

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the special meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Staff

Members: City Manager/Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency Counsel (via telephone); Assistant City Clerk/Agency Secretary; Finance Director; Economic Development/Redevelopment Director; Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director;

**ITEM 1 TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES FROM THE
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The City Manager/Executive Director, the Finance Director and the City Attorney/Agency Counsel presented the issues and facts regarding this matter. The presentation included a brief description of the debt needed for the existence of redevelopment agencies and the revenue and jobs generated from projects from redevelopment; the Governor of the State of California wants to completely eliminate redevelopment agencies; California Redevelopment Association (CRA) will be working to get the message out regarding the purpose and contributions of redevelopment agencies; Governor's proposal allows for the payment of existing debt under existing terms and "surplus" revenue would go to the State; proposed transfer of properties avoids having these properties as part of an asset pool that generates revenue or goes to the State if liquidated; as a Charter City, Lancaster can still undertake economic development; second proposed item for Council/Agency approval gives City Manager/Executive Director, working with City Attorney/Agency Counsel, the authority to take interim actions if needed in an urgent manner to protect Agency revenue and assets.

Addressing the City Council at this time:

David Abber – concerned about a rush to judgment, suggested auditing Redevelopment to ensure no assets are missed in this decision.

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Council Discussion:

Mayor/Chairman Parris is concerned with solely giving authority to staff regarding future actions, prefers elected official such as the Mayor or Vice Mayor be included in these discussions with ratification by full City Council for any decisions made; concerned with placing blame, believes this can cause ineffectiveness; creative solutions are needed to improve the City/Agency's position; wants to make redevelopment the main priority for the next year and wants staff to figure out ways to fund the City.

Council Member/Agency Director Mann stated becoming a Charter City started the corrective action needed.

Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith stated the City needs to determine where it is going to go and discuss creative items that will benefit the organization now that it is a Charter City.

Council Member/Agency Director Marquez thanked staff for their past creativity and hard work; she stated she is unsure as to whether the citizens of the City and the State understand how bad Sacramento's actions are towards cities; made analogy of Sacramento as a diseased organ that stands to infect the rest of the state.

The City Manager/Executive Director stated the attachment to the Resolutions needed to be amended; 13 projects listed on the attachment need to be removed.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Mann, the Redevelopment Agency adopted **Resolution No. 02-11** (as amended) 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 Marquez, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11-06** (as amended) 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/Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Council Member/Agency Director Crist, the City Council gave the City Manager/Executive Director in consultation with the City Attorney/Agency Counsel and the Mayor or Vice Mayor in the Mayor's absence to take all actions necessary to protect the Agency's and City's revenues by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and stated that the next meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency would take place on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

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
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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 Special Meeting 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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