

**LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 24, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Szeto called the regular meeting of the Lancaster Housing Authority to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Authority Members: Crist, Harvey, Mann, Chair Szeto

**EXCUSED:** On a motion by Chair Szeto and seconded by Authority Member Mann, the Housing Authority excused Vice Chairman Smith from the meeting, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; **AYES:** Crist, Harvey, Mann, Szeto; **NOES:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None; **ABSENT:** Smith

**Staff**

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

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Paul Dennis, Faith Bible Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Johnson

**HM 1. MINUTES**

On a motion by Authority Member Mann and seconded by Authority Member Crist, the Housing Authority approved the Housing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of March 27, 2012, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; **AYES:** Crist, Harvey, Mann, Szeto; **NOES:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None; **ABSENT:** Smith

**HA CC 1. RESOLUTION NO. HA 04-12**

On a motion by Authority Member Harvey and seconded by Authority Member Mann, the Housing Authority adopted **Resolution No. HA 04-12**, adopting the Bylaws for the Lancaster Housing Authority; by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; **AYES:** Crist, Harvey, Mann, Szeto; **NOES:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None; **ABSENT:** Smith

Resolution No. HA 04-12, defines and directs the organization's internal structure, policies and procedures.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Szeto adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and stated that the next regular meeting would take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, by the following vote:


AYES: Authority Members: Crist, Harvey, Smith, Chair Szeto

NOES: None


ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Authority Member: Mann

**ATTEST:**

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

**APPROVED:**

  
KITY SZETO  
CHAIR  
Lancaster, CA

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES  
LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Housing 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)

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**LANCASTER**  
**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The City Clerk called the regular meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:00 p.m. and stated that Mayor Parris and Vice Mayor Smith were absent. Therefore, it would be necessary for the Council Members/Authority Members who were present to select a Mayor Pro-Tem/Presiding Officer for this meeting.

On a motion by Council Member/Authority Member Mann and seconded by Council Member/Authority Member Johnson, the City Council appointed Council Member/Authority Member Crist to be the Mayor Pro-Tem/Presiding Officer for this meeting, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Crist, Johnson, Mann; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Council Members/Authority Members: Crist, Johnson, Mann

**EXCUSED:** On a motion by Council Member/Authority Member Mann and seconded by Council Member/Authority Member Johnson, the City Council excused Mayor Parris and Vice Mayor Smith from the meeting by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

**Staff**

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

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Council Member/Authority Member Johnson

**ELECTION PRESENTATION**

**1) OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE APRIL 10, 2012 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

The City Clerk presented Resolution No. 12-17 to the Lancaster City Council which declared the results of the City's General Municipal Election which was held on April 10, 2012.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – stated his concerns regarding the security of the vote by mail ballots; the election process; his concerns regarding one of the candidates possibly being employed by the City; praised the Public Works Department for their graffiti removal efforts.

The City Manager stated that the election was run exceptionally well; ballots are locked up every night, they are in public view during the day for precisely that reason, so that the public can see them. There is never a time when people cannot see them; there is never a time when less than two people are watching over them. Employees have to be sworn in to enter the Clerk's Department; in every way the ballots are secure and at the same time, transparent for the public to see what is happening; votes are counted the night of the election, not before. Additionally, in regards to Mr. Rives's comments about Mr. Isaac Grajeda's employment – he does not work for the City. He is employed with the Cedar Arts Academy and does promotions for them.

The City Clerk stated that the ballots are locked up every night in a fireproof vault; brought out each day in trays for viewing by the public; ballots are very, very secure.

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist stated that he has observed that there is no way to get to the vote by mail ballots and just because they are visible does not mean they are not secure.

On a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Crist and seconded by Council Member/Authority Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 12-17**, reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law regarding the election of Mayor and two Council Members, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

Election Code Section 10262 and 10264 requires the City Clerk to declare to the legislative body the results of the General Municipal Election. The City Clerk published the Notice of Election, which was given in time, form and manner as prescribed by law. The voting precincts were properly established, and election officers appointed. In all respects, the election was held and conducted, votes were cast, received and canvassed, and returns made and declared in time, form and manner as required by the provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California.

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**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCIL**

At this time, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to Council Member Elect Sandra Johnson and Council Member Re-Elect Ken Mann.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1) Recognition of Miss Lancaster Sydney Roth

Presenter: Mayor Pro-Tem Crist

2) Presentation of California Redevelopment Association Award

The Economic Development Director presented the City Council with the 2012 CRA Award of Excellence for community revitalization regarding the BLVD transformation project. Under the Council's leadership over the years, the City has received many awards; however, this particular award is special for a few reasons. The main reason – for community revitalization, which gives recognition to the downtown project which did more than revitalize the downtown; it actually helped to revitalize the entire community. Additionally, the City is very proud of this recognition of the BLVD project because of how it has united this community. It has united the public and the private sectors, the BLVD Association and it has also united City departments. No other project has had more participative involvement with every single department in the City.

**RECESS** Mayor Pro-Tem Crist requested a brief recess at 5:24 p.m. for a brief reception for the newly elected Council Members.

**RECONVENE** Mayor Pro-Tem Crist reconvened the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED**

The City Manager requested that Item No. CC 2 on the Consent Calendar be moved to the meeting of May 8, 2012 and it was the consensus of the City Council to move this item to that meeting.

**M 1. MINUTES**

On a motion by Council Member/Authority Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member/Authority Member Mann, the City Council/Authority approved the City Council/Financing/Power Authority Regular Meeting minutes of March 27, 2012, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist requested that Item No. CC 13 be pulled for separate discussion and requested a report on this matter. See Item No. CC 13 for discussion.

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Addressing the City Council on the Consent Calendar:

Michael Rives – discussed his concerns regarding Item No. CC 4, the General Services agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Lancaster – opposed to this action. Feels it should be postponed until after the annual conference with the County so that questions can be asked regarding specific areas. Mr. Rives was also opposed to the action on Item No. CC 8 - committing the City to provide local match funds, if selected for award, for three competitive grant applications under the Bicycle Transportation Account. He stated that due to the economy, this should be delayed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist stated that the City may not want to spend \$300,000 but they would like to import \$3 million into the economy and the City is willing to spend \$300,000 to do that. If \$3 million is spent for the bike lanes, this is a very good thing for the City and this Council is going to be very pro-active in this regard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. CC 2, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

**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**

Check and Wire Registers for March 11, 2012 through April 7, 2012 in the amount of \$5,039,737.60. (This item was continued to May 8, 2012)

At each regular City Council Meeting, the City Council is presented with the financial claims (invoices) against the City for purchase of materials, supplies, services, and capital projects for checks and wires issued the prior two to three weeks. This process provides the City Council the opportunity to review the expenses of the City. The justifying backup for each expenditure is available in the Finance Department.

**CC 3. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS**

Accepted and approved the February, 2012, Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

Each month, the Finance Department prepares a report listing the investments for all the separate entities under jurisdiction of the City as identified in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. These component units include: the City of Lancaster, the former Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, and the Lancaster Housing Authority.

**CC 4. GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF LANCASTER**

Renewed the General Services Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Lancaster for a period of five years.

Services provided under the GSA primarily consist of miscellaneous services which cities and other public entities request from the County on an "as needed" basis. They include such functions as predatory animal control, prosecution of city ordinances, direct assessment collection, and a variety of public works activities. In addition, ongoing and specific services, such as law enforcement, public health code enforcement, and animal care and control, are provided by the responsible County departments through Specific Service Agreements. Specific Service Agreements between Lancaster and the County of Los Angeles are not affected by renewal of this GSA.

**CC 5. ACCEPTANCE OF INTERIOR STREET TREES FOR MAINTENANCE**

Accepted the interior street trees for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 54370 Phase 1, Lots 3-5, 31-46, 57-60, located on the northwest corner of Avenue L-8 and 70<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: Richmond American Homes.

The interior street trees have been installed by the developer according to the approved plans and specifications. The work has been inspected and found to be satisfactory to the Director of Public Works.

**CC 6. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE**

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 54370 Phase 1, Lots 3-5, 31-46, 57-60, located on the northwest corner of Avenue L-8 and 70<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: Richmond American Homes.

The streets have been constructed and completed by the developer according to the approved plans and specifications. The work has been inspected and found to be satisfactory to the Director of Public Works.

**CC 7. PWCP NO. 11-011**

Accepted the work constructed by C. A. Rasmussen, Inc. for **Public Works Construction Project No. 11-011, 2011 Pavement Management Program**, and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project has been disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

Construction of the project has been completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works. The project was substantially completed on January 5, 2012, which was within the time permitted in the contract. The construction quantities and the amount of payment have been approved by the Contractor and the Director of Public Works.

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**CC 8. RESOLUTION NO. 12-18**

Adopted **Resolution No. 12-18**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, committing the City to provide local match funds, if selected for award, for three competitive grant applications under the Bicycle Transportation Account.

On April 27, 2012, staff will submit three project applications to be considered by the State of California Transportation Department (Caltrans) for approximately \$3,000,000.00 in grant funds under the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). The BTA provides state funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. Caltrans requires all applicant agencies under this program commit by resolution the agency to provide a minimum ten percent (10%) local fund match if a project is selected for award.

**CC 9. RESOLUTION NO. 12-19**

Adopted **Resolution No. 12-19**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, accepting the offer of dedication of an easement on Avenue J-4 between 37<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Streets East, and declaring the public necessity therefore.

The City is permitted, by law, to accept irrevocable offers of dedication. The subject easement will be used for future street improvements once the resolution of acceptance is filed with Los Angeles County.

**CC 10. REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Approved the reimbursement agreement with Lancaster School District for construction of street improvements on 17<sup>th</sup> Street East between Lancaster Boulevard and the Discovery Elementary School site.

Lancaster School District has completed construction of Discovery Elementary School on 17<sup>th</sup> Street East and Kettering Street. A portion of 17<sup>th</sup> Street East, between Lancaster Boulevard and the school's southerly boundary was unimproved. City and District staff worked together to acquire the necessary rights-of-way and coordinate the completion of the street improvements by the District's contractor.



**CC 11. ACCEPTANCE OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING SUBDIVISION UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT**

Approved and accepted an amendment to the existing Subdivision Undertaking Agreement, extending the date of completion to April 24, 2014, submitted by Beazer Homes Holdings Corporation (“Subdivider”) for Tract Map No. 060241, located on the southwest corner of Jackman Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Street West.

On March 23, 2010, the City and Subdivider entered into a Subdivision Undertaking Agreement to complete the required improvements for Tract Map No. 060241. The agreement expired March 23, 2012. On March 15, 2012, the City Engineer received a letter from the Subdivider requesting an extension.

**CC 12. ACCEPTANCE OF SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AND LIEN AGREEMENT**

Approved and accepted the Subdivision Improvement and Lien Agreement submitted by Michael D. Bradley (“Developer”) in place of the Subdivision Undertaking Agreement and securities previously submitted for Parcel Map No. 25489, located approximately 185 feet north of Avenue L-4 and east of 25<sup>th</sup> Street West.

On November 12, 2002, in connection with the approval and recordation of Parcel Map No. 25489, the City and Developer entered into a Subdivision Undertaking Agreement regarding the completion of the required public improvements. To date, none of the required improvements have been completed and the property could be reverted to acreage. To prevent this, the Developer has requested that the City enter into a new undertaking agreement and accept a lien on the property as substitution of security to complete the required improvements.

**CC 13. ORDINANCE NO. 977**

The Purchasing Agent presented the background on this matter. This ordinance will support local businesses and local owners by requiring that contractors and direct subcontractors on public works contracts hire 50% of the workforce from local residents or show a good faith effort to do so. The City will assist with outreach to achieve those goals; staff has drafted an implementation plan and a procedures policy which will update the bid language to accommodate the ordinance and also provide a framework for staff and contractors.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – stated that he believes in local hiring, however this ordinance creates another layer of bureaucracy and a panel should be appointed to oversee the contracts.

Council Member Johnson requested clarification regarding the review process which demonstrates that the City is hiring locally and if there will be a survey of some type for the City to use for follow up.

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**CC 13. ORDINANCE NO. 977 (continued)**

The Purchasing Agent stated that the City is governed by the public contract code, which states that when using public funds, a certain process is to be followed. The program will be monitored, a form will be required to be submitted with the bid package in which the contractor will attest that they have met the 50% goal or made a good faith effort. They will be required to specify exactly what steps they took to meet this goal. There needs to be a balance on how far one can go to meet that goal, so this ordinance provides an opportunity for the City to meet these types of goals while remaining within the legal mandates. Staff will look at putting a reporting document together; the way the program is designed, staff will be monitoring the contractors regarding their records showing employees; hours worked; proof of residency.

Council Member Mann requested clarification from the Deputy City Attorney regarding the process the City is allowed to follow. Sometimes people get up to speak and they think there are certain things the City can and cannot do and a legal opinion is very important.

The Deputy City Attorney stated that the public contract code requires that public contracts be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. Not sure how a committee would be crafted to fit procedurally in the award of contracts to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. Contracts will still be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder as those bids have been adjusted, based on the local hiring preference ordinance.

Council Member Crist stated that there is a review process. The City Manager sits down with Council and goes over the different contracts and the different bid packages; they are reviewed to see where improvements can be made.

Adopted **Ordinance No. 977**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, adding Chapter 3.36 to the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to local hiring preferences in Public Works Contracts.

The ordinance will require contractors who are awarded public works contracts to make a good faith effort to employ qualified individuals who are residents of the Antelope Valley. The contractors will do so with the assistance of local employment agencies, hiring halls, and other local organizations with the goal that 50% of the workforce is comprised of Antelope Valley residents. This provision would not apply to contracts when the funding would be jeopardized because of this hiring preference.

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**PH 1. FACILITY RENTAL AND ADMISSION FEES FOR THE LANCASTER MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY**

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist opened the Public Hearing. The Parks, Recreation and Arts Director presented the staff report on this matter.

Council Member Johnson requested clarification on how someone would go about renting the facility for an event.

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Director stated that people should contact the Parks, Recreation and Arts Department. This department handles the rentals of all facilities within the City's inventory. They will be given a tour and insurance will be calculated on a case by case basis as well as security deposits.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – opposed to the fee structure for the museum.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Pro-Tem Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 12-20**, amending Resolution No. 05-233 by adding facility rental and admission fees for the Lancaster Museum of Art and History, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

The new Lancaster Museum of Art and History (MOAH) facility will open to the public on Saturday, May 5, 2012. The new facility has exceptional space for meetings and special events that will greatly enhance the City of Lancaster's facility rental options. The first floor main gallery, first floor classroom, second floor gallery, third floor Lantern room with terrace, and the entire MOAH facility will be made available as rentals.

**NB 1. SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM DESTINATION LANCASTER HOTELS TO THE BLVD**

The Management Analyst presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Council Member Johnson requested clarification on where the service would be offered.

The Management Analyst stated that the pickups would be at each of the eight hotels: Springhill Suites by Marriott; Comfort Inn Suites; Holiday Inn Express; Oxford Inn Suites; Homewood Suites by Hilton; Hampton Inn & Suites. There will be two stops downtown – one near the Chase Parking lot on Fern, heading south and the other one will be on Date, next to the backside of the library, heading north. It will also travel to Townhouse Motel and loop back.

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**NB 1. SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM DESTINATION LANCASTER HOTELS TO THE BLVD (continued)**

Council Member Mann stated that this was a good use of Prop A funds, since there is a limitation on how that money can be used.

Council Member Johnson thanked AV Airport Express for joining the City in this endeavor for the community. It will be nice to actually have a tour of the City; this is exciting and should be very interesting. Providing transportation from the hotels to the community is going to provide not just a nice way to see what the community has to offer but it is also a safe way for people to visit this community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist requested clarification on the process for how the City found the AV Airport Express.

The Management Analyst stated that staff first started working with AVTA. At the time, they did not have buses available to provide this type of service. The City went through the RFP process and AVTA responded as well as AV Airport Express. Out of this process, AV Airport Express was selected. In the meantime, AVTA discontinued their dial-a-ride vans, so vans were available. Staff discussed this endeavor with AVTA and it turned out that the costs to run those vans would be substantial. It would have been double to what AV Airport Express was offering. Due diligence has been done to bring the City to this point.

Addressing the City Council regarding this matter:

Michael Rives – in favor of this endeavor; a good turning point for transportation in this area.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council appropriated \$30,000.00 of Proposition A funding to Account No. 207-4714-271 for a Demonstration BLVD Shuttle Project and authorized staff to sign a contract with Antelope Valley Airport Express to provide this service, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

The City would like to demonstrate the effect of offering a complimentary shuttle service from Destination Lancaster hotels to the BLVD. This program is yet another creative effort to entice visitors to the area, expand Lancaster's tax base and bolster local business.

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**CA 1. DISCUSSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL POSITION NOMINATIONS**

On behalf of Mayor Parris, Mayor Pro-Tem Crist encouraged citizens to submit their applications for the Planning Commission. He stated that the Council position nominations would be continued to the meeting of May 8, 2012.

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

This item was continued to the meeting of May 8, 2012.

**LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY**

No action required at this time.

**LANCASTER POWER AUTHORITY**

No action required at this time.

**LANCASTER SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

No action required at this time.

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Manager stated that much has been going on and he would like a few of his staff members to make presentations. In terms of the election, he thanked the community, the volunteers, and the precinct workers for their hard work. One of the things about conducting a local election is that it has a community feel to it. People tend to think a local election is somewhat different in terms of the requirements. The only difference is - it is local, more transparent and the people doing it are the people that are seen every day and they truly care about it. Stated that he is proud of staff, for the work they did and thanked the City Clerk Department for leading the effort, it was a well run election.

The City Manager stated that in terms of the museum, the City is exceptionally excited for the museum opening and introduced four of the museum Board Members. They are busily working on many things including a private event co-hosted by Mayor Parris and the Foundation and the Grand Opening on May 5, 2012. People will be astounded at how beautiful and how much this is going to add to the community.

The Public Works Director gave a brief overview of the Oil and E-Waste Roundup that the City conducted and discussed graffiti removal. He is very pleased that this City Council articulates and enforces the public behavior, order and standard that discourages graffiti activity. The City is very aggressive about removing graffiti and prosecuting vandals. On April 15, 2012, a person tagged the BLVD in 72 areas, an estimated \$35,000 in damages. Within 3 hours, staff jumped on this and removed all graffiti. They did an exceptional job and thanked them for their hard work. He also thanked the Sheriff's Department who, within 2 days, arrested the suspected perpetrator.

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The Public Works Director stated that the City held a very successful electronic waste and used oil event on April 14-15, 2012. Many people participated; the City was praised for their efforts. All efforts were paid for by Cal Recycle Grants. 386 vehicles came out to deliver electronic waste. The City collected over 31,000 pounds of e-waste. 138 people brought out 1,490 gallons of used oil. Staff handed out used oil changing kits. The City will receive just over \$1,200 from the State for the used oil and over \$7,000 for the e-waste.

The Housing Director discussed the Amnesty Used Tire Event that the City held, provided by the Cal Recycle Grant. People from all over the Antelope Valley could bring their used tires and this helps to prevent people from dumping tires in the desert. Along with the grant was a Tire Pick Up in which officers go out and pick up tires throughout the Antelope Valley at designated areas that are targeted for dumping. The City has been very successful at deterring and trying to eliminate a problem that occurred in the valley years ago. Encouraged citizens to call Code Enforcement about the different dates for this event which usually takes place in April.

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Director stated that the Poppy Festival was a wonderful success with the support of the entire City. There were over 48,000 in attendance during the two day event; over 400 vendors, live entertainment shows and thanked all the various departments that help to make this event such a success. Thanked the maintenance teams both in Public Works and the Parks Department in working so hard to keep the park beautiful.

The City Council expressed their appreciation for the Poppy Festival event which brought the community together and gave people a chance to just enjoy family and everything around them; it is a great representation of Lancaster.

The City Manager stated that they always talk to staff about being calm, confident and adaptable and he is very proud of this staff. There are hundreds of problems that take place but this staff, every minute over the course of the two days of the Poppy Festival, handled these issues, rolled with the punches and they always have the public in mind. He stated that it is truly a pleasure to work with such great people.

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist requested an update on the LEAPS Program.

The City Manager stated that LEAPS, which is more commonly known as Eye in the Sky, is coming along. It is on budget, on schedule, all equipment has been bought and all integration has been done. The installation of the equipment at the Sheriff's Department and on the plane is progressing nicely and they will be doing communication and visual tests very soon. The very end of May or the beginning of June has been targeted for service. Once they are to the point where tests have been completed, there will be public events and press conferences. Through the fortitude of the Council, it took a lot to have this approved. The Lancaster Sheriff's station probably has more to deal with than any other city in California, with the release of prisoners and parolees. This will give Lancaster's law enforcement a tool that no other city in California will have.

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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:

Michael Rives – encouraged the City Council to work with Palmdale on transportation, airport and convention activities. Encouraged the City to consider shuttle service from the Palmdale mall to Lancaster destination stops.

Council Member Mann stated that AVTA already provides bus service from the Palmdale mall to Lancaster as part of the public transportation service. It is not feasible monetarily to use a small shuttle back and forth and AVTA is always there.

Gary Burgess – congratulated Council Members Johnson and Mann for their recent election; encouraged the City to consider allowing the entire Council meeting once again to be aired and not censor the public participation portion; opposed to parking meters on the BLVD; opposed to kiosks on the BLVD except for special events; encouraged staff to rethink the no parking signs during the Farmer's Market, as the signs detract from the beauty of the BLVD.

Tom Miller – Owner/Operator of the AV Airport Express – thanked the City Council for the opportunity to serve the community as the shuttle service; wants to see it succeed beyond the pilot program.

**COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS**

Council Member Johnson praised the Public Works Department for all their hard work with the graffiti removal; praised the Sheriff's Department for their quick action regarding this matter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist commended Council Members Johnson and Mann for running a clean campaign with no hit mailers; no derogatory remarks were made. He also stated that the reason Mayor Parris was not in attendance was due to the fact that he recently underwent surgery and he is recovering nicely.

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist stated that the Union at the AVTA gave the contractor (Violia) notice, effective Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. that their contractor, their collective bargaining agreement is no longer valid. Anyone who is making plans locally or commuting should have some type of backup plan in place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist stated that the City was able to get the PBR Bull riding for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks program, the PBR Rodeo. He also stated that the AVAQMD, for the first time, reported that Lancaster had no unhealthy air days with PM 2.5.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Crist adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and stated that the next regular meeting would take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012, by the following vote:

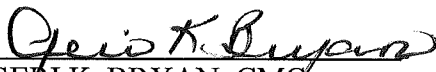
AYES: Council Members: Crist, Johnson, Mann

NOES: None


ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor Smith

ABSENT: Mayor Parris

**ATTEST:**

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

**APPROVED:**

  
R. REX PARRIS  
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN  
Lancaster, CA

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power 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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