantine Mandros to the Traffic Commission. He made the motion and Councilwoman Wilson seconded. The motion carried.

Councilman Graupera further made the motion to appoint Mr. Doug Byler as the Real Estate Broker to the Historical Architectural Review Board and Councilman Reichenbach. The motion carried.

Council Resolution No. 9-2013, was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2013 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY AND URGING ALL CITIZENS OF LANCASTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CELEBRATION.

WHEREAS, African-Americans have been an important part of this community since the founding of Lancaster in 1741; and

WHEREAS, to acknowledge the contributions of African-Americans to the progress of this country, February has been designated nationally as Black History Month each year; and

WHEREAS, numerous community events to celebrate Black History Month have been planned throughout the City of Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster is enriched by the African-American community for its contribution to our culture and to our history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Lancaster that all citizens have been urged to observe February 2013 as Black History Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens have been encouraged to participate in

the community events held in Lancaster during Black History Month.

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wilson seconded. Council Resolution No. 9-2013 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

President Williams invited Dr. Leroy Hopkins, Professor at Millersville University and our local historian, to speak on behalf of Council Resolution No. 10-2013.

Dr. Hopkins thanked City Council, President Williams, Ms. Wilson. Mayor Gray for these two resolutions. He stated, "Black History is a very important part of our nation. The Emancipation Proclamation which went into effect January 1, 1863 is probably one of the most important documents in African American History. In the movie "Lincoln" you get sort of an idea what Lincoln was like. He was not simplistic. He was an ultimate politician. He did not want to free slaves when he took office. He wanted to stop the spread of slavery. The Emancipation Proclamation was a military strategy. It was preceded by two confiscation acts in 1861 and 1862, which, in effect, freed the slaves in those states in rebellion, not the border states. Not Maryland, not Delaware, Kentucky or Tennessee, because they had gone to the Union side. It said that all slaves in those states in rebellion will be freed. Now that is an empty promise, because first we had to win the war. There were two more years before the war could be concluded, but an important part of the Emancipation Proclamation, and also from the confiscation acts, was the ability to give African-Americans arms. 180,000 African-Americans (over 300 from Lancaster County) took up arms and fought for the Union. They could not do that until the Spring of 1863. They fought for freedom that was promised them in the Emancipation Proclamation, but it took the 13th Amendment to do away with slavery. And even then, there was a loophole. Because in the Act it said, "only those who have committed crimes can be enslaved or held in bondage." So that created the peonage system after the Civil War. There was a special on television last year "Slavery By Another Name", and this historian calculated between 1875 and 1942, 900,000 Americans, not just Black Americans, were caught up in the peonage system. You were in the City, somewhere in the South, and a policeman stops you and asked if you have a job, or where do you live. If you couldn't answer correctly, you were arrested and put on the chain gang. Some people died on the chain gang. No one knows how many people died. He further congratulated City Council for commemorating the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation."

He stated that this is not only the anniversary of the Proclamation, it is also the 90th Anniversary of the Crispus Attucks Center and the 90th Anniversary of the Lancaster Chapter of the NAACP.

Council Resolution No. 10-2013 was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, although the Emancipation Proclamation was a wartime measure designed to prevent European powers such as Great Britain from supporting the Confederacy, the

Proclamation represented the fulfillment of a long struggle against slavery which held 4,000,000 Africans in bondage; and

WHEREAS, ironically, President Lincoln never intended to end slavery in all of the United States, just in those states which had seceded from the Union; and

WHEREAS, a general ban of slavery might have had an adverse effect in the border states (e.g. Tennessee, Maryland, Delaware) which had not seceded; and

WHEREAS, despite this limited intention, once the Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863, there was no holding back developments; and

WHEREAS, two years later the 13th Amendment would finally abolish slavery in the entire United States, but without the Proclamation and the corollary effect of permitting the arming of Black Americans it is unlikely that the North could have won the war and ended slavery; and

WHEREAS, as depicted in the recent movie **Lincoln**, the war-weary North wanted to end the conflict, and slavery might not have been abolished with the Proclamation and the arming of Black Americans, who themselves had fought since the 1780's to end this blot on American democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Lancaster is pleased to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Councilman Reidenbach made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. City Council approved Council Resolution No. 10-2013, by a unanimous roll call vote.

Councilwoman Wilson presented Mr. Blanding Watson, the Resolution commemorating Black History Month and Dr. Leroy Hopkins, the Resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation,

Administration Resolution No. 11-1213, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

“A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING AS A PART OF THE LICENSED PREMISES THE BASEMENT AREA OF THE PROPERTY AT 38 WEST KING STREET, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.”

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilman Reichenbach seconded. Councilman Urdaneta stated that this is an expansion to the license area of the property at 38 West King Street. This area is expected to be used and was not a part of the original application for the liquor license. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 11-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 12-2013, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNOR'S CENTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM.

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Councilman Roschel stated that this was discussed at the Finance Committee and Councilman Smith could not be here tonight. This resolution authorizes the Administration to submit an application for grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services Early Intervention Program to expand the capabilities of the City's GIS/CMMS system. This grant does require matching funds and therefore, the City will be responsible for splitting the cost of upgrading the system. The CMMS system is a content asset management system and the related GIS system will be used to streamline workflows within the Public Works Department and allow for cost savings and more effective management decisions related to water and waste water. The City of Lancaster used similar Early Intervention Program funds in 2007 to contract with Management Partners, Inc. to conduct a comprehensive financial analysis and operations review of all City departments. A significant number of these recommendations have been implemented since 2007 resulting in a wide range of cost savings in various departments. One of the recommendations of Management Partners was to phase out the use of the current IBM/AS400 I Series Platform and move current software to a network based system. By securing these grant funds, we will be able move forward on these recommendations with minimal impact to our City taxpayers.

City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 12-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Louise B. Williams, President

Attest:

City Clerk