

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
January 11, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority meeting to order at 5:02 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 and Arts Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Sanah Burhan, Islamic Center of North Valley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith

PRESENTATIONS

1. Cross Country Team Recognitions:

- Desert Christian Boys Cross Country Team
 - Paraclete Girls Cross Country Team
 - Individual Qualifier - Kristen Parsons of Desert Christian
- Presenter: Mayor Parris

2. CIF Champions – Paraclete

Presenter: Mayor Parris

3. Mayor's Athlete of the Month – Darian Thompson, Paraclete High School. Mr. Thompson also received a \$1,000 Mayor's Scholarship.

Presenter: Mayor Parris

4. Presentation from Tim Fuller of HW Hunter Dodge/Jeep Chrysler – discussed automobile history; the economy, Chrysler Financial; Credit filings; turned to the City as a partner; the City Council assisted with the \$500,000 line of credit which accomplished two things – bought GMAC time and helped to keep the business open. Without this partnership they would have been forced to liquidate; because of the actions by the City Council, 80 people were able to keep their jobs. Received a permanent line of credit in October and the City has been released from their obligations. This was not a handout, this was a hand extended in partnership. Mr. Fuller thanked staff, the City Council and the Mayor for all their efforts.

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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 Mann, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Agency Consent Calendar by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

RCC 1. AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for the acquisition of real property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Ariel Zaiderman for property located at 44052 Beech Avenue. Funds will be expended from the budgeted Housing Bond Proceeds.

RCC 2. AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved an agreement for the acquisition of real property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Jose G. Leon and Sandra E. Leon for property located at 1321 West Avenue I. Funds will be expended from the budgeted Housing Bond Proceeds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Council Member/Agency Director Marquez, the City Council/Redevelopment Agency approved the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of December 14, 2010 by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

M 1. MINUTES

Approved the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of December 14, 2010.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Crist requested that Item No. CC 5 be pulled from the Consent Calendar 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 5, 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.)

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CC 2. WARRANT REGISTER

Approve the Check and Wire Registers for November 28, 2010 through December 25, 2010 in the amount of \$6,126,752.99.

CC 3. ORDINANCE NO. 956

Adopted **Ordinance No. 956**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Title 17 of the Lancaster Municipal Code, (Zoning Ordinance) to implement the requirement to comply with the adopted City of Lancaster Design Guidelines.

CC 4. ORDINANCE NO. 957

Adopted **Ordinance No. 957**, amending the City Zoning Plan for 180± acres bounded by Avenue H, 80th Street West, Avenue H-8, Avenue H-4 and 90th Street West known as Zone Change No. 10-02; rezoning the subject property from R-7,000 (single family residential, one dwelling unit per 7,000 square feet) and CPD (Commercial Planned Development to RR-2.5 (Rural Residential, one dwelling unit per 2.5 acres) to allow for the development of a photovoltaic solar energy generating facility.

CC 5. ORDINANCE NO. 958

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Parris, the City Council adopted **Ordinance No. 958**, adopting the 2010 edition of the California Building Code; the 2010 edition of the California Residential Code, the 2010 edition of the California Electrical Code; the 2010 edition of the California Mechanical Code; the 2010 edition of the California Plumbing Code; the 2010 the edition of the California Energy Code; the 2010 edition of the California Historical Building Code; the 2010 edition of the California Green Building Standards Code; the 2011 edition of the Los Angeles County Building Code, Chapter 67; the 2009 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code; the 1997 edition of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings; and the 2011 edition of the Los Angeles County Fire Code; all pertaining to life and safety and to the construction, alteration, moving demolition, repair, maintenance, and use of buildings, structures, and properties within the City, by the following vote: 3-2-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: Crist, Marquez; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

CC 6. ORDINANCE NO. 959

Adopted **Ordinance No. 959**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Chapter 10.20 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to vehicles parked on a highway during street sweeping times, updating the exceptions to and establishing a permit program for exempting a vehicle from the application of this chapter.

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CC 7. RESOLUTION NO. 11-01

Adopted **Resolution No. 11-01**, authorizing the destruction of certain records (Violations of Municipal Codes, Mobilehome Park Rent Arbitration Board, Housing Loan Program Files, Home Occupation Permits, Public Records Requests, Records Center Documentation, Subpoenas, Closed Session, Appeals, Speaker Cards, City Property Damage Claims, Claims Against the City, Accident/Incident/Damage Reports, Cares Program, Summer Day Camp, Recreation Log Books, Sports, Registration-Recreation Program, Accounts Receivable, Banking Records, Financial Reports, Parking Citations, Payroll-Registers, Payroll, W-2, State & Federal Income Tax, Business License Files, Purchase Orders, Accounts Payable).

CC 8. RESOLUTION NO. 11-02

Adopted **Resolution No. 11-02**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, approving a disposition strategy for the sale of single-family residences acquired under the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

CC 9. ACCEPTANCE OF INTERIOR STREET TREES FOR MAINTENANCE

Accepted the interior street trees for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 49864-06, located on the southeast corner of Avenue K-8 and 30th Street East, Owner: KB Home Greater Los Angeles Inc.

CC 10. ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE FOR LMD NO. 1

Approved and accepted for maintenance, the work and materials for the landscape improvements, for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, Annexation No. 333, installed for Tract No. 60241, located on the southwest corner of Jackman Street and 30th Street West, Owner: Beazer Homes Holdings Corporation. Appropriated \$3,490.00 from the first year's maintenance cost, that have been paid by the developer to cover the remaining 6 months of the fiscal year, into the Landscape Maintenance Operating Account No. 482-4747-402.

CC 11. RESOLUTION NO. 11-04

Adopted **Resolution No. 11-04**, approving the City of Lancaster 2011 Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan.

CC 12. RESOLUTION NO. 11-05

Adopted **Resolution No. 11-05**, encouraging physical activity and good nutrition to improve the overall health of employees and residents and to become a Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) City.

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JPH 1. DISPOSITION STRATEGY FOR PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY THE LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD FORECLOSURE HOMEOWNERSHIP PRESERVATION PROGRAM IN THE TREND NEIGHBORHOOD

Mayor/Chairman Parris opened the Joint Public Hearing. It was the consensus of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency to waive the presentation regarding this matter.

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

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Crist, the Redevelopment Agency adopted **Resolution No. 01-11**, of the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, Lancaster, California, approving a disposition strategy for the sale of single-family residences acquired under the Neighborhood Foreclosure Home Preservation Program in the Trend Neighborhood, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Crist, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11-03**, of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, approving a disposition strategy for the sale of single-family residences acquired under the Neighborhood Foreclosure Home Preservation Program in the Trend Neighborhood, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

NB 1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13, ADDRESSING SCAVENGING FROM COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL TRASH

The Housing Director presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the Council on this matter:

Gary Burgess – stated that he supports the ordinance; it is important to have the Sheriff's Department enforce this to assist Code Enforcement; consider how this will be brought to the attention of the people violating this ordinance; surprised that there are not other people here to speak in support this ordinance.

David Paul – concerned about how the enforcement of this ordinance will take place; it will not be cost effective for Waste Management to enforce this. He knows people who gather the recyclables from the different trash receptacles for extra money.

Council Member Marquez thanked the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission and Sandra Pursley for pursuing this issue; this is a very good ordinance and it will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens. There are many ways to make a living without going through trash for recyclables.

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**NB 1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 13, ADDRESSING SCAVENGING FROM COMMERCIAL AND
RESIDENTIAL TRASH (continued)**

Council Member Crist inquired about the possibility of using decals on all the trash receptacles.

Sandra Pursley, representing Waste Management stated that there are a variety of methods that can be used such as - outreach in newsletters; stickers stating no scavenging allowed; create a pilot program with stickers in a few of the neighborhoods and see if this works; customers are concerned about their safety and the appearance of their neighborhoods; Waste Management will take a look at this and see what can be done.

Council Member Mann suggested that this would be a good opportunity for the Neighborhood Watch Leaders to get involved and to help spread the word as well.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 960**, amending Title 13, Public Services, of the Lancaster Municipal Code, addressing scavenging from commercial and residential trash and replacing Chapter 13.16, Refuse Collection and Disposal, in its entirety, by the following vote: 4-1-0-0; AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith; NOES: Parris; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**CA 1. DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR, AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF, CITY
COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mayor Parris stated that at the next meeting the City Council will consider the nominations and appointments to the various commissions. He requested that all Commission Chairmen talk to their commissions and find out if they want to stay with the level of commitment that is required, find out who would like a break. If there are any that would like a break they are certainly welcome to come back a year from now for consideration on a commission. This is also an opportunity for people who want to get on the commissions to put in an application. Additionally, the City is starting the Human Relations Commission and the Senior Commission, so there is a lot of opportunity for people to get involved in their City

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CA 2. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR NAMING PLAZA IN FRONT OF CITY HALL IN HONOR OF MAYOR EMERITUS BISHOP HENRY HEARNS, RECOGNIZING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND ESPECIALLY HIS LEADERSHIP IN ESTABLISHING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE.

Mayor Parris stated that there has been some discussion about naming the plaza in front of City Hall after Mayor Emeritus Bishop Henry Hearns, recognizing his contributions to the City of Lancaster and especially his leadership in establishing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Mayor Parris stated that he is a proponent of this and has been a proponent of Bishop Hearns for many years. He does not know anyone who has been so selfless in his service to the City; sometimes working two jobs, plus being a Council Member and Mayor of this City. He has shepherded the City through some extremely difficult times; extremely adversarial times and he cannot think of anyone who is more worthy of this honor.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Andy Visokey – stated that he supports this action; thinks this is a fantastic idea; echoes the comments made by Mayor Parris; he has had the privilege of working with Bishop Hearns for ten years; he has had a tremendous impact on so many lives in this community.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved naming the Plaza in front of City Hall after Mayor Emeritus Bishop Henry Hearns, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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No action required at this time.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager announced the following:

- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will take place on Saturday, January 15, 2011.
- The recent storm of snow, wind and rain was handled exceptionally by the Public Works Department. They worked long hours to make sure the roads were kept open and safe and he applauds their hard work.
- Many proposals are being discussed regarding State budget cuts; staff will be considering all the proposals and the impacts they will have on the City.
- The New Subaru Dealership will hold its grand opening in the Lancaster Auto Mall on January 18, 2011. This dealership would not exist without Redevelopment funds – another example of how important these funds are to all cities.

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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:

Lyle Talbot – stated that he had concerns regarding the future Palmdale Power Plant; he is concerned about the health of the people of Lancaster and the Antelope Valley.

Cesar Almerex – stated that he is a long time resident; congratulated the Mayor and Council for being visionaries for many of the projects that are going on; inquired as to how Elm Street became Ehrlich Avenue; encouraged the City Council to consider Frisbee Golf at the parks, it is inexpensive and very enjoyable.

Mayor Parris explained that Elm Avenue and Ehrlich Avenue are the same – it is a dual designation and that if it wasn't for Mr. Scott Ehrlich, the BLVD would not exist as it is today.

David Paul – discussed the tragedy in Tucson, Arizona; this has made him reflect on his life and he encouraged everyone to tell their families and loved ones that they love them every day because one never knows.

Sue Dell – Thanked the City Council for everything they have done; suggested a sign on the BLVD to direct people to City Hall, it would be very helpful.

Mayor Parris requested that staff look into directional signage for City Hall.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Council Member Crist stated that the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is conducting extra enforcement on the 14 and all the way to Mojave; please drive cautiously and be careful out there.

Council Member Marquez stated that Governor Brown has threatened to demolish redevelopment agency funds and it is criminal that he would try to balance the State budget on the backs of cities. She also commented on the selfish and senseless act in Tucson, Arizona, it breaks her heart and she is very saddened by the death of 9 year old Christina Taylor Green who died as a result of this senseless incident.

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RECESS Mayor Parris recessed the City Council meeting at 6:10 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Closed Session regarding the following matter:

CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
Mongols Nation Motorcycle Club v. City of Lancaster, et al
Case No. BC439791

RECONVENE Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney stated that City Council met in closed session regarding the aforementioned matter and gave direction to legal counsel concerning the handling of this case. No other reportable action was taken.

Mayor Parris requested a video be shown regarding the celebration of a new year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. in memory of Velma Louise Patterson, mother-in-law of Frank Visco. She passed away on January 5, 2011; survived by three daughters; several grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; she was loved by so many and will be missed.

Mayor Parris stated that the next meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority would take place on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Mann, Marquez, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Parris

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Council Member: Crist

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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