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**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hearn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) Board Room.

Mayor Ledford called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Lancaster Council Members: Jeffra, Smith, Visokey, Vice Mayor Sileo, Mayor Hearn
Palmdale Council Members: Knight, Lackey, Hofbauer, Mayor Pro Tem Dispenza, Mayor Ledford

Absent: None

Lancaster City Manager, Assist. City Manager, City Attorney, City Staff Members: Clerk, Public Works Director, Parks, Recreation and Arts Director, Economic Development Director, Housing Director

Palmdale City Manager and staff were present.
Staff Members:

INVOCATION

Mayor Hearn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ledford

<p>NB 1. CRIME DISCUSSION</p>	<p>The Public Safety Manager of Palmdale gave a brief overview of the joint efforts of both cities in terms of public safety. The Palmdale Sheriff's Operation Lieutenant and the Lancaster Sheriff's Captain made brief statements regarding hiring practices; future of a Correctional Officers Academy.</p> <p>Council discussion included but was not limited to: prison issues; probation issues; graffiti laws; pooling of resources; importance of injunctions; coordinated efforts with the County of Los Angeles; challenging issues for both cities; engaging the public; stronger partnership with probation; teaching the youth of the Antelope Valley about prevention issues; residents need to become pro-active; work on issues as regional problems; stop driving the problems back and forth between the cities; collaborative efforts; concerns regarding people who loiter and break into vehicles at the transit facilities; restrictions placed on parolees and sex offenders; importance of having transparency of numbers; numbers must go down; direct contract with parolees upon release – both Mayors should consider taking this on.</p> <p>Addressing the Councils on this matter:</p> <p>Lou Peña; Ray Chavira; Anthony Topete; Jason Smith, David Lowe; David Abber; Joseph Yore; Gary Burgess.</p>
<p>NB 2. REGULATION OF GROUP HOMES AND PAROLEE HOUSING</p>	<p>The City Attorney for the City of Lancaster presented a brief background regarding this item.</p> <p>Council discussion included but was not limited to: restrictions of State laws; background of the ordinance adopted by Lancaster; referencing licensed vs. non-licensed group homes; problems exist throughout the State; importance of exploring possibilities for determining legal group homes; business license is an important tool to have in place; cities should look at homes that are not regulated by the State; Riverside and Ontario have made progress on the issue of parolees in group homes.</p> <p>Addressing the Councils on this matter:</p> <p>Kimberly Stiller; Stan Sorensen; David Abber; Joseph Yore; Jason Smith.</p>
<p>NB 3.</p>	<p>Council discussion included but was not limited to: Antelope Valley is the end of the</p>

HOMELESSNESS	<p>line for Metrolink; issues and problems in Los Angeles result in sending people to the Antelope Valley to seek shelter; homeless should not be dropped off in the Antelope Valley without connections with different organizations that can help them start a new life; many homeless do not want help – it is a lifestyle choice; people need to be accountable; must challenge the source of the problem.</p> <p>Addressing the Councils on this matter:</p> <p>Judy Cooperberg; Diane Grooms; David Abber; Joseph Yore.</p>
<p>NB 4. REGIONAL ISSUES REGARDING WATER AND WATER REUSE</p>	<p>The Director of Public Works for the City of Lancaster presented a brief overview regarding water issues in the Antelope Valley.</p> <p>Council discussion included but was not limited to: Lancaster and Palmdale are addressing water issues and concerns together; conservative measures are taking place; progress is being made; importance of strong leadership from both cities.</p> <p>Addressing the Councils on this matter:</p> <p>David Abber; Joseph Yore.</p>
<p>NB 5. PALMDALE REGIONAL AIRPORT & E-220; HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JPA</p>	<p>Council discussion included but was not limited to: Securing United Airlines as a carrier out of the Palmdale Airport with service to San Francisco; excellent land-use plan; concerned with details of the E-220 plan; working hard to advance the Antelope Valley Combined Highway Corridor plan to the Valley – working hard on this issue along with the City of Santa Clarita; need more transparency regarding the agenda on the matter of the E-220; Antelope Valley needs to know what is going on; concerned with the agendas that are proposing bypass alternatives without involving the stakeholders of the Antelope Valley; By-pass will have a negative effect on the Antelope Valley.</p> <p>Addressing the Councils on this matter:</p> <p>Joseph Yore; Larry Chimbole.</p> <p>Drew Mercy, Representative for Congressman McKeon, gave a brief overview of the High Desert Corridor issue.</p>
<p>NB 6. CAL-TRANS</p>	<p>Council discussion included but was not limited to: Concerns regarding action taken by Cal-Trans to disconnect the links to the signals, causing traffic delays and other</p>

<p>CONTROLLED TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND FIBER-OPTIC LINKS</p>	<p>issues; meetings have been scheduled to get signals back into the grid.</p>
<p>NB 7. PURSUIT OF CSU CAMPUS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY</p>	<p>Addressing the Councils on this matter:</p> <p>Joseph Yore.</p> <p>Council discussion included but was not limited to: Importance of bringing campus to the Antelope Valley; importance of both cities working together on this matter; direct staff to look into all possibilities; location is not as important as achieving the goal; many avenues can be explored; work together on different programs; need collaborative efforts; direct City Manager's to take this issue on; must make this dream a reality.</p>
<p>NB 8. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN THE CITIES</p>	<p>Addressing the Councils on this matter:</p> <p>Joseph Yore; James Shanbrom; Leticia Martinez.</p> <p>Council discussion included but was not limited to: Cities have been working together on many issues; cities need to get this information out to the Press; time for cities to take credit for their hard work; positive reinforcement is needed to assure the citizens of the Antelope Valley.</p>
<p>NB 9. OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERNS</p>	<p>Addressing the Councils on this matter:</p> <p>Dixie Eliopulos; Shari Martin; James Shanbrom; David Abber; Joseph Yore; Jon Collard (presented an Enterprise Zone Update).</p> <p>The Councils felt that the items discussed during this meeting covered many of the mutual concerns of both cities.</p>
<p>PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR NON-AGENDIZED</p>	<p>Addressing the Councils at this time:</p> <p>Nikki Brown – Child Abuse Prevention Programs. McKinley Kemp – Healthy Birth Initiatives and Partnerships for Families. Alex Santoyo – Los Angeles County Office of Education – Alternative Education. James Norris – Los Angeles County Office of Education – Alternative Education. David Abber – Expressed pleasure with progress from Palmdale. Joseph Yore – Stated that several water meetings were coming up in the future.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Mayor Hearn and Mayor Ledford adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m. Mayor Hearn announced the next regular meeting of the City Council would be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.</p>

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

GERI K. BRYAN, CMC
City Clerk
City of Lancaster

HENRY W. HEARNS
Mayor
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF LANCASTER)

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL**

I, _____, _____ of the City
of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original
City Council Minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this
_____ day of _____, _____.

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