

## STATED MEETING - CITY COUNCIL – JUNE 11, 2013

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held on Tuesday, June 11, 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. Roschel, Mr. Smith,  
Ms. Wilson, Mr. Urdaneta, President Williams – 6

Excused – Mr. Reichenbach - 1

City Council approved the minutes of May 28, 2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Mr. Roschel stated his committee met on June 3, 2013, and they discussed a resolution seeking a grant from the DCED, Resolution No. 33-2013 and he will go into detail at the time it comes up on the agenda.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Mr. Smith stated that the Committee met June 3, and there are two resolutions on the agenda tonight. He will discuss it when it comes up on the agenda this evening.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – Mr. Graupera stated that the Committee met on June 3, 2013, and it was unanimously recommended that Ted Darcus be appointed to the Fire Civil Service Board to replace Mr. Bob Kiernan who has moved out of the City. He made the motion to appoint Mr. Darcus and Mr. Urdaneta seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Council considered the following applications and (HARB recommendation(s) for improvements to properties within the Historic District”

1. James & Susan Morrissey, request installation of a canvas awning on a rear wall at 39 Washington Street.

2. Marjorie Anne Dressler, requests replacement of front entry steps and installation of a metal hand rail at 316 West Walnut Street.

Councilman Urdaneta made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wilson seconded. City Council approved the decisions of the Historic Commission by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 31-2013, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

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

**PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY AUCTION HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF APPROXIMATELY 250 BICYCLES CURRENTLY IN STORAGE AS A RESULT OF ABANDONMENT, THEFT OR LOSS, AND OTHER OUTDATED CITY EQUIPMENT.**

Councilman Smith made the motion to approve and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Councilman Smith stated that the resolution to hold an auction in order to sell different equipment in the possession of the City. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 31-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Council Resolution No. 32-2013 was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER RECOGNIZING JUNE 2013, AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH, AND ENCOURAGING ALL PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO WORK TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF EQUALITY AND TOWARDS ACHIEVING A SAFE COMMUNITY THAT APPRECIATES ITS DIVERSITY IN ALL ITS FORMS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lancaster is the home to people of all backgrounds, including those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender; and

**WHEREAS**, while our city, state and nation have come a long way in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the prejudice and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people face; and

**WHEREAS**, hate speech continues to denounce gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender and encourages violence against members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, our city's Human Relations Commission protects its residents from discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lancaster is charged with enforcing the protections set by the City's Human Relations Commission, and has been instrumental in informing the public and promoting these protections; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of June, throughout the nation, numerous organizations, governments, and others, recognize the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons during Pride celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, each year in June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion that gave

birth to the modern gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights movement, and those committed to justice and equality celebrate during the month of June the notable achievements and outstanding service that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans make to our city, state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Lancaster, proclaims June 2013, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, and encourages all people of the City of Lancaster to work to advance the cause of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each of us work towards achieving a safe community that appreciates its diversity in all its forms for generations to come.

Councilman Smith made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wilson seconded. City Council approved Council Resolution No. 32-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Roschel and Councilman Smith, both sponsors of the resolution, made statements of encouragement to the Community. Members of the LGBT Community thanked City Council and stated their plans for the PRIDE Festival planned for Saturday, June 15, 2013.

Administration Resolution No. 33 – 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 EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING A GRANT FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA LARGE DIAMETER WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT.**

Councilman Roschel made the motion to approve, and Councilman Urdaneta seconded. Councilman Roschel stated that this resolution seeks a PENNWORKS Grant in the amount of \$5 million from the PA DCED. This grant would be used as part of a \$15 million dollar project to add a backup water transmission main in a section of the Susquehanna Large Water main from Oyster Point running toward Lancaster City. This \$15 million main is also part of the \$60 million dollar plan to add backup water transmission line in various sections along the Susquehanna Main. During recent storms weaknesses were detected in a section of the Water main that could have cost the loss of water service to up to 90,000 customers. Once the backup line is in service, the existing main line can be repaired and/or replaced while water is diverted through the new line.

Mr. Jeffrey Miller, Columbia, stated that he owns property adjacent to the Susquehanna Water Treatment Facility, and he has had some legal problems with the City over the main which goes right through his property. He is concerned that the work will compromise his property outside the right-of-way area.

City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 33-2013 by a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration Resolution No. 34-2013, (the title) was read by the City Clerk as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER,  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING  
THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO  
TRANSFER THE DEED FOR 339 BEAVER STREET TO LANCASTER  
COMMUNITY GARDENS.**

Councilman Smith made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Wilson seconded. Councilman Smith stated that this resolution authorizes the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Lancaster to transfer the deed for a piece of property, that was abandoned, to Lancaster Community Gardens. City Council approved Administration Resolution No. 34-2013, by a unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCIL COMMENT – Council members went on the record to request a report, at a later date, on the shooting that occurred the day before in downtown Lancaster.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Louise B. Williams, President

Attest:

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City Clerk