

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
October 26, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Council Member/Agency/Authority Member Crist, the City Council excused Council Member/Agency/Authority Member Mann from the meeting by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

Absent: Council Member/Agency/Authority Member Mann

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

Reverend Maxine Schiltz, Revealing Truth Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Agency/Authority Member Marquez

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of Robert Field and Delano Delfin – two City employees who assisted with the prevention of an attempted kidnap at a park.
2. Mayor's Athlete of the Month – Dajohn Gaines, Eastside High School. Mr. Gaines was also awarded a \$1,000.00 Mayor's Scholarship.

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PRESENTATIONS (continued)

3. Not In Our Town - City-Wide Anti-Bullying Program
Presented by Mayor Parris; Lauri Massari, Del Sur School Counselor; Gina Rossall, Westside Union School District Superintendent; Kelvin Tainatongo, Assistant to the City Manager.

This program began as the “Not in our School” campaign by saying no to bullying for Del Sur School; it has now expanded to “Not in our Town”. Del Sur School and the Westside Union School District have initiated a partnership with the City of Lancaster to form a coalition of anti-bullying schools. This coalition will include the School Districts of Antelope Valley Union High Schools, Eastside Union, Lancaster and Westside Union.

The week of November 15-19, 2010 is committed to anti-bullying activities in all participating schools and together as a community united with unwavering resolve that when it comes to bullying, the City and the school districts stand by the pledge of “Not in our Town”.

4. Presentation from Los Angeles County Housing Authority

Mr. Jenkins, the Deputy Executive Director, presented the City Council with information regarding active contracts; new contracts; terminations of the Section 8 cases in Lancaster. Mr. Jenkins also introduced Tracy Mann from the Housing Authority who will be making the presentations to the City Council beginning in 2011.

Comments and questions included clarification of comparative figures with Palmdale; making sure the Housing Authority is using all necessary tools available to assist Lancaster; requiring families to adhere to all rules and laws including that their children attend school; use Lancaster as a pilot program for this; look into federal laws on this matter; publicize it and take what steps are necessary to change the laws regarding education requirements for children.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

None

URGENCY CLOSED SESSION ITEM ADDED

The City Attorney stated that an urgency item would need to be added to Closed Session this evening. This matter came up today, it needs to be discussed prior to the next City Council meeting and it would require a four-fifths vote, a unanimous vote to place it on Closed Session. The item is under Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) and it is based on facts and circumstances which indicate a definite likelihood of a possible lawsuit concerning facts that the plaintiffs are most likely not aware of. Beyond that, he stated that he is not at liberty to discuss any additional items pursuant to the Brown Act.

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On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved the addition of an urgency item to Closed Session under Government Code Section 54956.9 (b), by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

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

RCC 1. APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS

Approved the expanded "List of Qualified Contractors and Sub-Contractors" for Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Council Member/Agency Director Crist, the City Council/Redevelopment Agency approved the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of October 12, 2010 by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

M 1. MINUTES

Approved the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of October 12, 2010.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Parris requested that Item No. CC 6 be pulled from the agenda for separate discussion and action.

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 No. CC 6, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

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. WARRANT REGISTER

Approved the Check and Wire Registers for September 26, 2010 through October 9, 2010 in the amount of \$6,198,431.46.

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CC 3. COMPLETED SEWER SYSTEM

Approved the completed sewer system installed by the developer of Tract No. 53253, located on the northwest corner of Avenue M-8 and 30th Street West, Owner: Portabella, L.P.

CC 4. COMPLETED WATER SYSTEM

Approved the completed water system installed by the developer of Site Plan Review No. 05-01, located on the northwest corner of Avenue M and 10th Street West, Owner: HDF Plaza, LLC.

CC 5. ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT TO EXISTING SUBDIVISION UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

Approved and accepted an amendment to the existing Subdivision Undertaking Agreement, extending the date of completion to October 26, 2012, submitted by Mike Bradley (“Subdivider”), for Parcel Map No. 25489, located approximately 185 feet north of Avenue L-4 and east of 25th Street West.

CC 6. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE LANCASTER YOUTH COMMISSION

The Youth Commission was created by the City Council in January of 1992 to provide a forum for the young people of Lancaster to give input regarding the needs and concerns of the youth of this community. Youth Commissioners are nominated by the different high schools in the Lancaster area. These schools are: Antelope Valley Christian, Antelope Valley, Desert Christian, Desert Winds, Lancaster, Lancaster Baptist, Paraclete and Quartz Hill.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Crist, the City Council approved the nominations and appointments of the following people to the Lancaster Youth Commission: Brittany Lewis, Jonathan Kay, Cheyenne Eslick, Trent Kelly, Catherine Kern, Michael Yang and Samantha Gregory to the 2010-2011 Lancaster Youth Commission, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

At this time, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Lancaster Youth Commissioners.

CC 7. RESOLUTION NO. 10-69

Adopted **Resolution No. 10-69**, approving certain energy conservation measures, authorizing the execution of agreements, signatories and making other determinations in connection therewith related to equipment lease financing of the Johnson Controls mechanical retrofit and energy management project.

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NB 1. POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT, EASTSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR

The Deputy City Manager presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the Council on this matter:

Diane Grooms – thanked the City for this great partnership; this endeavor will save the schools thousands of dollars

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Crist, the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) with Lancaster School District, Eastside School District, and the Antelope Valley Fair (Partners), and to present for Council approval at the next City Council meeting the necessary financing documents to construct the projects, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

CA 1. CONSIDER NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF DAN VENTUROLI TO THE LANCASTER MUSEUM/ART GALLERY FOUNDATION BOARD.

Mayor Parris requested consideration of the appointment of Dan Venturoli to the LMAG Foundation Board.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved the appointment of Dan Venturoli to the LMAG Foundation Board, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

CA 2. CONSIDER NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF DAN VENTUROLI AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LANCASTER MUSEUM/ART GALLERY FOUNDATION BOARD.

Mayor Parris requested consideration of Dan Venturoli as Chairman of the LMAG Foundation Board.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved Dan Venturoli as Chairman of the LMAG Foundation Board, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

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**CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR
QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Council Member Marquez presented the following information:

The Governing Board met as regularly scheduled on October 19, 2010, discussed and/or approved the following significant items:

- The Board awarded the AVAQMD's highest honor, the Wm. J. "Pete" Knight AIRE Award to Lancaster's Coast Auto Salvage for local recycling in "salvaging" and support of the AVAQMD's Lawnmower Exchange Program. The Wm. J. "Pete" Knight AIRE Award is presented each year in conjunction with National Pollution Prevention Week.
- The Board awarded \$310,364 in Carl Moyer funds to Golden Valley Construction of Tehachapi to retrofit/repower two pieces of off-road; diesel fueled heavy equipment (i.e. scrappers). In the opinion of the Board, funding compliant equipment which operates locally as well as across county lines accomplishes the intent of the program by effectively enhancing Antelope Valley air quality through proximity and in situ operations.
- The Board approved allocating up to \$73,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reduction (AB2766 grant) funds to the Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency (AVSTA) towards the expansion of the AVSTA's slow-fill natural gas fueling station.

LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager stated that there would be a press conference in the near future to announce a couple of grants the City has received.

The City Manager stated that Solar City has been named the Green Power Supplier of the Year by the United States Department of Energy; this is a very high honor and a press release will be coming out regarding this.

The City Manager invited the public to come out to the BooLvd Event on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 5-9 p.m. Thirty-three businesses will be participating and handing out candy to children. At 6, 7 and 8 p.m. there will be a recreation of Michael Jackson's video – Thriller, with some of the original cast from that video and a Michael Jackson impersonator.

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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:

David Paul – appreciates the efforts for the bullying presentation; discussed well-being; importance of having a partner for well-being; discussed Prop 19 and encouraged people to vote Yes on this measure.

Resharae Walker – concerns regarding the anti-gang ordinance that was adopted by the City Council a month ago; her son was stopped for no reason; wants children to believe they are being protected in the City, not harassed and intimidated.

Don Cordell – stated that he trusts God but not sure of the rest; the Council was elected to serve; too many elected officials treat citizens poorly; inquired as to how all the parcels were obtained for American Heroes Park; concerned about the daytime use of the park by the schools; public funds being used for this land and this is not right; intends to bring honesty all the way to Washington D.C.; discussed welfare; jobs are needed for Americans not people from China.

Robert Long – stated that he has been a victim of bullying all through his schooling; bullying has psychological damage; he has managed to get through this; attended college, received his degree; very pleased to see this anti-bullying campaign come forth.

Andrew Nieto – discussed his experience in being bullied; very difficult to articulate bullying and reporting that you are a victim. It happens on the way to and from school; on the internet. His purpose – bring awareness to this subject. Something can be done, it can be dealt with; there is hope.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Parris announced that Jim Greenleaf would be the official Santa Claus of the City of Lancaster, CA 2010.

RECESS Mayor Parris recessed the City Council meeting at 6:59 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Closed Session regarding the following matter:

CLOSED SESSION

Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) – Threatened Litigation

RECONVENE Mayor Parris reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:51 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney announced that the City Council met in Closed Session regarding the aforementioned matter; considered this issue and gave direction to Legal Counsel.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and announced that the next meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority would take place on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

R. REX PARRIS
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN
Lancaster, CA

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
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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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