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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
JULY 9, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist called the regular meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members/Agency Directors/Authority Members: Johnson, Mann, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist

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

ABSENT: Council Member/Authority Member Smith; Mayor/Chair 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; Utility Services Manager; Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Finance Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

No invocation was given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant Fire Chief, Gerald Cosey

PRESENTATION

2013 Lancaster Corporate Challenge, Fit To Draw contest award – Bailey Sulek and recognition of the Lancaster Wellness Committee.

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M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Council Member/Authority Member Mann and seconded by Council Member/Authority Member Johnson, the City Council/Agency/Authority approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority Regular Meeting minutes of June 25, 2013, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, 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

Approved the Check and Wire Registers for June 9, 2013 through June 22, 2013 in the amount of \$5,533,618.37.

CC 3. ACCEPTANCE OF STREET FOR MAINTENANCE

Approved the developer constructed street and accepted the street for maintenance by the City for Site Plan Review No. 08-08, located at 500 East Avenue K. Owner: Tiffany Ngo.

CC 4. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 61123, located on the southwest corner of 35th Street West and Avenue M-8. Owner: Pulte Home Corporation.

CC 5. REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Approved the Reimbursement Agreement to compensate Antelope Valley Conservancy (AVC), for preparation of a replacement plan for the mitigation of Amargosa Creek and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all necessary documents.

CC 6. VOTING DELEGATES FOR LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Appointed Mayor Parris as the Voting Delegate and Vice Mayor Crist as the Alternate Voting Delegate, in the event Mayor Parris is unable to serve in that capacity, for the League of California Cities 2013 Annual Conference scheduled for September 18-20, 2013 in Sacramento, California.

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CC 7. INFORMAL BID NO. 1301

Awarded **Informal Bid No. 1301, Joshua Elementary School Pedestrian Improvements**, to ANM Construction & Engineering of Lancaster, California, in the amount of \$135,923.00, plus a 10% contingency and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

CC 8. BID NO. 570-13

Awarded **City Bid No. 570-13 - Emulsified Asphalt Materials**, to VSS Emultech, for the implementation of the City's Pavement Preservation Program.

CC 9. BID NO. 568-13

Awarded **City Bid No. 568-13 - Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Screening Materials**, to Reclaimed Aggregates, Inc., for the implementation of the City's Pavement Preservation Program.

CC 10. RFP NO. 571-13

Awarded **Request for Proposal No. 571-13, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Master Plan**, to Ryan Snyder Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$205,000 and authorized the City Manager or his designee to sign all documents upon the execution of the grant funding agreement with Los Angeles County Department of Health.

CC 11. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH TO UTILIZE THE LANCASTER UNIVERSITY CENTER

a. Approved Lease Agreement with California State University, Long Beach to utilize the Lancaster University Center and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

b. Approve appropriations:

101-4633-301	Maintenance Srvs	\$19,000
101-4633-651	Phones	\$ 5,000
101-4633-652	Electricity	\$26,000
101-4633-655	Gas	\$ 5,000
101-4633-406	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 1,500
101-4633-402	Maint. Supplies	\$ 3,500
TOTAL		\$60,000

c. Increased estimated revenues in Account No. 101-3610-200 in the amount of \$90,000 for the monthly lease payment of \$7,500.

CC 12. RESOLUTION NO. 13-38

Adopted **Resolution No. 13-38**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, authorizing the renewal of the City's Insurance for the Property and Public Entity Liability Programs, and Membership in the County Supervisors Association of California Excess Insurance Authority Workers Compensation Program (CSAC) for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2013.

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PH 1. LANCASTER DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing. It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the presentation regarding this matter.

Hearing no further testimony, Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 13-34**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Drainage Benefit Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

PH 2. LANCASTER LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing. It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the presentation regarding this matter.

Hearing no further testimony, Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 13-35**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

PH 3. LANCASTER LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing. It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the presentation regarding this matter.

Hearing no further testimony, Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 13-36**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

PH 4. LANCASTER SEWER SYSTEM LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing. It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the presentation regarding this matter.

Hearing no further testimony, Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 13-37**, 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 2013-2014, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

NB 1. CITY BALLOT FOR PROPOSED DOWNTOWN LANCASTER PROPERTY-BASED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PBID)

It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the presentation regarding this matter.

On a motion by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved a “yes” vote to indicate the City of Lancaster’s support for enacting the proposed Downtown Lancaster Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) and authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute all related documents, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

NB 2. MEASURE R FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Utility Services Manager presented the staff report regarding this matter.

The City Manager commended Council Member Mann and Vice Mayor Crist for their work with North County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) and brokering an agreement such as this. He stated these funds are restricted and can only be used for SR 138. SR 14 is designated as a co-route with SR 138 through Lancaster. The funds can only be used for the freeway through Lancaster and cannot be used for other locations in the City. It is not often that a city would receive these types of funds without a requirement of matching funds and this has never happened for Lancaster, so this is a great opportunity for Lancaster.

Vice Mayor Crist stated that Council would like nothing better than to pave all the interior streets of Lancaster, but these funds are restricted for SR 138 and 14 only.

Addressing the City Council regarding this matter:

Lyle Talbot – discussed how state highway funds are spent; stated his concerns regarding safety in the rural areas of Pearblossom and Neenach.

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NB 2. MEASURE R FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (continued)

Council Member Mann explained there was a substantial amount of money that was separated from MTA and the portion Lancaster received was actually from three different buckets of money. The County is going to receive a substantial amount of money to work on the unincorporated areas of SR 138; the City of Palmdale will receive money for improvements as well. He understands Mr. Talbot's frustration but the money was divided up between three entities. He and Vice Mayor Crist are working on some additional funds that may be secured for the County to perform additional work on SR 138.

Vice Mayor Crist concurred and stated that he and Council Member Mann are working to secure additional funds to make sure rural areas are cleaned up and improved.

The City Manager stated the funds that were made available are because Supervisor Antonovich fought for other funding sources to be used on SR 138. There is a Transportation summit on July 10, 2013, 9 a.m. at Fire Station 129; a status of the different areas of SR 138 will be presented and encouraged Mr. Talbot to attend.

Council Member Johnson stated she understands Mr. Talbot's frustrations and a lot of energy will be put into the continuing efforts and improvements of SR 138.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council approved the Measure R Funding Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for design, project development, right-of-way, and construction of SR-138 (SR-14) - Avenue K Interchange and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

NB 3. MEASURE R FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the presentation regarding this matter.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council approved the Measure R Funding Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for design, project development, right-of-way, and construction of SR-138 (SR-14) - Avenue M Interchange and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith, Parris

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CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISTRICT NO. 14 OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY – JUNE 20, 2013 MEETING

The Sanitation District approved the warrants; departmental invoices; received a report on bids; discussed wastewater budget matters; held a presentation introducing amendments to the Master Service Charge Ordinance. Full report is available in the City Clerk Department.

Council Member Mann stated that the Sanitation District was able to remortgage bonds in the amount of \$107 million and the new interest rate is 1%. The savings will be approximately \$29 million to the Sanitation District. This essentially will save the District two years of payments on the bonds and the funds will be used to build the reserves back up.

LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

LANCASTER HOUSING 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 the City Council has put so much energy into the various agencies they are appointed to such as AVAQMD; Sanitation District; NCTC, there has been a marked difference in the benefits that are accruing for Lancaster. It is a lot of work and he's not sure the public truly sees or understands all the efforts behind the results; they are definitely making a difference.

The City Manager stated the 4th of July was a fantastic celebration; staff at both the Fair and the City worked great together in terms of traffic and controlling everything.

Tim Fuller, representing the Fair discussed the collaboration between the Fair staff and City staff; he looks forward to building on this experience; it was a wonderful event; a great way to celebrate America's independence.

Further discussion took place regarding the improvements to traffic control; the wonderful job everyone did, including everyone from the Sheriff's Department. The event itself was fantastic, including the bull riding, it was a great evening.

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CITY CLERK /AGENCY/AUTHORITY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council/Successor Agency regarding non-agendized items.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Maria Gutierrez – encouraged the City Council to consider having a Special Olympics event in the future.

David Paul – discussed game theories to resolve problems; importance of having people compromise and change their position on different matters.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Crist adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m. and stated that the next regular meeting would take place on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

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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