

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members/Agency Directors: Mann, Marquez, Sileo; Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith, Mayor/Chairman Parris

**Staff**

Members: City Manager/Executive Director; Deputy City Manager/Deputy Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency Counsel; City Clerk/Agency Secretary; Assistant to the City Manager; Planning Director; Public Works Director; Parks, Recreation & Arts Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Analyst

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Joe Sweet – Shekinah Worship Center

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 1) Student Speaker – Armando Carlos, Parkview School
- 2) Administer Oath of Office to Jim Gaupel, Criminal Justice Commission  
Presenter: Mayor Parris
- 3) Louis V. Bozigian Gift of the Arts Award – David Newby  
Presenter: Vice Mayor Smith
- 4) Mayor’s Athlete of the Month – Jennifer Dilger, Quartz Hill High School (May receive a \$1,000 Mayoral Scholarship)  
Presenter: Mayor Parris
- 5) Neighborhood Courage Award, Vladimir Barrera  
Presenter: Mayor Parris
- 6) Presentation of award for Best Place to Work 2008  
Presenter: Mark Bozigian, City Manager
- 7) Recognition of Members of General Plan Advisory Committee  
Presenter: Mayor Parris
- 8) Economic Stimulus Package Update  
Presenter: Vern Lawson

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**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Marquez, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Agency Consent Calendar, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**RCC 1. MINUTES**

See CC 2 for the approval of the Regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of November 10, 2009.

**RCC 2. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Approved the agreement for acquisition of real property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Indenture Trustee in trust for the benefit of the note-holders for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes, Series 205 W1 for property located at 557, 561, and 565 Jackman Avenue and 45108 Cedar Avenue, Lancaster, California. Funds will be appropriated from the Housing Bond proceeds.

**RCC 3. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Approved the agreement for acquisition of real property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Express Investments, Inc. for property located at 612 Oldfield Street, Lancaster, California.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Parris stated that he would need to recuse himself from Item No. CC 11, due to a business/client conflict.

Council Member Mann stated that he would need to recuse himself from Item Nos. CC 12 and CC 13, due to the proximity of the projects to property that he owns.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of Item Nos. CC 11; CC 12 and CC 13, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**CC 1. ORDINANCE WAIVER**

Waived further reading of any proposed ordinances. (This permits reading the title only in lieu of reciting the entire text.)

**CC 2. MINUTES**

Approved the Redevelopment Agency / City Council Regular Meeting minutes of November 10, 2009.

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**CC 3. WARRANT REGISTER**

Approved the Check and Wire Registers October 25, 2009 through November 21, 2009 in the amount of \$34,980,813.16.

**CC 4. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS**

Approved the September 30, 2009 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

**CC 5. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS**

Approved the October 31, 2009 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

**CC 6. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 937**

Adopted Ordinance No. 937, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, approving and adopting Amendment No. 2 to the Redevelopment Plan for the Lancaster Fox Field Redevelopment Project.

**CC 7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 938**

Adopted Ordinance No. 938, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Chapter 6.04 of Title 6 and adding Chapter 6.08 to Title 6 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to Animal Control.

**CC 8. GRANT APPROPRIATION FOR NEXT GENERATION CLICK IT OR TICKET**

Approved the appropriation of \$24,530.00 in new grant funds to Account No. 324 4822-770 for Office of Traffic Safety Grant Number CT10219 for Next Generation Click It or Ticket, and increase revenue in account 324-3305-200 in the same amount.

**CC 9. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Approved an agreement for the Acquisition of Real Property between the City of Lancaster and The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York as trustee for the Certificate holders of CWMBS 2005-03 for property located at 3622 West Avenue K-12 as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

**CC 10. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (INTERIOR STREET TREES)**

Accepted the interior street trees for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 061064, located on the northeast corner of Avenue K and 30<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owner: Western Pacific Housing, Inc., DBA D.R. Horton "America's Builder".

At this time Mayor Parris recused himself from Item No. CC 11 and left the dais.

**CC 11. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (SEWERS)**

On a motion by Council Member Sileo and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the completed sewer systems installed by the developer of Tract No. 54370, located on the northwest corner of Avenue L-8 and 70<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: HHI Lancaster I, LLC, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith; NOES: None; RECUSED: Parris; ABSENT: None.

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At this time, Mayor Parris returned to the dais.

At this time Council Member Mann recused himself from Item Nos. CC 12 and CC 13 and left the dais.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved Item Nos. CC 12 and CC 13 by the following vote: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann; ABSENT: None.

**CC 12. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (STREETS)**

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for: Conditional Use Permit 07-03, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J and Beech Avenue, Owner: Hobin, Houchin & Roselle, LLC; Site Plan Review 07-02, located on the northwest corner of Avenue H-8 and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West, Owner: Extra Space of Lancaster LLC; and Tract No. 060238, located on the northwest corner of 30<sup>th</sup> Street West and Lancaster Boulevard, Owner: D. R. Horton, Inc.

**CC 13. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (WATER)**

Approved the completed water system installed by the developer for Conditional Use Permit 07-03, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J and Beech Avenue, Owner: Hobin, Houchin & Roselle, LLC.

At this time, Council Member Mann returned to the dais.

**CC 14. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PILOT PROJECT**

Appropriated \$186,013.00 to the Capital Improvement Program Account No. 485-17RW003924 to fund the Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project.

**CC 15. AGREEMENT FOR 2009 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Approved the cooperative agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the construction of road improvements on the jurisdictionally shared areas of the east side of 70<sup>th</sup> Street West, north of Avenue M; the north side of Avenue I, between 85<sup>th</sup> Street West and 87<sup>th</sup> Street West; and the south side of Avenue K, between 65<sup>th</sup> Street East and 67<sup>th</sup> Street East as part of the 2009 Pavement Management Program.

**CC 16. PWCP 09-006**

Awarded Public Works Construction Project No. 09-006, Signal Operational Improvements and Upgrade Project, to Christopher R. Morales Inc. in the amount of \$582,450.00, plus a 10% contingency. The project is designed to complete the construction improvements and necessary upgrades to various signals throughout the City. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

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**CC 17. PRIME DESERT WOODLAND PRESERVE PARCEL EXCHANGE**

Adopted **Resolution No. 09-112**, approving a settlement for a breach of contract with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

**CC 18. REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (SCS)**

Adopted Resolution No. 09-113, notifying Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) of the City of Lancaster's intent to participate in the collaborative process for preparation of a regional Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).

**JPH 1. DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN KETTERING AND JACKMAN AND CEDAR AND BEECH AVENUES.**

Mayor/Chairman Parris opened the Joint Public Hearing for JPH 1 and the Housing Director presented the report.

Addressing the Council/Agency on this matter:

Father Tom Baker – In favor of this agreement; the church is anxious to move forward with the project.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor/Chairman Parris closed the Joint Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-114**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, approving the Disposition and Development Agreement, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Mann, the Redevelopment Agency adopted **Resolution No. 28-09**, a resolution of the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, Lancaster, California, approving the Disposition and Development Agreement, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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**JPH 2. CONSIDERATION OF A DISPOSITION STRATEGY FOR PROPERTIES ACQUIRED UNDER THE MARIPOSA MASTER VISION PLAN**

Mayor/Chairman Parris opened the Joint Public Hearing for JPH 2. It was the consensus of the City Council/Agency to waive the presentation of the staff report.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor/Chairman Parris closed the Joint Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Sileo, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-115**, a resolution of the City of Lancaster, approving a disposition strategy for the sale of single-family residences acquired in the Mariposa Master Vision Plan area, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Sileo, the Redevelopment Agency adopted **Resolution No. 29-09**, a resolution of the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, approving a disposition strategy for the sale of single-family residences acquired in the Mariposa Master Vision Plan area, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**JPH 3. OPTION AND SALE AGREEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Mayor/Chairman Parris opened the Joint Public Hearing for JPH 3 and the Housing Director presented the report.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor/Chairman Parris closed the Joint Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-116**, a resolution of the City of Lancaster, approving the proposed Option and Sale Agreements that would transfer real property (APN: 3176-005-920; 3176-010-(900-923); 3176-009-(900-919); & 3176-010-(900-923) to the County of Los Angeles for development of a new Multi-Specialty Ambulatory Care Center within the Piute Master Vision Plan area, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Marquez, the Redevelopment Agency adopted **Resolution No. 30-09**, a resolution of the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, Lancaster, California, approving the proposed Option and Sale Agreements that would transfer real property (APN: 3176-005-920; 3176-010-(900-923); 3176-009-(900-919); & 3176-010-(900-923)) to the county of Los Angeles for development of a new Multi-Specialty Ambulatory Care Center within the Piute Master Vision Plan area, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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**PH 1. VACATION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Council Member Marquez stated that she would need to recuse herself from this item due to the fact that she is employed by Lancaster Baptist Church and left the dais.

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing for PH 1. It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the presentation of the staff report.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-117**, ordering the vacation of a portion of 40<sup>th</sup> Street East road right-of-way, located north of Avenue J and south of Lancaster Boulevard, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Mann, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Marquez; ABSENT: None.

**PH 2. RESOLUTION NO. 09-118 - ESTABLISHING RECYCLED WATER RATE SCHEDULE FOR USERS OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM**

This item was removed from the agenda and will return at a future date.

**PH 3. CITY OF LANCASTER ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN GUIDELINES**

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing for PH 3. The Planning Director presented a brief overview and introduced members of the Architectural/Design Planning Commission. Chairman Buchanan; the Principal Planner and the Deputy City Manager presented an in-depth presentation regarding the design guidelines. The discussion included but was not limited to: Smart Growth Principles; Sustainable Designs; Pedestrian and Alternative Transportation Features; Buffering; Screening; Streetscape; Form, Scale, Massing; Lighting; Design Context; Neighborhood Design.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Neal Weisenberger – stated that he had some concerns regarding planters; parkway widths; plant usage.

The City Council stated that the Commission has done a remarkable job; this is a great accomplishment; this will bring walkability to Lancaster; when there is change there is rejection, tolerance and acceptance; this is all very exciting and will be wonderful for the City's future.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-119**, approval of Architectural and Design Guidelines by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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**NB 1. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VISITORS BUREAU OF LANCASTER, DESTINATION LANCASTER**

The Economic Development Director provided the staff report regarding this matter.

Council Member Mann stated that he would be happy to serve on the board. Mayor Parris requested that the appointment of a Council Member be deferred to the first meeting in January, 2010.

On a motion by Council Member Sileo and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the appointment of Randy Miranda, General Manager for the Hampton Inn, to the Destination Lancaster Visitors Bureau, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**NB 2. UPDATE ON CITY OF LANCASTER GREEN ENERGY PROGRAMS**

The Deputy City Manager presented the staff report regarding this matter. He discussed the development of a multi-faceted Green Energy Program and the six major components which also include upgrades to the facilities at City Hall; projects tailored to assist residents and benefit commercial projects. Projects were identified and selected as energy/cost saving measures throughout the City, such as lighting and water upgrades/improvements to several Parks; Lancaster Performing Arts Center, City Maintenance Yard; Clear Channel Stadium. The program also includes weather station installations; solar water heating and wind power generation.

The City Attorney briefly discussed the AB 811 program which provides a financing mechanism to allow home owners to fund energy improvements by voluntarily placing a special assessment on their property. This special assessment will then be used to re-pay tax exempt bonds issued by the County or the City of Lancaster.

Comments from the City Council included consideration of streetlights operated by motion sensors; further clarification regarding AB 811 and applying for grants; these are incredible changes that are definitely needed; this is the right thing to do for the environment; great benefit for all.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Ken Collins – representing High Desert Green jobs, discussed hiring highly trained, skilled people who are certified; retrofitting of buildings; changes in code; gave an overview of the certifications; discussed the stages of ratings; energy star requirements on retrofits; cost savings.



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**RECESS** Mayor Parris requested a brief recess at 6:52 p.m.

**RECONVENE** Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**NB 3. ENERGY SERVICES UPGRADES WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.**

The Parks Supervisor presented the report on this item. He gave an overview of the project upgrades; process of receiving Request for Qualifications from companies; discussed the requirements of the contract which will enable the City to replace all of the HVAC units at City Hall. Additionally, there will be lighting upgrades; water conservation devices and fixtures; weather station installations and solar heating to several City facilities.

Comments from the City Council included discussion regarding cost savings to the City; energy savings; payout of the program.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-120**, authorizing and approving the application for a 3% interest loan with the California Energy Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-121**, authorizing and approving the application for a 1% interest loan with the California Energy Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the contract with Johnson Controls, Inc. to implement energy saving measures at numerous City facilities; authorized the City Manager, or his designee to negotiate and execute all necessary documents for the completion of the project, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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**CA 1. INTERIM URGENCY MORATORIUM ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA – URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 939**

Vice Mayor Smith stated that the Mayor formed a committee a few months ago to look at an ordinance for maintaining, controlling, regulating collectives/dispensaries. The City needs to protect itself right now, no matter what happens in the future. Several court cases are going on, some have been decided. He stated that he wanted the same thing done that the City did in regards to massage parlors, strip clubs, which is to make it so strict that it virtually puts them out of business because there is a lot of illegal activity that goes on because of a business like this. With the City and the Prop 215 bill, it does not take away the City's ability to regulate its business license and land use. The urgency ordinance is presented tonight and he would also like the City Attorney to bring back the additional ordinance that would be needed to set it for one year and continue it until the City finds out what the state of California is going to do. He clarified that this ordinance is in no way trying to prevent people who are truly in need of medicinal marijuana from getting it. He is against the way California has set up their delivery system. The delivery system that is set up allows for the criminal element to come into the community and set up shop and it takes a lot of time and effort on the part of law enforcement to root out these problems. Since public safety is the number one concern of this City; until California takes care of the delivery system.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

David Paul – Thanked the Vice Mayor for wanting to protect the City; the City is missing an opportunity to help people; people who use pot do not go out and cause trouble – they drive slow and stay home to watch movies; people have an innate need for mood altering; he is happy that there is diversity; people have genuine therapeutic needs.

Stacey Hummell – representing a cooperative; requested clarification regarding the moratorium.

Melinda Bonham – this state has recognized the need for marijuana and its benefits; this ordinance will deny her to get her marijuana; she is unable to drive down to L.A.

Melanie Coker – stated that she does not understand this prohibition to stop people from participating; not intended to interfere, but this ordinance does in fact interfere.

Victoria Zavala – stated that she feels that the City is dragging their feet on this matter; the City is ready for education and advocating. She challenges everyone to understand what it is like to live in pain; very upset by the urgency ordinance; against it; believes in alternative healing.

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Comments and concerns from the City Council included:

Vice Mayor Smith clarified that this ordinance is not against the individual with true needs; he has researched this issue thoroughly; educated himself on the aspects of this; read all the material he has received. This is about the delivery system which allows the criminal element to come in and take root. Until we get there, the City must look at what is really happening and protect themselves; he understands there is a need, but this is the reality.

Council Member Marquez referred to comments from Mr. Paul and reminded him of the young mother who used medical marijuana and was driving and killed not only herself but seven other innocent people.

Council Member Sileo applauded the efforts of Vice Mayor Smith; the delivery system must be fixed; used the analogy of casinos and how they are regulated.

Mayor Parris stated that he has struggled with this matter; Council has listened to the doctors that state the benefits of medicinal marijuana; there is no question that there are very sick people that benefit from this drug; however, many are using this for recreational purposes; it is a difficult problem; maybe it should be turned over to the Hospital to distribute; the delivery system is the problem; this is a difficult issue; hopes the City can find a different way of handling this; it is a serious overall problem; hates to see the sincere people get caught in the crossfire of this issue but the District Attorney of this county has stated that everyone of these people will be raided and arrested if they are breaking the law; the City needs to keep working on this.

Further discussion took place regarding the delivery system; the façade that gangs create; legislation which is not being resolved; Council should find a way to resolve this; the critically ill should continue to have access; the City's hands are tied in many ways due to the State; moratorium with a condition to find solutions.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Sileo, the City Council adopted **Urgency Ordinance No. 939**, placing a moratorium on the use of any property for the sale or distribution of marijuana; by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

Mayor Parris requested that the City continue to work on this matter and work within the current law, to find a way that seriously ill people will not be denied access.

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**CITY MANAGER'S / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The City Manager stated that the new Multi-Specialty Ambulatory Care Center item that was approved by Council this evening will go before the County Board of Supervisors in the near future for approval.

The City Manager stated that there were a lot of leaps made today. He wanted the community to understand that this is the path we are taking with the community, regarding energy, design implementation; economic stimulus; tourism bureau and the City will be working on all of this in the upcoming year.

**CITY CLERK / AGENCY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council/Redevelopment Agency regarding non-agendized items.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Addressing the City Council at this time:

David Paul – stated that it is important to put the City on the map; have compassion, have control have the City run the dispensary; people will come to our doctors; stay at our hotels; more sick people will come here and this will be a model City.

**CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Council Member Sileo reported the following:

The RAB convened and conducted the following environmental restoration actions at the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting:

Election of New RAB Public Co-Chair. Peter Zorba, Lancaster's Public Representative, was unanimously elected the new Public Co-Chair to the RAB. The Edwards AFB RAB is chaired by the Base Installation Commander's designee and a Public Representative who is selected by the RAB public members. The Co-Chairs arrange the agenda for each meeting as specified in the RAB Bylaws. Colonel Joe Torres, the Vice-Commander of Edwards AFB is the corresponding designated Co-Chair. Mr. Zorba replaces Ms. Ruby Messersmith of North Edwards as the Public Co-Chair.

Vapor Intrusion Concerns from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Concerns regarding vapor intrusion concerns in in-door air spaces were discussed by the EPA Remedial Project Manager to the RAB, Joseph Healy, Jr. An emerging federal environmental health concern, the EPA has issued a draft guidance providing current technical and policy recommendations on determining if the vapor intrusion pathway poses a risk to human health at cleanup sites. Vapor intrusion is a rapidly developing field of science and policy, and the EPA's draft guidance is intended to aid in evaluating the potential for human exposure from this pathway given the state-of-the-science at this time. EPA will continue to explore this area in efforts to improve and communicate the state-of-the-science of this complex exposure pathway.

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**CR 2. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Council Member Marquez reported the following:

At the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting, the Governing Board discussed the following significant items with AVAQMD staff:

A Staff report regarding Air Quality Reporting difficulties encountered during the recent Station Fire due to greater than expected travel by finer pyro-generated particulate matter as a result the combination of the fire's enormous heat plume and local inversion layer.

Approval of \$95,000 in Carl Moyer (State) funding for continued implementation of the AVAQMD's Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program, the local "scrap vehicle program"/"Cash for Clunkers" program that generate business for local auto dealerships, while enhancing local air quality by replacing older ( $\geq 20$  years), less efficient vehicles with new, more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly vehicles. Ms. Marquez noted the increased problem of illegal "pot houses" in the Antelope Valley, and asked what consideration had been given by Staff in response to a recent SCE CEQA document to this issue and the impact these illicit activities impact on local air quality.

**CR 3. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Council Member Marquez reported the following:

The following significant items took place during the November Board meeting:

The Board approved a new fixed bus route in Lancaster which will run a loop to Antelope Valley College, Lancaster City Park, and the new University of Antelope Valley facilities on Sierra Highway. This route will be in service on or around January 2, 2010.

The Board gave AVTA staff direction on the joint powers agreement revision. A section permitting involuntary removal of a party from the joint powers authority was struck from the document. In order for members of the technical advisory committee (TAC) share information and speak to each other about AVTA business, the Board recommended that committee compliment increase to six members. Presently, the TAC has three members.

AVTA will schedule a strategic planning session in January with the Board to ask for direction on a variety of topics including the TAC, AVTA's core service mission, and possible service boundaries.

Council Member Sileo requested that when the Multi-Specialty Ambulatory Care Center is built, that the City keep an eye on the bus routes and the timing of the lights.

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### **COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS**

Council Member Marquez stated that this is one of the meetings that has shown such a leap; so many things have happened including Pete Knight Veterans Home opened; Toys for Tots took place; she participated in a 1K run with her granddaughter; attended the GAVEA tenth year anniversary; they are doing a great job for the community; attended a neighborhood watch meeting for the Shadow Crest Watchers; City staff and the Sheriff's Department are doing a great job; the Lancaster Christmas Parade was great and the Chamber of Commerce is doing great job.

Council Member Marquez stated that the City had a Neighborhood Vitalization Commission meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> and the City continues to ask the Housing Authority to enforce their rules and regulations; there is full support from Supervisor Antonovich. The City will continue to encourage the exposure of those who are frauding the Section 8 system; we are targeting those that fraud the program, not legitimate recipients of the system. The Commission would also like to see a success story – someone who benefitted from the system for a certain amount of time and are now in full time employment and independent. The Commission would like someone like this to apply for a position on the Commission and the applications are online.

Council Member Marquez stated that she watched a special on A&E called: Pot City USA. It was quite an eye opener and we do not want that problem here. She encouraged citizens that if they see any signs of a pot home or garage to please turn them in.

Council Member Marquez reminded everyone that yesterday, December 7<sup>th</sup> was the day of Infamy and no one should forget the great sacrifices that were made by so many. God bless everyone; God bless Lancaster; God bless our troops and their families and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Mayor Parris requested that the City Manager look into a turnkey website for the other neighborhood watches – this is an incredible idea.

The City Manager stated that many neighborhood watch groups use Facebook or other social media sites and the City will look into this and the best way to implement it. One of the things that is being done with neighborhood watch is that the City is going to augment and dual task some other staff members to help with this.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 8, 2009**

**ADJOURNMENT (Agency and Council)**

Mayor Parris stated that pursuant to action taken by the City Council / Redevelopment Agency on August 11, 2009, there will not be a City Council / Redevelopment Agency meeting on December 22, 2009.

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. and announced that the next regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency would take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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GERI K. BRYAN, CMC  
CITY CLERK/AGENCY SECRETARY  
Lancaster, CA

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R. REX PARRIS  
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN  
Lancaster, CA

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original City Council/Redevelopment Agency minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CA on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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