

**LANCASTER
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES
September 13, 2011**

Due to a Law Enforcement emergency, this meeting was delayed.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crist called the regular meeting of the Redevelopment Agency to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Agency Directors: Mann; Szeto; Vice Chairman Smith; Chairman Crist

Absent: Agency Director: Marquez

Staff

Members: Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director; Agency Counsel; Assistant to the City Manager; Agency Secretary; Planning Director; Public Works Director; Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Crist

RM 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Agency Director Mann and seconded by Vice Chairman Smith, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting minutes of August 23, 2011, by the following vote: 3-0-1-1; AYES: Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Szeto; ABSENT: Marquez

RNB. 1 AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TAX INCREMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND THE LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Economic Development Director presented the staff report regarding this matter.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Mann, the Redevelopment Agency approved the agreement to transfer tax increment by and between the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and adopted **Resolution No. 17-11**, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a Remittance Agreement to transfer tax increment by and between the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Szeto, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marquez

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

AGENCY COMMENTS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m. and announced that the next meeting of the Redevelopment Agency will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

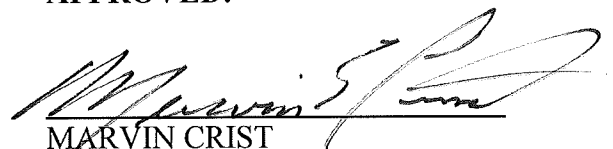
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of September, 2011, by the following vote:

- AYES: Agency Directors: Mann, Szeto, Vice Chairman Smith, Chairman Crist
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

ATTEST:


GERI K. BRYAN, CMC
AGENCY SECRETARY
Lancaster, CA

APPROVED:


MARVIN CRIST
CHAIRMAN
Lancaster, CA

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Redevelopment Agency 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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LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/FINANCING/HOUSING/POWER AUTHORITY
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September 13, 2011

Due to a Law Enforcement emergency, this meeting was delayed.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Power/Financing Authority to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members/Authority Members: Crist, Mann, Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith; Mayor/Chairman Parris

ABSENT: Council Member/Authority Member: Marquez

Staff

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

INVOCATION

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Authority Member Crist

PRESENTATIONS

The scheduled presentations were postponed until a later date.

- Commendation to Beulah Meyers
- Jacob Hefter Foundation Presentation
- Recognition of Paul Finley, City employee
- Squadron 418 at Edwards Air Force Base celebrating 20 years of C-17 flight testing

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PA NB 1. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CRITICAL PATH TRANSMISSION, LLC

The Deputy Executive Director presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the Power Authority on this matter:
Michael Rives – opposed to this action.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Authority Member Crist, the Lancaster Power Authority approved a Development Agreement with Critical Path Transmission, LLC (Critical Path), to work cooperatively to construct an electric transmission line in the Antelope Valley, in northern Los Angeles County, and southern Kern County and authorized the Executive Director to execute all documents, and to make any non-substantive changes necessary to complete the transaction, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marquez

PA NB 2. REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PITTSBURG POWER COMPANY (PPC)

It was the consensus of the Power Authority to waive the presentation on this matter.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Authority Member Mann, the Lancaster Power Authority approved a Reimbursement Agreement with Pittsburg Power Company (PPC), to work cooperatively to construct an electric transmission line in the Antelope Valley, in northern Los Angeles County, and southern Kern County and authorized the Executive Director to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Council Member/Authority Member Crist and seconded by Vice Chairman Smith, the City Council approved the City Council/Financing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of August 23, 2011, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marquez

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Addressing the City Council on the Consent Calendar:
David Grajeda – opposed to action on Item No. CC 16

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

Approved the Check and Wire Registers for August 8, 2011 through August 27, 2011 in the amount of \$4,527,688.00.

CC 3. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS

Accepted and approved the July 31, 2011, Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 4. INTERIOR STREET TREES FOR MAINTENANCE

Accepted the interior street trees for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 54370-01 Phase 2, Lots 23-41, located at the southwest corner of Hemlock Avenue and 71st Street West, Owner: KB HOME Coastal, Inc.

CC 5. COMPLETED WATER SYSTEMS

Approved the completed water systems installed by the developer of Conditional Use Permit No. 07-08, located on the northeast corner of Fig Avenue and Milling Street, Owner: Lean Mean Fighting Machine, LP.

CC 6. APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS

Approved the additional appropriation of \$1,329.00 in Grant Funds from the California Integrated Waste Management Board Beverage Container Grant to Revenue Account No. 330-3304-100 and Expense Account No. 330-4755-101.

CC 7. APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS

Approved the additional appropriation of \$1,583.00 in Grant Funds from the Cycle 15 California Integrated Waste Management Board Used Oil Grant to Revenue Account No. 331-3306-778 and corresponding Expense Account No. 331-4755-101; approved the appropriation of \$34,000.00 in Grant Funds from the OPP1 California Integrated Waste Management Board Used Oil Grant to Expense Account No. 331-4755-101 and \$6,438.00 to Expense Account No. 331-4755-779 and approved the appropriation of \$5,938.00 in Grant Funds from the OPP1A California Integrated Waste Management Board Used Oil Grant to Expense Account No. 331-4755-780.

CC 8. RESOLUTION NO. 11-66

Adopted **Resolution No. 11-66**, approving the application for Grant Funds from the solid waste disposal site cleanup trust fund; and if selected, approving the execution of a standard agreement and any amendments thereto; and any related documents necessary to participate in the Public Entity Illegal Disposal Site Grant Program within the City of Lancaster. Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any documents necessary to receive such funds and to take other actions as needed to facilitate the proposed CalRecycle for Public Entity Illegal Disposal Site Grant Program in its entirety.

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CC 9. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Approved a cooperative agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the construction of road improvements on the jurisdictionally shared area of Avenue N from 45th Street West to 1,800 feet east of 30th Street West; approved the use of \$636,000.00 from Capital Improvements Budget Account Number 206-12ST023-924 for the City's share of the work, concurred with the County's finding that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

CC 10. PWCP NO. 10-011

A. Awarded **Public Works Construction Project No. 10-011, State Route 14 and Avenue I Interchange Improvements**, to Security Paving Company of Sun Valley, California, in the amount of \$7,433,736.93 plus a 10% contingency, for the construction of a new bridge structure over Avenue I for southbound traffic and associated widening of Avenue I and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder per California Public Contract Code Section 22038 (b).

B. Amended the budget as shown below:

101-15BR001924 \$5,500,000

101-11EV001924 (\$1,500,000)

101-15BA007924 (\$4,000,000)

C. Approved an increase in the Professional Services Agreement contract with Willdan of Anaheim, California, for Public Works Construction Project No. 10-011, State Route 14 and Avenue I Interchange Improvements, for requested design changes and construction design services, in the amount of \$190,000.00, for a total revised contract amount of \$1,594,821.00. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

CC 11. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Approved a Professional Services Agreement with Caltrop Corporation of Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$1,141,870.87, with a 5% contingency, for Construction Management Services and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. The consultant selection process was conducted in accordance with Government Codes 4526 & 53060.

CC 12. PWCP NO. 10-011

Approved the Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the State of California for **Public Works Construction Project No. 10-011, State Route 14 and Avenue I Interchange Improvements** and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

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CC 13. PWCP NO. 10-002

Awarded **Public Works Construction Project No. 10-002, Avenue M Drainage Improvements, 30th Street West to 32nd Street West**, to H & H General Contractors, Inc., of Highland, California, in the amount of \$936,631.00 plus a 10% contingency, for storm drain pipe and basin installation to protect downstream streets, homes and an elementary school from seasonal flooding and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder per California Public Contract Code Section 22038 (b).

CC 14. PWCP NO. 10-010

Awarded **Public Works Construction Project No. 10-010, Avenue I and 20th Street East Drainage Improvements**, to Cal Fran Engineering, Inc., of Simi Valley, California, in the amount of \$1,556,193.50 plus a 15% contingency, for storm drain pipe and basin installation to protect streets and homes from seasonal flooding and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder per California Public Contract Code Section 22038 (b).

CC 15. APPROPRIATION OF JAG GRANT

Appropriated the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$105,168.00 to Expense Account No. 399-4820-354 and \$105,168.00 to Revenue Account No. 399-3308-200.

CC 16. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES DELEGATE/ALTERNATE

Approved Mayor Parris as the voting delegate and Vice Mayor Smith as the voting alternate to represent the City at the League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting, Friday, September 23, 2011.

NB. 1 AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TAX INCREMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND THE LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Economic Development Director presented the staff report on this matter.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – opposed to this action.

On a motion by Council Member Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the agreement to transfer tax increment by and between the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and adopted **Resolution No. 11-67**, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Remittance Agreement to transfer tax increment by and between the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marquez

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NB 2. DOWNTOWN ROUNDABOUT AND PARKING MANAGEMENT

The City Manager and the Public Works Director presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Adam Chant – discussed several different scenarios regarding roundabouts; in favor of the proposed roundabout.

Michael Rives – opposed to this action.

Roxie Patterson – was not in favor of roundabouts but after hearing the presentation and seeing the video, likes the idea. Presentation should be placed on the City's website; YouTube, etc. to educate others. People just need to feel more comfortable about this idea, they need to be educated.

Steve Kinsey – loves what has been done with the downtown; putting this anchor in (the roundabout) is an excellent idea; it is the front door to the BLVD.

David Grajeda – cautiously in favor of roundabouts; concerned about parking.

David Abber – opposed to this action.

Council Member Crist stated that he likes the idea of placing the information on the City's website and on the television station. Stated that he is still skeptical but he has listened to the professionals and feels that people will learn to understand this; it will be better and safer for community.

Council Member Mann stated that the most important aspect of this is safety; placing this information on the City's website is a good idea.

Council Member Crist stated that he did attend the meeting of the BLVD Association and the businesses seem to be in favor of this project and staff has done a tremendous job educating the public.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Capital Improvements Project for the Downtown Roundabout Project (15ST030), to design and construct a roundabout at the intersection of Lancaster Boulevard and 10th Street West, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marquez

Action regarding the Downtown Parking Strategy Plan will be presented at the City Council meeting on September 27, 2011.

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CA 1. CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER MARQUEZ AND DECLARE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

Mayor Parris stated that Council Member Marquez has decided to resign from her position on the City Council due to the illness of her parents. It will not be the same without her; he has grown to rely on her; she is going to be missed but certainly understands the situation she is in.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council accepted the resignation of Council Member Marquez and declared a vacancy on the City Council, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marquez

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – citizens should have an opportunity to submit applications for the vacant seat or the City should have a special election.

Elizabeth Helm – concerned that there is not enough diversity on the City Council; this is an opportunity for the Council to become more diverse.

Gary Burgess – stated that he appreciates the service of Council Member Marquez; she showed a focus and commitment to the citizens and to this city.

David Grajeda – inquired as to who would be appointed; supports having Michael Rives appointed to the Council.

David Abber – agrees with Ms. Helm's ideas regarding diversity on the Council. Whether an appointment is made or a special election takes place, he is willing to serve.

Mayor Parris stated that as he understands it, the City cannot have a special election.

The Deputy City Attorney stated that the current municipal code provides that the exclusive method for filling a vacancy is appointment by the Mayor and approval by the City Council.

Mayor Parris stated that is what will be done at the next meeting. If anyone seriously wants to be considered and is qualified, please contact the Council Members and he will consider anyone that the Council passes on to him. As far as appointing someone of color/diversity, he feels he is probably one of the most well-read people on Scott Page's Functional Diversity and the effect it has on government decisions and he is a big believer in this. There are more people of color in local government in Lancaster today than in any time in history. This perception that people of color are not welcome or invited to take part in the leadership of this City is simply wrong. It's being perpetuated by people who have their own agenda or people who cannot count. That being said, he plans to look at this as one of the factors involved. Whoever fills this seat will be exceptionally qualified.

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CA 1. CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER MARQUEZ AND DECLARE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT (continued)

Mayor Parris stated that it is too important of a seat to give to friends; it is too important of a seat to give for political reasons and although he has not decided yet, he does have one person in mind; it depends on what she says and depends on who else is put forward for him to consider.

CA 2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

David Grajeda – opposed to this action.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council appointed Council Member Mann to the AVTA and the AVAQMD by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Crist, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Marquez

Mayor Parris stated that after the appointment to the City Council he will decide on who shall be the liaison to the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission.

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 the August 25, 2011, regular meeting, the Board of Directors considered the following agenda items:

- The Board adopted an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfer as payment for District fees and charges. The ordinance had been introduced at the July 28, 2011, meeting. The Districts would charge a “convenience” fee which would not exceed the cost of providing the service causing the Districts to be cost-neutral. This would allow customers to pay fees with credit cards, etc. for everything except what is charged on a property tax bill.
- The Board approved and ordered executed an agreement in the form of a joint resolution with the County of Los Angeles, Lancaster Cemetery District, Antelope Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District, Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, and Palm Ranch Irrigation District approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from annexation no. 412. This is a 1.3 acre parcel southwest of Avenue M and 50th Street West.
- Board and staff discussed the possibility of not meeting every month if items coming before the Board could reasonably and responsibly be delayed. The Board adjourned to September 29, 2011 at Lancaster City Hall. If there is no meaningful action to be taken, the meeting will be cancelled.

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CR 2. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Council Member Crist presented the following information:

- The Board opened a public hearing period to consider local fixed bus route changes. AVTA staff estimate the service modifications will result in annualized cost savings of approximately \$246,000. Staff propose the following changes on routes within Lancaster:
- Route 1 – Add express bus service which will serve the UAV and four other transfer points. This service will operate two buses one in each direction (north and south) and will serve the UAV in 45 minute frequencies.
- Route 8 – Discontinue due to minimal ridership and service duplication. This route only serves approximately 5 passengers per vehicle service hour; 15 to 20 passengers per hour is the norm. The Route 12 currently shadows most of the Route 8 and the Route 1 Express will serve the UAV.
- The Board authorized the executive director to execute a sole source contract with Moore & Associates for on-call marketing and communications assistance through June 30, 2012. The cost for on-call marketing and communications services assistance is estimated to be approximately \$30,000. The AVTA's Public Information Officer/Marketing Manager position is currently vacant. An increase in public communications was recently necessitated by a pending work stoppage by Veolia Transportation's unionized coach operators. Due to the urgency of the situation, the Executive Director requested that Moore & Associates assist in the public communications process.
- With the two Lancaster Board members recusing themselves, the Board voted to support the staff recommendation to deny the request for defense and indemnification from the City of Lancaster for a claim filed by Randy Floyd with the City of Lancaster.

LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

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CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Manager stated that the Celebrate America event which took place this past Saturday is one of the best events the City has had. These types of events do not happen easily or without a lot of planning. Staff begins the planning months ahead of time; making sure there is security; making sure the vendors are there; making sure the insurance is in place. When it comes to the day of the event, staff is out the night before for parking; early in the morning for set up and continue to be there when it is time to tear everything down, sometimes until midnight or later. In addition to this, they must look at things they cannot control such as the weather. Staff was checking weather.com every five minutes; considering the safety of the citizens; trying to determine when to evacuate or when to continue. He is always proud and it's an honor to work with this staff, they continue to display their commitment very well.

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:

Darleen Peterson – stated that she enjoyed the Celebrate America event very much; talked with several people who were playing the pianos on the BLVD and it was a success. Stated that she has heard that the Cedar Street Theater is going to be torn down and she hopes this is just a very bad rumor.

Mayor Parris stated that there are great plans to restore and preserve the theater; it is total nonsense that it will be torn down. It will be magnificent; it will all be taken care of; discussed the issue regarding asbestos.

Mike Burdett – concerns regarding the motorcycle sculpture in the Romulus – it is a safety hazard. Roundabouts are a good idea but concerned about the edges around the gas station and the furniture store; focus must be on safety.

David Paul – stated that loving a country is like loving your children; we want the best for them; best future; the event on the BLVD was magnificent; very inspiring. Discussed a lifelong friend in the military who has sacrificed so much; it is important to work together; dig deep and find a way to work together.

Gary Robison – discussed prayer at meetings; voice of majority is being silenced by the whispers of the minority. Military is fighting for our freedom; thanked the City for the Celebrate America event, it was fantastic.

Mark Pierson – concerned with crime prevention and problems with unemployment in the Antelope Valley; encouraged everyone to support neighborhood watch.

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

Prince Bryant – concerned about the BLVD closing without notice and skateboarding on the streets.

Mayor Parris stated that the City is on top of the issue regarding skateboarding; there needs to be a balance; not opposed to them doing this at certain times of the day; children should be able to have use of the BLVD; he has asked the skateboard store to try and police this so that they are not interfering with pedestrian traffic; when pedestrian traffic rises, they need to stop. The deputies are working on this to get compliance; making sure no one is in danger.

The City Manager encouraged Mr. Bryant to get involved in the BLVD Association, of which he is already a member; the events are discussed well in advance; attend the meetings of the Association; staff is at every meeting to make sure everyone knows what is going on.

David Grajeda – discussed possible conflicts of interest regarding the Mayor.

Mayor Parris stated that people may find Mr. Grajeda amusing however people need to know, he stalks members of staff and City Council; gets up close to officials; these people are dangerous; dangerous to democracy; no one should have to put up with this; no one should have to pay for security because of mentally unstable people. He has been told that Mr. Grajeda is dangerous; something needs to be done so that everyone who is elected to sit on this dais can do so with some level of security. Mayor Parris related a past event, the opening of the theater and the disruptiveness of Mr. Grajeda. Mr. Grajeda told law enforcement that he was at the event to get even with Vice Mayor Smith for throwing him out of a meeting. Mayor Parris advised the public that when they laugh at this guy, to remember, he is a convicted felon and dangerous to the members of this Council. The last time the City had problems with Mr. Grajeda, he was taking pictures of the deputy's children and posting them on YouTube. He likes to come into City Hall and film the women who work here, starting at their breasts and working up to their faces and putting that on YouTube. Mayor Parris stated that he hopes this is the last time he will comment on this but if the public is wondering what is going on here, it is not funny at all. Every public official in America today, who serves, sits in those seats under the threat of these whack jobs.

David Abber – discussed the constitution and the oath taken by everyone in office.

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COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Council Member Crist stated that on September 11, 2011 there was a tribute to all the fallen heroes in the valley and on October 2, 2011 there will be a Fallen Heroes Ride that starts at Harley Davidson and supports the Sheriff's; CHP; County Firefighters; Correctional Officers and the Forest Service. If anyone is interested in participating in this, it begins at 10 a.m.

Council Member Crist stated that Council Member Marquez is a great person; great to learn from; she did a lot of good things for this community and she will be missed. She is a great American; he is sad to see her go; he learned a lot from her; thanked her for what she has done for this community.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that Council Member Marquez is a very close friend of his; glad that she ran for Council. She brought to this Council a common sense approach; she's very intelligent; loves the City; she will be tremendously missed.

Council Member Mann stated that it is sad and unfortunate that Council Member Marquez has to make a choice in regards to the position she is in and his heart goes out to her and her family.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor/Chairman Parris adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m. stated that the next meeting of the City Council would take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of Sept., 2011, by the following vote:


AYES: Council/Authority Members: Crist, Mann, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Parris

NOES: None


ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:


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

APPROVED:


R. REX PARRIS
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN
Lancaster, CA

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CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL/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/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)
