

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
April 27, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members/Agency Directors/Authority Members: 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/Authority Counsel; City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Assistant to the City Manager; Planning Director; Public Works Director; Parks, Recreation & Arts Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Senior Redevelopment Projects Coordinator; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Bishop Henry Hearn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Representative from Boy Scout Troop 101

PRESENTATION

Presentation to Council Member Ed Sileo

Mayor Parris presented a plaque to Council Member Ed Sileo for his 14 years of dedication; hard work and commitment to the City of Lancaster.

COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBER SILEO

Council Member Sileo related his history with Lancaster beginning as a Planning Commissioner and his desire to do some good for the City. He has come full circle, has given his all and could not have done this job and held this position if his wife did not support him 100%. Although things can become contentious, this Council comes back together for the good of the City. He stated that for the past fourteen years he has seen the staff put into the thick of things and they do not have any choice about the political decisions that are made but they have to carry them out. The City staff does an incredible job and he would hold this staff up against any other city in the state of California. He encouraged people to get involved; encouraged people to vote in local government elections, it is vital. He thanked the citizens, staff and Council.

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OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE APRIL 13, 2010 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City Clerk presented the staff report regarding the canvassing of the City's General Municipal Election held on April 13, 2010.

The City Attorney presented his report on several recent election challenges; presented court findings on challenges from other cities and stated that it was his opinion that the Council should proceed with the certification of the election results.

Council Member Sileo requested clarification that the City Clerk did exactly what the Election Code required; this was the sum of her responsibility and the City Attorney concurred.

Council Member Sileo stated that if anyone thinks the City Clerk is involved in some sort of conspiracy he would not listen to these individuals. The City Clerk is one of the straightest arrows he has ever met.

Mayor Parris requested clarification from the City Attorney regarding voter registration requirements/residency requirements based on the Election Code.

The City Attorney stated that it is not up to the Clerk to go out and investigate domiciles of registered voters. To clarify, you must be a qualified elector/qualified registered voter in the city to run for office. This determination was made using county records and an address in the city limits. A person must live where they are registered vote.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Shelley Rubin – Chairman of the Jewish Defense League; her husband was the leading plaintiff against the City of Burbank when it was decided to have prayers in the Council Chambers. Stated that she feels from the introductory comments from Bishop Hearn, that Lancaster practices exclusion.

Donna Grindey – Spoke in favor of adopting Resolution No. 10-16; defended the actions of the City Clerk stating that she is very competent; a very professional person. There are many procedures that must be followed during the election process; the City Clerk has followed the law; she is loyal; takes her responsibility seriously.

Patricia Correia - Helped register people to vote; knows of some people who did not receive sample ballots or any information; many did not know there was an election or where to vote.

Johnathon Ervin – He read a letter sent by the Secretary of State to the City requesting information on the election process; election should not be certified until answers are given to the Secretary of State.

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Maureen O'Donnell – Represents a group of people whose vote did not count; feels there needs to be a recount; a new election; there is a bigger picture here to be reviewed.

Victoria Zavala – Stated that she is sorry this all happened; she had a reason, an issue; she got involved; the Mayor asked for leadership; it's about the integrity of this election; she never meant anything other than that.

Joseph Yore – Quoted the bible; every man should be proud of a woman; told a story about cowboys; it's not how you pray it is how you receive; discussed history of a dust storm; talked about the recent volcano in Iceland.

Council Member Mann stated that it is his opinion that he would not be a responsible elector if he was not in favor of certifying the election. The City needs to move on, move forward with the progress.

The City Attorney clarified that someone can still bring a challenge to the election; the courts have the authority to reverse the results, however there are no grounds for this so it is highly unlikely this would happen.

Council Member Sileo stated that the election was not perfect, otherwise this discussion would not be taking place; there is a flaw that needs to be fixed and it will be taken care of. He supports Resolution No. 10-16 and is ready to move forward.

Mayor Parris stated that he was disappointed with the voter turnout; should reexamine how the elections are conducted; will be announcing and considering the formation of a committee to look at the election process. There are some options now that Lancaster is a Charter City; consider looking at central voting locations; have voting that goes on for a week. Need to look at all of this and figure out a way to get more people engaged. If anyone is interested, fill out an application (available on the City's website) and submit to the City Clerk. He stated that he was sorry for the turmoil that the City Clerk has had to endure the last two weeks; many hurtful things were said and no one should have to endure this especially when the City Clerk was doing what she had to do. He stated that he has thought about it extensively as to what kind of city do we want; what kind of staff do we want? He explained how the County handles the election process; they are abrasive and abrupt. Compared this to the level of customer service given by the City Clerk Department of Lancaster and the entire staff and would not want to see this level of customer service diminish in any way. The last thing he wants is for City staff to start treating citizens with the same level of abrasiveness that he finds so offensive in other places, so don't let that happen. The City Clerk and her staff have done a remarkable job and should keep conducting business the way they always have.

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On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 10-16**, reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law regarding the election of Mayor; two Council Members and three measures, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agency Director Mann stated that he would be abstaining from the vote of the Special Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2010 as he was not present at that meeting.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Sileo, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Agency Consent Calendar by the following vote: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Mann; ABSENT: None.

RCC 1. MINUTES

See CC 2A for the approval of the Regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of March 23, 2010.

RCC 2. MINUTES

See Special Joint Meeting minutes of April 15, 2010 under Financing Authority on this agenda.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Mann stated that he would be abstaining from the vote of the Special Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2010 as he was not present at that meeting.

On a motion by Council Member Sileo and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the Council Consent Calendar by the following vote: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Mann; ABSENT: None.

CC 2A. MINUTES

Approved the Redevelopment Agency/City Council Regular Meeting minutes of March 23, 2010.

CC 2B. MINUTES

See Special Joint Meeting minutes of April 15, 2010 under Financing Authority on this agenda.

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APPROVAL OF FINANCING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

Authority Member Mann stated that he would be abstaining from the vote of the Special Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2010 as he was not present at that meeting.

On a motion by Authority Member Sileo and seconded by Vice Chairman Smith, the Financing Authority approved the Financing Authority Consent Calendar by the following vote: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Mann; ABSENT: None.

FA 1. MINUTES

Approved the Special Joint meeting minutes of April 15, 2010.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mayor Elect R. Rex Parris; Council Member Elect Smith; Council Member Elect Crist.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members/Agency Directors/Authority Members: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Mayor/Chairman Parris

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Parris nominated Ron Smith as Vice-Mayor/Vice-Chairman by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

RECESS Mayor Parris requested a brief recess at 6:10 p.m.

RECONVENE Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agency Director Mann stated that he would need to recuse himself from Item No. RCC 3 due to the proximity of the project to property that he owns and left the dais.

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: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann; ABSENT: None.

RCC 2. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Approved the agreement for the acquisition of real property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Gail B. Lasker, a married woman as her sole and separate property, for property located at 1327 West Avenue I, Lancaster, California.

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RCC 3. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Approved the agreement for the acquisition of real property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Fredrick M. Abrahamian and Stacy J. Clark, husband and wife as joint tenants for property located at 44324 Beech Avenue, Lancaster, California.

RCC 4. RESOLUTION NO. 09-10

Adopted **Resolution No. 09-10**, supporting The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act and copy to Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers & Vital Services, the California Redevelopment Association, the California League of Cities and local representatives.

RCC 5. RESOLUTION NO. 10-10

Adopted **Resolution No. 10-10**, approving certain actions in connection with Lancaster Promenade I and Lancaster Promenade II.

At this time, Agency Director Mann returned to the dais.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved the Council Consent Calendar by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, 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 3. WARRANT REGISTER

Approved the Check and Wire Registers March 7, 2010 through April 10, 2010 in the amount of \$16,645,487.53.

CC 4. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS

Accepted and approved the December 31, 2009 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 5. MONUMENTATION WORK

Approved the monumentation work for Tract No. 53621, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J-4 and 22nd Street West, Owner: J.P. Eliopoulos Enterprises, Inc.

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CC 6. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for: Directors Review No. 03-93, located on the northeast corner of 5th Street East and Avenue L-12, Owner: Hartwell D. and Brenda J. Follendore; Site Plan Review No. 05-17, located on the west side of 12th Street West, approximately 300 feet north of Avenue L-12, Owner: Rice Construction; and Tract No. 060147, located on the northwest corner of Avenue J and 25th Street East, Owner: Richmond American Homes.

CC 7. COMPLETED WATER SYSTEMS

Approved the completed water systems installed by the developer for: Conditional Use Permit No. 07-06, located on the southwest corner of Avenue H and 10th Street West, Owner: Crosspoint Development; Site Plan Review No. 05-17, located on the west side of 12th Street West, approximately 300 feet north of Avenue L-12, Owner: Rice Construction; and Tract No. 060147, located on the northwest corner of Avenue J and 25th Street East, Owner: Richmond American Homes.

CC 8. TAX SHARING RESOLUTIONS

Adopted the Tax Sharing Resolutions for proposed Annexation Nos. 40-137 and 40-138 (4-200 and 4-201) into Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

CC 9. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Approved the transfer of \$23,000.00 in AB2766 funds from Capital Project Account No. 204-11GA001924 to Replacement Motor Vehicle Account No. 204-4730-762 and the replacement of a 2005 Honda Civic Hybrid, an existing total loss accident vehicle (EQ 1741), with a new 2010 Honda Civic Hybrid alternative fueled vehicle from Lancaster Honda, using the buy local program.

CC 10. ACCEPTANCE OF SUBSTITUTION OF SUBDIVISION UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

Approved and accepted substitution of the Subdivision Undertaking Agreement and securities submitted by Richmond American Homes of Maryland, Inc., in place of the Subdivision Undertaking Agreement and securities submitted by Hearthside Homes, Inc. for Tract Map No. 54370. In addition, approved the creation of Phases 1 and 2 of the subject tract.

CC 11. ACCEPTANCE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING SUBDIVISION UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

Approved and accepted an amendment to the existing Subdivision Undertaking Agreement, extending the date of completion to June 30, 2011, submitted by KB Home Coastal Inc., for Tract Map No. 49864-06.

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CC 12. ACCEPTANCE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING SUBDIVISION UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

Approved and accepted an amendment to the existing Subdivision Undertaking Agreement, extending the date of completion to April 27, 2012, submitted by Davidon Homes, for Tract Map No. 062845.

CC 13. PWCP NO. 07-038

Accepted the work constructed by Hanes and Associates, Inc.; for **Public Works Construction Project No. 07-038**, Lancaster City Hall Space Plan 2-Phase I; directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project; authorized payment of the 10 percent retention 35 days after recordation, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed.

CC 14. PWCP NO. 08-009

Accepted the work constructed by Imperial Paving Company, Inc.; for **Public Works Construction Project No. 08-009**, Avenue K and 50th Street West Improvements, ESPL 5419 – (020); directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project; authorized payment of the 10 percent retention 35 days after recordation, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed.

CC 15. AGREEMENT WITH GTH, LLP

Approved an agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell, LLP (GTH), 600 University, Suite 2100, Seattle, Washington 98101, to provide mediation services for the Antelope Valley Adjudication Principal's Group for an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00, of which the City's portion is approximately \$18,000.00, and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents once a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the participants.

CC 16. AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, LLC

Approved an agreement with Global Investment and Development, LLC (Global), 3470 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1020, Los Angeles, CA, to construct a public park and certain Master Planned Drainage Facilities required for the development of Tentative Tract Map Nos. 60294, 61038, and 61118.

CC 17. RESOLUTION NO. 10-18

Adopted **Resolution No. 10-18**, ordering judicial foreclosure of delinquent special assessments in Assessment District 93-3.

CC 18. RESOLUTION NO. 10-21

Adopted **Resolution No. 10-21**, approving certain actions in connection with Lancaster Promenade I and Lancaster Promenade II.

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PH 1. VACATION OF A FLOOD CONTROL EASEMENT LOCATED BETWEEN AVENUE L AND 10TH STREET WEST

Mayor Parris stated that he would need to recuse himself from this item due to the proximity of the project to property that he owns and left the dais.

Vice Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing for PH 1. The Public Works Director presented the staff report.

Hearing no further testimony, Vice Mayor Smith closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Marquez and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 10-19**, ordering the vacation of the Flood Control Easement located between Avenue L and 10th Street West, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith; NOES: None; RECUSED: Parris; ABSENT: None.

At this time, Mayor Parris returned to the dais.

NB 1. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The City Manager presented the staff report regarding various appointments to committees and organizations. He stated that the item under “City Staff Representation” regarding the California State Prison CAC should be made part of the first group. Regarding the AV Human Relations Task Force, staff is recommending that Council not appoint a member or a staff person to this, as it has come to light that the group is not an official organization established by Los Angeles County and it is not a recognized non-profit organization. The City has been unable to ascertain if they have errors and omissions insurance and the City has stopped being the financial judiciary of this organization.

Mayor Parris clarified that the Task Force is gone and they have formed a new commission and the City of Lancaster is not participating.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the committee/organization appointments by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

The following appointments were made: (1) AVTA – Council Members Marquez and Crist; (2) AVAQMD – Council Members Marquez and Crist; (3) Sanitation District #14 – Mayor Parris and Vice Mayor Smith; (4) NCTC – Council Member Mann; (5) High Desert Corridor (JPA) – Vice Mayor Smith; (6) SCAG – Council Member Mann; (7) League of CA Cities/Desert Mountain Division – Vice Mayor Smith;

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NB 1. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (continued)

(8) League of CA Cities/L.A. County Division – Vice Mayor Smith; (9) Edwards Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) – Council Member Crist; (10) Convention and Visitors Bureau – Vice Mayor Smith with Council Member Mann as the alternate; (11) CA State Prison CAC – Gene Gaynor.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved not participating with the Human Relations Task Force, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

Council Member Crist inquired if the City of Lancaster would have a commission similar to this.

Mayor Parris stated that he is currently working with Rabbi David Hoffman on a Cultural Commission in which they will look at putting together a comprehensive city-wide package that hopefully will keep the politics out of it. It will not be a vehicle for people to beat their political war drums or beat people on their political heads. It will be kept in Lancaster and they are hoping to accomplish something more positive rather than punitive. Rather than addressing problems after they happen, have a creative process that hopefully keeps problems from occurring in the first place.

CA 1. APPOINTMENT TO THE AV MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL BOARD

Vice Mayor Smith recused himself from this item due to the fact that Matthew Smith is his son and left the dais.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Council Member Crist, the City Council approved the appointment of Matthew Smith to the Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Board, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Smith; ABSENT: None.

At this time, Vice Mayor Smith returned to the dais.

CA 2. CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT

Council Member Marquez presented a report regarding the California Global Warming Solutions Act.

On a motion by Council Member Marquez and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 10-20**, requesting consideration of suspension of implementation or revision of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB32), by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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CITY MANAGER'S / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager congratulated the City Council for the election and looks forward to the progress ahead. He stated that the City recently held the Poppy Festival; this is an all city staff event; extraordinarily difficult to put on; the City is down 40 positions and everyone took ownership and brought this event forward with success.

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Director stated that every department gets involved in the Poppy Festival. There is an incredible amount of teamwork that takes place; the Parks Department takes the lead; commended his staff and stated that this was one of the best attended Poppy Festivals, with over 50,000 people in attendance. The Poppy Reserve on the west side brings so much interest, and then people automatically migrate to the Festival. There are many creative people in the City; and commended the people who drive the trams, stating they come from Los Angeles and they truly enjoy working this event; with our staff and the citizens. He thanked the local businesses for their involvement; they really are the ones who make this happen.

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:

Deborah Hess – presented a report on the Southern California Edison 2010 State of the Utility.

Further discussion took place regarding lights; rate shifts; consideration of a town hall meeting and have the experts present information to the citizens; offer options to the people.

Sarah Cook – Presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the 560 locked out members of the ILW Local 30 in Boron, California to Mayor Parris for his generous support and keeping everyone in his prayers.

David Paul – Stated that it was a fun campaign; there were some wrinkles along the way but it turned out right; discussed traffic; law enforcement issues; satellites to assist with traffic control; the human accountability project; respecting one another; still wants to work toward this; still within our grasp to put programming into use.

Carl Sundstrom – Encouraged the City to investigate China thoroughly before doing business with them. China does not hold to the same standards as America. Congratulated the Council Members who were elected/re-elected and stated that the candidates who lost are complaining and they just need to take it like a man and move on.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (continued)

Dan Winston, Jr. – Discussed the issue of banners and LED signs on businesses; these are critical and crucial times and he wants to be able to help with these businesses. A business without signs is a sign of no business; businesses are folding in record numbers; people are struggling.

Mayor Parris asked Mr. Winston to please see his assistant and set up a meeting with him.

David Abber – Read a letter that he wrote to the Secretary of State regarding the alleged mishandling of his nomination papers; alleged violation of his 1st amendment rights; election needs to be investigated.

Ms. Feller – Discussed comments on Facebook by Council Member Marquez that she disapproves of.

CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Vice Mayor Smith and Council Member Marquez presented the following information:

- The Board unanimously approved the release of a request for qualifications (RFQ) to identify a consultant to assist in the procurement of the next operating contract. AVTA's contact with Veolia Transportation for bus operations and maintenance will expire in June 2011. AVTA wants to engage an outside consultant to manage the full procurement process including recommending a firm for the next operating contract. Once the consultant is selected, AVTA staff will meet with the consultant, the technical advisory committee (TAC) members, and the Board members to finalize the consultant scope of work and related fees.
- Regarding "Consideration of Capital Projects to be funded through ARRA Round Two," the majority of Board discussion was related to the possible funding of shuttle buses. Chairman Smith suggested shuttle buses could be branded for the new Lancaster Boulevard project and serve the downtown area. The Board did not make a motion but requested staff come back to the TAC and Board with operating cost estimates for any new bus routes. This item should come back next month.

Additionally, regarding the AVAQMD, Council Member Marquez was very happy to hear that they would be involved in the lawnmower trade-ins again this year.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that today at the Antelope Valley Transit District, the Board voted that Lancaster would get six trolleys or buses that the City of Lancaster will wrap with the Blvd. brand and will go out and bring people from the hotels, bring them shopping to the downtown area. This is going to work out very well and the trolleys/buses will be electrical or hybrid.

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COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Parris stated that he wanted to be absolutely clear on what they should be doing on Facebook and in the community. He feels that the Council should be as vocal and opinionated as they possibly feel to engage the citizens. It is simply abhorrent to him that just because they have become elected officials does not mean they should hide or not speak about any relevant issue or even an irrelevant issue that may present itself. If they were to do that, they would defeat the very nature of democracy. It is essential that people know how the Council believes, feels and thinks and if they disagree with it, so be it. He stated that he disagrees with people putting swastikas on his forehead and kill the dogs and putting that on their Facebook page. The person who spoke earlier is a member of that Facebook and that can only mean they were essentially saying that someone should kill him. This is absolutely abhorrent and this last election was beyond the pale and the last person who spoke was at the very forefront of it. To put up something like that on a Facebook where his family could see it, where children could see it, then get up here and have the audacity to complain because they do not like what a Council Member thinks or feels - that is not something they are going to join in with.

Council Member Mann stated that with the reimagining of the downtown area, this may be a good time to consider a preservation ordinance, specifically to look at downtown buildings. It is important that the public is aware of the intentions of the Council to preserve some of the buildings.

Mayor Parris stated that maybe a good place to start would be with the Architectural/Design Commission.

The City Manager stated that he would have this placed on the next meeting of the Architectural/Design Commission.

Mayor Parris stated that at the next meeting – May 11, 2010, he would be nominating people for the different commissions and anyone who wants to get an application in, should get it in as soon as possible.

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No action required at this time.

AGENCY CLOSED SESSION

RECESS Mayor Parris recessed the City Council meeting at 7:38 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Closed Session regarding the following matter:

- Government Code Section 54956.9(b) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (1 case)

RECONVENE Mayor Parris reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney stated that the Agency met under the aforementioned matter and gave direction to legal counsel.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and announced that the next meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority would take place on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

R. REX PARRIS
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN
Lancaster, CA

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

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/Financing Authority 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 _____, _____.

(seal)
