

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

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Staff

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

INVOCATION

Father Charles Threewit – St. Andrews Anglican Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Agency/Authority Member Mann

PRESENTATIONS

Student Speaker – Armando Carlos – Parkview Middle School

Presentation to Waste Management for its Waste Watch Program

Presenters: Mayor Parris and Council Member Crist

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

None

APPROVAL OF AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agency Director Mann stated that he would need to recuse himself from Item Nos. RCC 2 and RCC 3 due to the proximity of these properties to property that he owns.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Mann, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Agency Consent Calendar with the exception of Item Nos. RCC 2 and RCC 3, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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RCC 1. MINUTES

See CC 2 for the approval of the Regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of June 22, 2010.

At this time, Agency Director Mann recused himself and left the dais.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Crist, the Redevelopment Agency approved Item Nos. RCC 2 and RCC 3, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0: AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann; ABSENT: None

RCC 2. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Maria Aguilar for property located at approximately West Avenue J-2 and Beech Avenue, APN: 3132-010-016, Parcels 1 and 2 of Parcel Map No. 1129. Funds were expended from budgeted Housing Bond Proceeds.

RCC 3. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Federal National Mortgage Association for property located at 45018 Spearman Avenue, Lancaster, California. Funds were expended from budgeted Housing Bond Proceeds.

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Council Member Marquez and seconded by Council Member Crist, 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 2. MINUTES

Approved the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of June 22, 2010.

CC 3. WARRANT REGISTER

Approved the Check and Wire Registers June 6, 2010 through June 19, 2010 in the amount of \$5,175,488.78.

CC 4. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS

Accepted and approved the May, 2010 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

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CC 5. ORDINANCE NO. 945

Adopted **Ordinance No. 945**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending the official city-wide zoning map for the City of Lancaster to be consistent with General Plan 2030, and amending Title 17 of the Municipal Code to delete the RC (Regional Commercial), CBD (Central Business District), and the BP (Business Park) zones.

CC 6. ORDINANCE NO. 946

Adopted **Ordinance No. 946**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, approving the addition of the Mixed Use Zoning Ordinance (Title 17, Chapter 10) in the Lancaster Municipal Code, in conformance with General Plan 2030.

CC 7. ORDINANCE NO. 947

Adopted **Ordinance No. 947**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California amending the Open Space, Public and Special Purpose Zones (Title 17, Chapter 20) in the Lancaster Municipal Code, in conformance with General Plan 2030.

CC 8. ORDINANCE NO. 948

Adopted **Ordinance No. 948**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California authorizing the Director of Public Works to designate angle parking spaces on Lancaster Boulevard between 10th Street West and Sierra Highway and on any other street within the downtown Lancaster Specific Plan area.

CC 9. RESOLUTION NO. 10-51

Adopted **Resolution No. 10-51**, authorizing the destruction of certain records (Violations of Municipal Codes, Taxi/Tow, Housing Loan Program Files, Housing Grant Program , Community Development Block Grant Program, Preliminary Reviews, Terminated Homes Occupations, Director's Reviews, Public Records Requests, Records Center Documentation, Subpoenas, Insurance – City as Additional Insured, Insurance-City as Insured, Correspondence, Closed Session, Nomination Papers, Campaign Statements, Candidate Information , Precinct Board Records, Appeals, Affidavits of Publication, Administrative Policy & Procedure, Claims Against the City, City Property Damage Claims, Risk Management Agendas, Speaker Cards, Statement of Economic Interest, Roster of Voters, Ballots, Accounts Receivable, Banking Records, Financial Reports, Parking Citations, Payroll-Registers, Special Events, Fuel Reports, Inspections, Dig Alert Permits, Plans & Plan Checks, Recreation Log Books, Cares Program, AV Film Office, Enrichment Centers, Registration-Recreation Program, Refunds-Recreation Program, Repetitive Maintenance Reports, Poppy Festival, Sports, Grants).

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CC 10. MONUMENTATION WORK

Approved the monumentation work for: Tract No. 48534, located on the southeast corner of 35th Street East and Avenue H-8, Owner: K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc.; Tract No. 48534-02, located on the northwest corner of 37th Street East and Avenue I, Owner: K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc.; and Tract No. 48534-03, located approximately 126 feet north of Cooperstown Avenue and 40 feet east of 35th Street East, Owner: K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc.

CC 11. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for: Conditional Use Permit No. 05-10, located on the northeast corner of Avenue J-12 and 20th Street West, Owner: Meyer Crest, LTD; and Tract No. 53102-01, located on the southwest corner of Avenue J-8 and 45th Street West, Owner: AVONE Homes, LP.

CC 12. COMPLETED WATER SYSTEMS

Approved the completed water systems installed by the developer for: Conditional Use Permit No. 05-10, located on the northeast corner of Avenue J-12 and 20th Street West, Owner: Meyer Crest, LTD; and Tract No. 53102-01, located on the southwest corner of Avenue J-8 and 45th Street West, Owner: AVONE Homes, LP.

CC 13. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Juan Salome and Shana Salome for property located at 1132 West Avenue H-5, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 14. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Ann Jarrel for property located at 1157 West Avenue J-15, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 15. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Alfred Leung and Alice Leung for property located at 1239 West Avenue H-15, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 16. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Patelco Credit Union for property located at 1243 West Avenue J-11, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 17. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Deshawn Dickinson for property located at 44041 Glenraven Road, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

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CC 18. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as trustee for property located at 44445 Foxton Avenue, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 19. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and U.S. Bank National Association for property located at 44745 6th Street East, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 20. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Homesales Inc. for property located at 45539 Foxton Avenue, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 21. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and U.S. Bank National Association for property located at 45541 Newtree Avenue, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 22. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and U.S. Bank National Association for property located at 611 West Avenue H-12, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 23. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and HSBC Bank USA for property located at 701 West Avenue H-13, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 24. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association for property located at 44035 Rodin Avenue, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

CC 25. RESOLUTION NO. 10-52

Adopted **Resolution No. 10-52**, authorizing the renewal of the City's Insurance for the Property and Public Entity Liability Programs, and Membership in the County Supervisors Association of California Excess Insurance Authority Workers Compensation Program (CSAC) for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2010.

CC 26. RESOLUTION NO. 10-53

Adopted **Resolution No. 10-53**, approving the application for a grant for the construction of a memorial wall at American Heroes Park with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

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CC 27. BYLAWS OF LMAG

Approved the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Lancaster Museum / Art Gallery Associates.

NB 1. SOLAR LANCASTER PROGRAM

The Public Works Director presented the staff report regarding this matter. The presentation included information on Direct Normal Solar Radiation; increase of California Commercial Rates; proposed outreach schedule; program goals.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved the Solar Lancaster Program; directed staff to begin implementing various alternative energy programs and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

NB 2. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ORDINANCE

Vice Mayor Smith and the City Attorney presented the report on this matter. This ordinance is patterned after an ordinance adopted by the City of Norwalk and makes parents responsible for the acts of their minor children. Any minor that is convicted of violating any Federal; State or local law could result in the parent becoming guilty of a misdemeanor and a fine up to \$500.00 for failure to supervise their children or actively allow them to do what they are doing. The ordinance provides for restitution for the acts of the minor by the parent in an amount up to \$2500.00 based on a court order. This ordinance will focus on the acts of some parents who simply ignore what their kids are doing and will encourage them to become more responsible for the acts of their minor children.

Mayor Parris stated that this ordinance was ludicrous; parents should not be punished or treated like criminals; inquired as to whether the Sheriff's Department had weighed in on this; this is a vehicle that targets certain people.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that this matter was brought up about three years ago as part of a package on excessive nuisance and things that have worked in other cities. It has been implemented in Norwalk very successfully; it does not criminalize the parents the first time. It begins with letters to the parents; visits from the Sheriff's Department. There is a presumption of lack of supervision after the fourth offense within 90 days. The juvenile system has sometimes become a revolving door; it is on an upswing; juvenile detention is overcrowded.

Mayor Parris invited the Captain Anderson of the Lancaster Sheriff's Department to speak.

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NB 2. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ORDINANCE (continued)

Captain Anderson discussed the Norwalk station; the Captain of the Norwalk Station is very much in favor of the ordinance; this is a tool to help parents to supervise their children; discussed the truancy ordinance and the curfew ordinance. He stated that it is important to be very careful in the implementation of this ordinance; counseling is important; he has no problem in asking parents to be responsible for their children.

Council Member Marquez stated that this ordinance is about those parents who are not controlling their children and not asking for help; too many children are roaming the streets and not being controlled.

Mayor Parris stated that many laws are so broad and so meaningless and this ordinance has no basis in reality; the Sheriff's Department has no time for this.

Captain Anderson stated that if this ordinance is adopted, the Sheriff's Department will find the time and resources to do the best they can. He encouraged parents to find alternatives to work with their children and to become involved in their lives.

Council Member Marquez discussed the VIDA program (Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives) and she is familiar with many families that have stated that the program has saved their family. There are parenting classes; many avenues of help exist; non-profits are able to help; many parents will not get involved unless there is a visit from the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Parris stated that the ordinance is too broad in the way it is written; it is just wrong; this ordinance offends his senses; he inquired about parenting classes offered by the City;

The Parks Director stated that the City used to offer parenting classes in conjunction with the City of Palmdale.

Mayor Parris discussed different laws; parents need a lot of help with their children today; there are many problems in the way children are being raised; if the City is going to tackle this, then do so but offer classes; offer something with meaning.

Council Member Mann stated that it is important to turn every stone over; any tools the City can offer to assist the Sheriff's Department should be considered; consider having this ordinance return to Council in 30 days; get some feedback from the City of Norwalk; hear their point of view.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council agreed to delay the introduction of Ordinance No. 949 for 30 days; directed staff to return with a tighter ordinance; statistics from Norwalk; update on classes that can be offered, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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CA 1. SUPPORT FOR ARIZONA'S IMMIGRATION LAW AND SUPPORT OF ARIZONA'S GOVERNOR, JAN BREWER – RESOLUTION NO. 10-54

Vice Mayor Smith and Council Member Marquez presented the report on this matter.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that this resolution would clearly send the message that Lancaster is not a sanctuary city; this is not a safe haven for illegal's; discussed the impact on hospitals; the impact on families who are here legally; this is another tool that will assist the City.

Council Member Marquez stated that she is 100% behind Arizona; the Governor; the laws they have in place; this is really about the Federal Government not enforcing the very laws they passed; there is an incredible problem with illegal immigration; quoted statistical information from Supervisor Antonovich; discussed the consequences of crossing Mexico's border illegally; this must go both ways; this is the time to support Governor Brewer and the state of Arizona; 70% of the people in Arizona support the law. Many people have been at the bottom of the list for too long; American people are at risk; if the state of California would have followed through with the Federal laws that are in place, the state would not be in this situation; it is time for this City to stand up and take a position on this.

Mayor Parris stated that he has grave concerns about taking parents from those children who were born here and telling them to leave; not long ago America wanted these people here and now we have an issue where the children were born here; there is civil accountability to be considered; this is a dangerous path; do not alienate groups against us; this City has a 17% unemployment rate; we cannot be playing a game of hate; this is causing many people to be angry; if this message is sent out, it will prevent the jobs from coming here; it will cause a big problem with the economy of Lancaster.

Council Member Marquez stated that there is absolutely no hate associated with this resolution; Americans must come first; Government has not put American's first in many, many years; quoted specific verbiage from the Arizona law regarding the requirement to carry valid identification; prohibiting racial profiling; law enforcement may only can stop someone who they feel is breaking the law.

Mayor Parris stated that this is a senseless act; nothing will change; this becomes another obstacle preventing business and jobs from coming to Lancaster; do not make it harder for staff and the City Council to bring jobs to this area; there are so many people who will vote against Lancaster if this is adopted.

Council Marquez stated that this is one more tool to achieve becoming one of the safest cities in California.

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Mayor Parris disagreed; the Sheriff's Department will not be doing anything differently; Lancaster will be disempowered with this; many individuals are using this as a partisan issue; people must come together; this resolution sets everything back.

Vice Mayor Smith discussed jobs for hard working legal citizens; this resolution does not change the tenor as to what type of city this is; Lancaster should not be a safe harbor; this is more than just support of Arizona law.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Tammany Fields – in favor of the Arizona bill; concerns regarding the safety issues; discussed public urination; attacks on children; will not shop at Home Depot or Lowes because of the people who stand outside soliciting.

Darleen Peterson – it is time to say - do not come across our borders if you are illegal; time to have the guts to stand up and say we are going to support Arizona; this isn't tearing families apart; we must start somewhere; feels that Mayor Parris is talking out of both sides of his mouth.

Lynde Williams – not in favor of anyone breaking laws; she is out of work; don't sell to illegal's; keep them from shopping, however this will not unite people; impose fines on the business owners.

Scott Hand – quoted all that he is required to pay as an American citizen as mandated by the government; having illegal's receive many free amenities offends his patriotism; it is not hate; his wife is Irish and she went through the process to be here legally.

Christine Rincon – she is a citizen of the United States; she deals with discrimination all the time; all of her children were born here; does not believe this is a good law; finds this very uncomfortable; concerned with her business as a realtor.

Denise Josephson – the Federal Government has failed in its responsibility to both citizens and immigrants; politicians care more about their own power than the people they represent or the oath they took before God.

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Ron Teidel – urged the City Council to vote yes on Resolution No. 10-54; Mayor Parris is hung up too much on the emotional side of it rather than the legal side; what it should all be about is law; the law is clear, it has been there forever. Unlawful is unlawful – if you are undocumented you are illegal; does not make Lancaster unusual, it makes it steadfast. Must obey the laws that are in place; we have a rule of law and must follow it.

Andrew Nieto – we must all be united around the constitution and the body of laws that are in place; the 4th amendment provides for probable cause; discussed the Arizona law; discussed the facts behind the Arizona law.

John Ippolito – Mayor Parris talks the talk; walks the walk; but then can't decide what side he is on because of his concerns regarding the parental ordinance and this resolution; Arizona is taking a bad hit from everyone on the left and Arizona needs some people behind them.

At this time, Mayor Parris stated that he would need to excuse himself to attend another engagement and left the meeting.

Barbara Mayzels – discussed the 14th amendment; emancipation proclamation; children born of foreigners or aliens; the right of a nation to expel people who have not become naturalized.

Citizen - discussed the parental ordinance; supports Arizona law; would like the legal Hispanics to show their support; big business won't do anything; democrats will not do anything; people will be better off; it is important to give Arizona a pat on the back and say we support you.

Council Member Mann stated that his wife is Hispanic; family paid the price and came here legally; he has participated in over forty medical missions to Mexico; understands why they want to cross the border; discussed the economic ruin of California; quoted information from Supervisor Antonovich; understands the frustration; understands when people get emotional; embraces his wife's culture but that does not make it right when people come here illegally; this resolution is a symbolic move; may send a message to people not to come to Lancaster; he has no mixed feelings on this; it is unfortunate that the Federal Government has not done their job; America cannot afford to carry people here on their backs anymore.

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Council Member Crist stated that his mother was an immigrant from England; she became a citizen in a lawful manor; the law is clear; this should not be a debate; Americans need to take care of themselves.

Council Member Marquez stated that the blame is on the Federal Government, not totally on the people that are here illegally; in Florida, Europeans are there illegally, taking the jobs that legal Americans should have a right to; there are families that will be concerned; wished pressure could be put on the Federal Government; sees people dying to get to the United States; this is the land of opportunity but it is not sustainable and we must look out for American citizens first.

Council Member Crist stated that the Mayor feels Lancaster will pay a price for this; we have worked hard to get where we are and we may take a hit because of this action.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 10-54**, proclaiming the City of Lancaster as a “Rule of Law City”, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1: AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

RECESS Vice Mayor Smith called for a brief recess at 6:49 p.m.

RECONVENE Vice Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

CITY MANAGER’S / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager stated that the City, KB Home and the China-based technology company BYD are now partners for the homes of the future; a press conference was held which showcased Lancaster to the world.

The City Manager stated that the City of Lancaster just won the Helen Putnam award for economic stimulus.

The City Manager introduced Deputy Brandon Hartshorne, the new boulevard deputy; he is doing a great job; the City is receiving great reports from businesses regarding his presence in the downtown area.

The City Manager thanked City staff for putting on an outstanding 4th of July event and fireworks celebration; it was a great success; excellent event for the community.

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CITY CLERK /AGENCY/AUTHORITY 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:

Robin Tarver – She is a citizen of Palmdale; commended the City Council for doing such a great job in Lancaster; many non-profit organizations are putting on events and raising money; Lancaster is not using the economy as an excuse.

Anthony Walker – concerns regarding his senior Mobilehome Park; he still has not heard anything about this; the people are still waiting to hear what is going on. It has been 6 months since this issue was brought up. Many non-English families are moving in with children.

The City Attorney stated that it has been determined that the Lancaster ordinance applies to Sherwood Mobilehome Park; a copy of the letter was sent to Mr. Chavira on July 12, 2010 and to the owners of the Park. The owners must be in compliance with the ordinance; there is a clear difference of opinion about the definition regarding this park, but the City will be opposed to the position that the park owners are taking.

Christina Smith – concerned regarding parolees being released into the community; parolees need a second chance; need the housing community to help; the City must support these men and women. Crime will increase if they fail; she is an ex-felon; faces many challenges; she volunteers with the prison fellowship and prison re-entry; encouraged the City Council to work on this matter.

Debora Postell – advocated for ex-prisoners and their families; discussed the different programs for the men and women to help them return to the community; 90% success rate; goal is to create a coalition with inmates and help to support them with jobs and housing.

Tammany Fields – concerns regard red light cameras; signs warning that a person is coming upon a red light camera should be placed further back as a warning to drivers to make them aware.

The City Council requested that the City Manager have staff look into this.

Andrew Nieto – concerned about the future routes for parades; suggested that Avenue I between 10th and 20th Street West be considered for future parades; many businesses along the route would support this; parades bring people together.

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CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISTRICT NO. 14 OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Vice Mayor Smith presented the following information:

At a special meeting held on June 23, 2010, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

- Authorized a one-year extension of a purchase order to Harrington Farms for approximately \$170,000 for maintenance of tree barriers at the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) and the Palmdale WRP Effluent Recycling Area. The contract with Harrington Farms, authorized by the Board in July 2008, allows for two one-year extensions. The contract was first extended in August 2009. Presently, Harrington Farms has agreed to the second extension with no increase in cost. Costs will be apportioned by barrier length to District No. 14 (29.9%) and District No. 20 (70.1%).
- Agreed to continue the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget to the next regular Board meeting after Director Smith receives a detailed budget briefing from the Districts' Chief Engineer. District No. 14's proposed budget totals \$10,679,000 in operating and maintenance costs, \$58,243,000 in capital costs, and \$13,729,000 for bond repayment, loan repayment, and contingency for emergency.
- Discussed a City of Lancaster request for an option to a land lease agreement for 4,700 acres of real property owned by District No. 14. The land was acquired through both voluntary sale and eminent domain taking for agricultural reuse operations to comply with the requirements of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. Lancaster has requested an option to lease the property to develop a solar power generation facility.

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

Council Member Crist presented the following information:

The Governing Board met on June 15, 2010, discussed and/or approved the following significant items:

- The Board approved the payments made to MDAQMD for services provided during the month of April, 2010, in the amount of \$87,495.66.
- The Board approved the adoption of a Resolution approving and adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- The Board approved the amendments to Rule 301 (Permit Fees). The amendments consist of: (1) A 2% fee increase based on the Consumer Price Index; and (2) a \$24.70 fee increase per product or a 15% flat fee increase (whichever is less) for dispensing facility product nozzle permits. State law prohibits any increase over 15%.
- The Board heard a presentation by Inland Energy, Inc. on the proposed Palmdale Hybrid Power Project. A report assessing this presentation and details about Palmdale's proposed power-plant provided by Inland Energy, Inc. is in process and forthcoming from City Staff.

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

Council Member Marquez and Council Member Crist presented the following information:

The Governing Board met on June 22, 2010, discussed and/or approved the following significant items:

- The Board approved the fiscal year 2011 budget totaling \$19.8 million in operating expenditures and \$29.8 million in capital improvements. Included in the budget are the costs of taking the maintenance and parts contracts in-house and implementing route no. 8 for the City of Lancaster which serves the University of Antelope Valley. Lancaster's financial contribution to AVTA is projected at the same funding level as the first two previous fiscal years plus the operating costs for route no. 8.
- The Board gave input to the consulting team selected by staff to assist in the development of the request for proposal (RFP) for the next transit operator. The current contract with Veolia Transportation expires on June 30, 2011. Using their expertise, industry best practices and input from staff, the member jurisdictions and the Board, the consultant will develop the RFP, undertake analysis of the responses, and develop a recommendation to be delivered to the Executive Director.
- The Board considered changes to the joint powers agreement related to which member jurisdiction would act as the limit to AVTA's authority and the executive director's spending limit. In order to satisfy State laws related to joint powers authorities, the Board voted in favor of the City of Lancaster's city charter restricting AVTA's powers. The Executive Director's spending authority was raised to \$25,000 for the purchase of fixed assets and services as is not tied to the spending authority of staff position at the member jurisdictions.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Council Member Marquez presented a brief power point presentation regarding the Potato Races which took place on the 4th of July; all in fun – the true winners should have been the team of Marquez and Bryan.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that an amazing art show would be coming up very soon and in order to make this happen, especially in these tough economic times, we really enjoy having the community be involved in this. He invited any citizens who may be interested, to apply and work for the Public Arts/Museum Foundation as volunteers, to please contact the Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts, Bob Greene or the Museum/Art Gallery Curator, Nick West.

LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

None

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/
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MINUTES
JULY 13, 2010**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. and announced that the next meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority would take place on Tuesday, July 27, 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 _____, _____.

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