

LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
June 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Szeto called the regular meeting of the Lancaster Housing Authority to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Authority Members: Crist, Harvey, Mann, Vice Chair Smith, Chair Szeto

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; Associate Planner/Environmental; Public Works Director; Parks, Recreation & Arts Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Pastor Michael X. Richardson, Faith Chapel North, Church of God in Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Smith

HM 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Authority Member Crist and seconded by Authority Member Mann, the Housing Authority approved the Housing Authority Regular Meeting minutes of May 22, 2012, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Harvey, Mann, Smith, Szeto; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Szeto adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and stated that the next regular meeting would take place on Tuesday, June 26, 2012.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2012 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:


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

APPROVED:


KITTY 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)

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

Mayor/Chair Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members/Authority Members: Crist, Johnson, Mann, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Smith, Mayor/Chair Parris

ABSENT: None

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; Associate Planner/Environmental; Public Works Director; Parks, Recreation & Arts Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Pastor Michael X. Richardson, Faith Chapel North, Church of God in Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Smith

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of the 2011/2012 Youth Commission. The Youth Commissioners acted in an advisory capacity to the City Council on community issues; contributed to the organization and implementation of the Youth in Government Program; collaborated with Youth Commissioners to nominate and recognize outstanding students with the Teen Spotlight awards; stayed informed about the progress and development of community teen activities and programs, including social service events. The outgoing Commission Members were: Anthony Barros; Cameron Epps-Lee; Luis Haro; Joshua Kay; Kaycee Pickett; Reana Rodio; Tristan Wilkins

Recognition of Dr. Mark Marshall, Superintendent, Eastside Union School District. Additionally, Mayor Parris and Dr. Marshall recognized several parents on completion of the 9-week Parent University Leadership Mentoring Institute, a 9-week workshop with High Desert Alliance of Black School Educators and Eastside School District. The recipients were: Amanda Kennan; April Addison; Dorothy Amie; LaTonya Bailey; Silvana Barnett; Susan Davis; Terrie Flynn; Addie Mitchell; Dorothy Paige; Willie Wimbrey

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

The City Manager requested that Item No. CC 3 be continued to the meeting of June 26, 2012.

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M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Smith and seconded by Council Member/Authority Member Crist, the City Council/Authority approved the City Council/Financing/Power Authority Regular Meeting minutes of May 22, 2012, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Crist, Johnson, Mann, Smith; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Parris; ABSENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Addressing the City Council on the Consent Calendar:

Michael Rives – stated his concerns regarding the investment portfolio for the City. Stated his concerns regarding the annual assessments for drainage, lighting and landscape; feels these are tax increases and it should be delayed for one year.

On a motion by Council Member Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item No. CC 3, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Johnson, Mann, 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.)

CC 2. WARRANT REGISTER

Approved the Check and Wire Registers for May 6, 2012 through May 26, 2012 in the amount of \$5,388,009.24.

CC 3. Supplemental Check and Wire Registers for May 6, 2012 through May 26, 2012 in the amount of \$7,920.00. *This item was continued to the meeting of June 26, 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 4. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS

Accepted and approved the April, 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.

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CC 5. RESOLUTION NO. 12-24

Adopted **Resolution No. 12-24**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, adopting a Youth Employment Plan for IB 1107, Amargosa Creek Rest Area, Grant No. 58E9-10-2245, funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

The proposed project consists of improvements to the Amargosa Creek Pathway access point at Avenue H-8. The project shall include the construction of a rest area with landscaping, benches, trash receptacles, and a drinking fountain. The project requires the employment of at-risk youth. Accordingly, the project contractor shall employ local youth (ages 14-24) in conformance with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's requirements.

CC 6. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PBID) LEVY IN THE BLVD ASSOCIATION BOUNDARY

A. Adopted **Resolution No. 12-25**, declaring the intention to continue a Parking and Business Improvement District (PBID) also known as the Downtown Lancaster Business Improvement Area, and set a public hearing to consider the continuation of the District.

B. Approved the District's FY 2011-2012 Administrative Report and Financial Statements.

In order to permit The BLVD Association to continue making valuable contributions to our downtown, the City Council is required to re-levy the assessment for the existing Parking and Business Improvement District each fiscal year per California Streets and Highways Code Section 36500 et. seq. This action and adoption of the Resolution declare the intention to consider the continuation of the District at a public hearing to be held on June 26, 2012.

Funds generated by this assessment are used by The BLVD Association for the benefit of its member businesses, which also serve as the source of the fees. These funds help to promote the downtown area in a variety of ways, including joint marketing efforts; training opportunities for businesses; and hosting BLVD Association special events. In short, re-levying this assessment will provide the Association with the funding it needs to continue its own programs and support other BLVD events in an ongoing effort to enhance the downtown area and strengthen its many businesses. One hundred percent of the fees collected via this assessment go directly to The BLVD Association; the City merely collects the funds on the Association's behalf and disburses them to the Association.

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CC 7. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 11-012, DOWNTOWN ALLEY WATERLINE, FERN AVENUE TO EHRlich AVENUE

- A. Approved Change Orders No. 1 through 4 and increased the total amount of the contract with Tejon Constructors, Inc. of Palmdale, California, for **Public Works Construction Project No. 11-012, Downtown Alley Waterline, Fern Avenue to Ehrlich Avenue**, by \$16,222.30, for a total revised contract amount of \$224,771.30, plus a 15% contingency. The scope of work for Change Orders No. 1 through 4 includes revisions necessary after final plan approval by Los Angeles County Water Works and the Los Angeles County Fire Department and associated cost for Contractor insurance renewal due to delay awaiting plan approval.
- B. Accepted the work constructed by Tejon Constructors, Inc. for **Public Works Construction Project No. 11-012, Downtown Alley Waterline, Fern Avenue to Ehrlich Avenue**, 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 April 6, 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.

CC 8. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

- A. Adopted **Resolution No. 12-26**, generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and ordering the Utility Services Manager to prepare and file a report for Lancaster Drainage Benefit Assessment District.
- B. Adopted **Resolution No. 12-27**, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, fixing the time and place for public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessment as July 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within Lancaster Drainage Benefit Assessment District.

The City Council previously formed the Lancaster Drainage Benefit Assessment District, including establishment of separate zones, and submitted the proposition to the eligible voters in each respective zone. The majority of voters approved the formation of the District, the separate zones, and the levying of the assessment. The first year's assessment was paid by the developers of the property. Each year, thereafter, the City Council, after public notice and hearing, may determine and impose an annual assessment.

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**CC 8. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT
(continued)**

Each lot or parcel within the District that was annexed prior to Fiscal Year 2005-2006, as indicated on the diagram, will be assessed a unit assessment of \$50.00 per equivalent drainage unit (EDU) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The unit assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 remains the same as Fiscal Year 2004-2005, except for those parcels that were annexed during Fiscal Year 2005-2006 or subsequent fiscal years, which will be assessed at a rate reflective of an annual index increase consistent with the consumer price index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Counties. Last year's rate was \$61.09. For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 annexations, the rate of assessment will be \$62.37 per assessment unit, including the established CPI adjustment of 2.1% ($\$61.09 + (\$61.09 \times .021) = \$62.37$).

CC 9. LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

- A. Adopted **Resolution No. 12-28**, generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and ordering the Utility Services Manager to prepare and file a report for Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District, pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California
- B. Adopted **Resolution No. 12-29**, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, fixing time and place for public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessment as July 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District, pursuant to Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

The Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District was formed, including subsequent annexations thereto, for the purpose of financing maintenance operations and installation of public lighting facilities, including but not limited to street lights, traffic signals, public parking lot lights, and highway safety lights (public lighting facilities) (as defined in § 22525 of the California Code) within the City of Lancaster, and assessing those properties which benefit from this service their proportionate share of the cost. Each year the City Council must, by law, order the preparation of an Engineer's Report describing the existing and proposed maintenance services, and conduct a public hearing to establish and order the amount of assessment for the next fiscal year.

Last year's rate was \$89.17. For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the rate of assessment will be \$91.04 per lighting unit, including the established CPI adjustment of 2.1% ($\$89.17 + (\$89.17 \times 0.021) = \$91.04$), except for those parcels within the zones that voted "no" as shown on "Exhibit C", which will remain at \$45.00 per lighting unit.

CC 10. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

- A. Adopted **Resolution No. 12-30**, generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and ordering the Utility Services Manager to prepare and file a report for Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California
- B. Adopted **Resolution No. 12-31**, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, fixing time and place for public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessment as July 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, pursuant to Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

The Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 and the Fox Field Industrial Corridor Landscape Maintenance District were formed, including subsequent annexations thereto, for the purpose of providing maintenance services to landscaping and appurtenant improvements for various developments within the City and assessing those properties which benefit from this service. Each year the City Council must, by law, order the preparation of an Engineer's Report describing the existing and proposed maintenance services, and conduct a public hearing to establish and order the amount of assessment for the next fiscal year.

Each lot or parcel within the District that was annexed prior to Fiscal Year 2005-2006, as indicated on the diagram, will be assessed a unit assessment of \$80.00 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The unit assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is the same as Fiscal Year 2004-2005, except for those parcels that were annexed beginning Fiscal Year 2005-2006, which will be assessed at a rate reflective of an annual index increase consistent with the consumer price index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Counties. Last year's rate was \$97.74 per benefit unit. For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the rate of assessment will be \$99.79 per benefit unit, including the established CPI adjustment of 2.1% ($\$97.74 + (\$97.74 \times 0.021) = \$99.79$). Last year's rate for the Fox Field Industrial Corridor Landscape Maintenance District was \$0.3245 per benefit unit. For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the rate of assessment will be \$0.33 per benefit unit, including the established CPI adjustment of 2.1% ($\$0.3245 + (\$0.3245 \times 0.021) = \$0.33$).

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CC 11. RESOLUTION NO. 12-32

Adopted **Resolution No. 12-32**, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to make the application to Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the Winter Shelter Program (WSP) funds and to execute a standard agreement, any amendments, and/or related documents to receive such funds and to take other actions necessary to facilitate the proposed; and, appropriate an estimated \$73,225.00 for the WSP to Account No. 261- 4542-770 to fund the program.

The LAHSA is a joint powers authority created by the City and County of Los Angeles for the purpose of planning, coordinating and managing resources for homeless programs. The purpose of the WSP is to provide homeless individuals and families with temporary emergency shelter and entry into the system of services and housing known as the "continuum of care".

The WSP was established to address the basic shelter and service needs of homeless persons during the period in which Los Angeles County usually experiences its most inclement weather. The WSP will operate from November 1, 2012 to approximately March 15, 2013.

PH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012/13 BUDGET

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing. The City Manager and the Finance Director presented the staff report regarding this matter. The presentation included information regarding: current economic conditions and how the City has responded; the priorities of financial stability; public safety; new business ventures; maintenance service levels; new facilities; the proposed budget summary; the proposed general fund; capital improvement program with project highlights; new on-going revenue streams; replenishing reserves; increasing partnerships; no fee increases; reviewed the bikeway and trail projects.

Council Member Crist discussed the budget review process; discussed the roundabout proposed for Lancaster Boulevard and 10th Street West and inquired as to the process to discuss this project and possibly have it removed from the budget.

The City Manager stated that Council may discuss and give direction to staff during this process.

It was the consensus of the City Council to delete the roundabout from the budget at this time; research and find creative ways to use the grant money.

Council Member Mann asked if some of that money could be used to complete the final block of the BLVD.

Council Member Crist commended the City Manager and staff for the excellent job on the budget; difficult decisions need to be made; there have been no layoffs; city employees have been protected.

Housing Chair Szeto thanked City staff for all their hard work on the budget.

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PH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012/13 BUDGET (continued)

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – stated that the country is in debt; the state is in debt; things are not looking up; there is a financial collapse of the system; the department heads should hold a public meeting with the citizens to review the budget; discuss the partnerships; everyone will be out on Lancaster Blvd with their tin cups because of financial ruin.

Council Member Crist stated that staff has a job to do and it's the job of the City Council to represent the people, not the staff. He again encouraged Mr. Rives to call him any time with his concerns.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

It was the consensus of the City Council to receive the report; public testimony and direct staff to schedule budget adoption for June 26, 2012.

The City is required to adopt a budget by July 1 of each year that establishes appropriations and estimated revenues for the coming fiscal year. The proposed budget is a culmination of many months of work by the City Council and staff in reviewing priorities and evaluating programs to meet those priorities.

PH 2. LANCASTER SEWER SYSTEM

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing. The Public Works Director presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – stated that when he heard that the City would be taking over the sewer issues from the County, there would be increases. He is pleased to see that is not true and there are no increases.

Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 12-33**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, levying Lancaster Sewer System Service Charges for maintenance and servicing of the Lancaster Sewer System for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Johnson, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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PH 2. LANCASTER SEWER SYSTEM (continued)

On December 12, 2006, City Council adopted Resolution No. 06-245, requesting withdrawal from the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District. On April 24, 2007, City Council introduced Ordinance No. 876, adopting Chapter 13.09 of the Municipal Code establishing a sewer service charge and also adopted Resolution No. 07-89, fixing the time and place for a public hearing relative to the collection of a sewer service charge beginning in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. On May 8, 2007, Council adopted Ordinance No. 876. On June 26, 2007, after a public hearing, Council adopted Resolution No. 07-124, ordering and levying an operations charge and a replacement charge in the Lancaster Sewer System for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and approved the maximum sewer service charge. The City began operations and maintenance, of the sewer collection system on July 1, 2008, as directed by City Council.

The proposed sewer service charge is \$78.00 per sewage unit and will not be increased for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

CNB 1. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Parris requested the following appointments: Crist and Mann to the AVAQMD; Crist and Mann to the AVTA; Mann (as alternate) to Sanitation District #14; Mann and Crist (as alternate) to the NCTC; Smith to the High Desert Corridor (JPA) and requesting that applications be placed on the website for an alternate to the JPA; Smith to SCAG; Crist (as alternate) to the League of California Cities (Desert Mountain Division); Crist (as alternate) to the League of California Cities (Los Angeles County Division); Crist (as alternate) to the RAB; Mann to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the appointments by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Johnson, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

As part of the reorganization of the City Council, there are legislative bodies that require by statute or by agreement (i.e. JPA) appointments to committees and/or organizations by the Council.

NB 1. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COOL CENTER PROGRAM

Brenda Gamlowski presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – discussed past summers in regards to the heat; City Hall is the coolest building in town; consider using City Hall as a cool center; open up the Emergency Operations Center and allow people in there. The senior citizens should be allowed to use this room.

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**NB 1. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COOL CENTER PROGRAM
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Council Member Johnson stated that it is important to help people who cannot afford the cooling expenses of home, but it is also important to offer activities. MOAH is amazing and there are so many things to do there, such as reading, crafts, arts, being entertained; the EOC is not set up to offer anything to people; they will be served so much better at MOAH.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council approved appropriations for Southern California Edison Cool Center program in the amount of \$7,300.00 for FY 2011-12 to Expense Account No. 349-4660-770 and \$7,300.00 for FY2011-12 to Revenue Account No. 349-3303-100, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Crist, Johnson, Mann, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in D08-11-031, authorized the operation of Cool Centers that will provide low income, seniors and disabled Customers in hot climates, an air-conditioned facility where they can gather during SCE's peak summer months (in lieu of running their own cooling devices at their home) and increase awareness about energy efficiency practices through education. Through a competitive selection process, the City of Lancaster has been chosen for the second year in a row by Southern California Edison as a Cool Center location for 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 he had an opportunity to visit the Dog Park at Hull Park and it truly is an enjoyable experience. He encouraged citizens to bring their dogs to Hull Park and enjoy this amazing place.

Mayor Parris stated that on his recent bike ride he got up close and personal with two pit bulls and requested the City Manager contact Animal Control and remind them that pit bulls are Public Enemy No. 1.

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CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

The City Manager commended Brenda Gamlowski and Chenin Dow for their hard work on the tourism bureau and their work with the local hotels. Each hotel now has information on the “B-line” which goes to different areas of the City and Lancaster BLVD. Each hotel also has a list of menus and places of interest in the City.

Council requested this information be made available to local businesses; place the information on the City’s website and the tourism website as 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:

Joe Camacho – encouraged the City Council to oppose Senate Bill 956; Assembly Bill 1447 and Assembly Bill 1534. These bills deny people who do not have perfect credit from purchasing vehicles. The impact will be huge to used car dealers; Camacho Auto Sales helps people get on their feet; find their independence; these bills will severely limit the business of used auto dealers.

Larry Grooms – discussed the same Senate and Assembly Bills; encouraged Council to oppose the bills; please protect the freedom to drive; there is a potential for job losses; losses on the General Fund budget for the City; there will be a huge drop in sales tax; results will be disastrous.

Mayor Parris requested this matter be placed on the next City Council Agenda.

Maria Paesino – stated her concerns regarding the health risks involved with alternative energy; its effect on health and the land; concerns regarding the high mortality rate; contamination; weapons testing.

Mayor Parris discussed the numerous projects using solar panels; the goals of the City to become the Alternative Energy Capital of the World; he and the Council have not seen any studies to indicate that solar is dangerous; he is extremely proud of the work that has gone into the numerous projects.

Michael Rives – concerns regarding chain link fencing in many neighborhoods; there should be ordinances in place regarding chain link fencing; it is an eyesore and makes neighborhoods look like slums.

Mayor Parris encouraged Mr. Rives to share his concerns with the Architectural/Design Planning Commission.

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COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

None

RECESS

Mayor Parris recessed the meeting at 6:34 p.m. for the purposes of conducting a Closed Session meeting regarding the following matters:

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - Labor Negotiator, City Manager; Employee Organization, Teamsters Local 911
2. Conference with Legal Counsel—Initiation of Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(c))
 - (One Case)

Conference with Legal Counsel--Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

3. The Community Action League v. City of Lancaster - United States District Court Case No. 11-CV-4817-ODW-VBK
4. Save Our Neighborhood Group v. City of Lancaster, et al. Los Angeles Superior court Case No. BS 121501
5. CSCNAACP v. City of Lancaster, California Case Number: 09-11-0954-8
6. Mongols Nation Motorcycle Club v. City of Lancaster, et al. Case No. BC439791
7. Miracle Star Women's Recovering Community, Inc. et al. v. City of Lancaster, et al. LASC Case No. MC 020079
8. Antelope Valley Allied Arts Association et al v. Lancaster et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC45017
9. Rubin v. Lancaster - United States District Court Case No. CV 10-4046 DSF (JCx)

10. ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES

Included Actions:

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC325201;

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.
Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Case No. S-1500-CV-254-348

Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water Dist.,
Superior Court of California County of Riverside, consolidated actions;
Case Nos. RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668

Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV 049053

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RECONVENE

Vice Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney stated that the City Council met in Closed Session regarding the aforementioned matters and gave direction to legal counsel regarding matters under Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) pertaining to Case No. 11-CV-4817-ODW-VBK; Case No. 09-11-0954-8; Case No. BC 45017; Case No. CV 10-4046 DSF (JCx); Government Code Section 54956.9 (c).

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and stated that the next regular meeting would take place on Tuesday, June 26, 2012.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Crist, Johnson, Mann, Vice Mayor Smith

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Parris

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
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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/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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