

**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
JULY 23, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members/Agency Directors/Authority Members: Mann, Smith, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist; Mayor/Chair Parris

EXCUSED: On a motion by Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Council Member/Authority Member Mann, the City Council excused Council Member/Authority Member Johnson from the meeting, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; **AYES:** Mann, Smith, Crist; **PARRIS NOES:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None; **ABSENT:** Johnson

ABSENT: Council Member/Authority Member Johnson

STAFF

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Robert Enos, Greater Works Christian Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist

PRESENTATION

Mayor Emeritus Henry Hearn introduced children from the National CARES Mentoring Movement and the Pen or Pencil Program – penorpencilmovement.org. This program mentors children with school work to improve their grades and to stay out of trouble. Twenty-two children will be taking part in a Memorial March in Washington D.C. marking the 50th anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. march in Washington D.C. Additionally, there will be a similar march in Lancaster on September 13, 2013. Three of the children were present to give their speeches on what the Mentoring Program/Pen or Pencil Program means to them.

It was the consensus of the City Council to receive the staff report regarding Item No. PH 1 at this time.

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PH 1. FORMATION OF THE DOWNTOWN LANCASTER PROPERTY-BASED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, APPROVAL OF THE ASSESSMENT FORMULA, AND LEVY OF THE ASSESSMENTS

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing. The Projects Manager presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – opposed to this action and feels this should be taken care of by the Chamber of Commerce.

Dixie Eliopulos – opposed to this action and had concerns regarding how the votes are weighted.

George Gill – in favor of this action; discussed inflation; tax increases.

Erica Allbee – in favor of this action; this is not a tax; this is a process for the owners of businesses on the BLVD; important to expand the budget; businesses do not mind paying for security; maintenance.

Steve Mallasch – opposed to this action; discussed lack of grant funds for façade improvements; discussed his perception of the zones.

Jill Cooper – in favor of this action; improvements are important to the business owners.

Myrle McLernon – in favor of this action; the funds remain within the boundaries and the property owners decide how the funds are used. Funds provide for safer streets, marketing and maintenance of the BLVD.

Brit Smith – opposed to this action; requested his property be exempted.

Maria Paesano – opposed to this action.

Further discussion took place by the City Council and staff regarding the zones; allowable exemptions.

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

RECESS Mayor Parris requested a brief recess at 5:38 p.m.

At this time, City staff tallied the ballots for this project.

RECONVENE Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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PH 1. FORMATION OF THE DOWNTOWN LANCASTER PROPERTY-BASED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, APPROVAL OF THE ASSESSMENT FORMULA, AND LEVY OF THE ASSESSMENTS (continued)

PBID Results by Percentage of Votes cast: In favor: 73.22%; Opposed: 26.78%.

Council Member Mann further clarified the PBID will assess property owners; it will utilize the resulting funds in areas of security, enhanced maintenance services; advertising, marketing, special events and the PBID will be governed by a Board of Directors representing the downtown business and property owners. It is not a tax upon the property owners.

On a motion by Council Member Smith and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 13-44**, establishing the Downtown Lancaster Property-Based Improvement District (PBID), approving the assessment formula and levying the assessments provided a majority of the votes cast in the Downtown Lancaster ballot process are in favor of formation of the PBID, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Johnson

CAL WATER PRESENTATION

Representatives from Cal Water gave a presentation regarding their general rate overview process; sales; customer assistance programs; state regulations; understanding of citizen concerns; infrastructure plans; plans to reduce the increase; revenue v. sales; promotion of water conservation; looking forward to resolving issues.

Vice Mayor Crist requested clarification regarding RAM and stated that it was his understanding that Cal Water revenues were up 11% and profits were up 29%. Cal Water requested a 60% rate increase; the rate payer advocates said they would give half of that. Now Cal Water is asking for 28% because these people conserved water because they cannot afford to pay for the water. Why is Cal Water three times higher than everyone else?

The representative gave additional information regarding the 24 districts; average costs comparisons, profits margins from the quarterly reports, regulations that set costs and a proceeding that is before the PUC to have the 24 districts combined. The average bill for the citizens in this area is \$100 per month.

Vice Mayor Crist inquired of the City Attorney as to whether or not the City can participate in a Class Action Suit against Cal Water.

The City Attorney stated that she would look into this.

Council Member Mann stated the other water companies are not large; they are capable of cash flow and making money and it does not add up.

Vice Mayor Crist stated that the citizens cannot afford to eat because they are paying for water. Their lawns are brown; many have followed through on conservation programs, yet their bills keep going up.

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CAL WATER PRESENTATION (continued)

Council Member Smith clarified that Cal Water provides conservation programs for their customers; the customers comply, sales go up and the people pay more. He disputed Cal Water's claim of the average bill of \$100, requested a spread sheet on this, as it does not add up.

Further discussion took place regarding water bills ranging from \$500 to \$1200 per month; costs associated with the average use of water in cubic feet; single family households; multifamily households; charges for the pipes/meter charges.

Mayor Parris stated that no matter how this is looked at, it is not fair. How does this get fixed? Water is the new oil; rates are going to go up; this seems to be the tip of the iceberg. It needs to get fixed or it will end up on a ballot and the voters in this state are going to set the rules. A solution needs to be found soon.

The representatives stated that Cal Water is re-examining the costs; customer base; commitment to work with the citizens to resolve the issues. Encouraged the citizens to call them; they will work with them, help them, offer programs; willing to listen to ideas.

Mayor Parris suggested a moratorium on this matter until an agreement is reached because at the end of the day, these people are not going to be allowed to pay \$500 water bills. It is absolutely not sustainable and at the end of the day he wants to see these people thrive.

Further discussion took place regarding the percentage for rate increase; capital improvements; finding a balance; meeting certain standards.

Norm Hickling, representative for Supervisor Antonovich, stated that awhile back the citizens of Lancaster and Leona Valley asked to have a meeting pulled together to look at different options that were available and see what the feasibility might be; whether that is having District 40 take on the service area for Lancaster and Leona Valley or other options. A meeting was pulled together involving LAFCO; District 40 Management. There is no easy solution that can be found yet, but a solution will be found. This commitment has been made to all the constituents of Supervisor Antonovich, including the citizens of Lancaster. LAFCO is looking at this from a legal standpoint; District 40 is looking at bond financing options; County Counsel is working with the Legal Counsel that is assisting Lancaster – Doug Evertz.

Mayor Parris inquired if all the water services of Lancaster were combined and made into one water district, on the smaller districts where the rates are just too high, what would it take to start providing water to these people.

Mr. Hickling stated that Waterworks District 40 serves Lancaster and all the way to Lake Los Angeles and portions of Palmdale and there are many technical complications to be looked at, problems to overcome, infrastructure to build and they have a great deal of infrastructure to provide for. They have had a lot of challenges to overcome, they have done a great job and he is sure an answer can be found at some point.

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CAL WATER PRESENTATION (continued)

Mayor Parris stated that if the Supervisor embraces this matter and it is a problem, he will solve it.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Trevor Jones – discussed his water bill; he has spent close to \$9,000 on water conservation and his water rates are still very high. How can someone sell their home when the tough sell is telling them about the high costs of water?

David Guenther – stated that he pays \$600 per month; he has paid for conservation options; Cal Water must be stopped and the CEO of Cal Water needs to be listening to these concerns.

Michelle Torres – discussed the high costs of her water bill; broke the bill down, discussing the CCF's that are used; it is frustrating to hear that the average bill is \$100 and she does not believe there is one person on Cal Water paying that rate.

Mayor Parris inquired if all these people quit paying their water bill, does Lancaster have the power to stop Cal Water from shutting off their water?

The City Attorney stated that she would look into this.

Mayor Parris requested that Mr. Hickling see if District 40 could come out and sample whether the Cal Water meters are correct; a random sampling; put some meters on the random samplings and find out if their meters are correct.

Mr. Hickling stated that he would certainly look into this.

Kirsten Larson – quoted AB 685 which states every human being has a right to safe, clean, affordable, accessible water; this is a state law. Important to work together; find solutions.

Mayor Parris requested the City Attorney look at this as an unfair business practice based on this Assembly Bill and are they subject to a 17200 action.

Tom Miller – stated that he has a well and has water trucked in and still pays a water bill of over \$160 per month. Cal Water charges more even when conservation is used. People have quit watering; service from Cal Water is bad.

Scott Lynch – stated that Cal Water has stated they have declining sales so they are charging the customers more; citizens do not want to work with Cal Water; solutions must be found.

Mayor Parris inquired if Cal Water is violating the statute of affordable water, can the City enjoin them from turning off the water? He requested a two-page summary in the form of an RFP, contact Deputy Mayor Szeto and she will give legal counsel the names of five Class Action Firms; send the RFP to them soliciting proposals.

Liz Diachun – discussed facts; rates; service; conservation measures; RAM charges; costs are going to continue to go up; this is unsustainable.

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LANCASTER POWER AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

Addressing the Power Authority on Item No. PACC 1:

Michael Rives – opposed to this action; TOPCO should not receive additional acreage.

On a motion by Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Authority Member Mann, the Lancaster Power Authority approved the Power Authority Consent Calendar, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Johnson

**PA CC 1. AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE WITH US TOPCO
(APN 3170-008-907)**

Authorized the Executive Director to execute all documents necessary to amend the previously executed ground lease with US Topco from August 28, 2012 and transfer 13 acres from Morgan Solar to US Topco referencing APN 3170-008-907 located at 25th St. East, North of Avenue L.

**PA CC 2. AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE WITH US TOPCO
(APN 3176-005-914)**

Authorized the Executive Director to execute all documents necessary to amend the previously executed ground lease with US Topco on March 1, 2013 to remove 16 acres from the original agreement referencing APN 3176-005-914 located east of Division Street.

M 1. MINUTES

Council Member/Authority Member Mann made a motion and it was seconded by Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist to approve the City Council/Agency/Authority approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority Regular Meeting minutes of July 9, 2013. The vote was: 2-0-2-1; AYES: Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Smith, Parris; ABSENT: Johnson

The motion did not carry, as there was not a majority vote of the members present. Therefore, this item will come before the City Council at their next regular meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Parris stated that he would need to recuse himself from Item No. CC 5 as he owned property in the area of the project.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. CC 5, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Johnson

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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 23, 2013 through July 6, 2013 in the amount of \$9,217,128.09.

CC 3. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS

Accepted and approved the June 2013, Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 4. RESOLUTION NO. 13-39

Adopted **Resolution No. 13-39**, authorizing the destruction of certain records (City Property Damage Claims, Claims Against the City, Risk Management Agendas, Antelope Valley Film Office, Registration-Recreation Programs, Special Classes-Enrichment Centers, Special Events, Poppy Festival, Recreation-City Facility Use, Cares Program, Appeals, Public Records Requests, Records Center Documentation, Subpoenas, Affidavits of Publication, Closed Session, Speaker Cards, Home Occupation Permits, Dig Alert Permits, Traffic Control/Detour Plans, Inspections, Street Sweeper, Correspondence, Deposit Records, Informal Bids – Unsuccessful, Vehicle Records, Service Requests, Work Orders, Traffic Studies).

CC 5. PWCP NO. 10-022

At this time, Mayor Parris recused himself from this item and left the dais.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – opposed to this project; there are too many bike lanes not being utilized; a moratorium needs to be placed on the building of bike lanes.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Smith, the City Council awarded **Public Works Construction Project No. 10-022, John and Jacquelyn Miller Elementary School, Safe Routes to School Program, State Project No. SR2SL-5419(038)**, to ANM Construction & Engineering of Lancaster, California, in the amount of \$986,986.00, plus a 10% contingency and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents, by the following vote: 3-0-1-1; AYES: Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; RECUSED: Parris; ABSENT: Johnson

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

At this time, Mayor Parris returned to the dais.

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- CC 6. RESOLUTION NO. 13-40**
Adopted **Resolution No. 13-40**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 89-1, a District established to finance the acquisition and construction of regional water system improvements in various locations in the City.
- CC 7. RESOLUTION NO. 13-41**
Adopted **Resolution No. 13-41**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 90-1, a District established to finance the construction of regional street and storm drain improvements in the area of Lancaster Boulevard and 25th Street West.
- CC 8. RESOLUTION NO. 13-42**
Adopted **Resolution No. 13-42**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 91-1, a District established to finance the construction of regional water and sewer improvements for Quartz Hill II & III.
- CC 9. RESOLUTION NO. 13-43**
Adopted **Resolution No. 13-43**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 91-2, a District established to finance the construction of regional street, sewer and storm drain improvements in the Lancaster Business Park Phase III.
- CC 10. AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC**
Approved an agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC to provide a mobile/wireless communications service tower at Lancaster City Park.
- CC 11. PWCP No. 13-011 – LNSC – Park and Ride Resurfacing**
- a. Approved the use of Proposition A Funds for the Lancaster National Soccer Center (LNSC) Park and Ride Resurfacing project.
 - b. Appropriated \$499,267.00 from Gas Tax Fund Balance to Capital Improvements Budget Account No. 203-11AC009-924.
 - c. Awarded Public Works Construction Project No. 13-010, LNSC Park and Ride Resurfacing, to Granite Construction, Inc. of Lancaster, California, in the amount of \$466,605.00 plus a 7% contingency and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded through negotiation in accordance with California Public Code Section 22038(c).

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PH 2. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP)

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

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

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 13-45**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, finding the City to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and adopting the 2013 CMP Local Development Report (LDR), in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Johnson

PH 3. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2013-01; AVENUE I FROM 20TH STREET WEST TO 10TH STREET WEST

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

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – opposed to this action; waste of funds; Avenue I should be bulldozed down.

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Smith, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 13-46**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, declaring its intention to create Underground Utility District No. 2013-01, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Johnson

NB 1. POLICY FOR THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 13-47**, rescinding Resolution No. 11-70 in its entirety, and establishing a policy for the investment of public funds for the City of Lancaster, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Johnson

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CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Vice Mayor Crist presented the following information:

AVTA staff presented a report to the Board on hybrid bus fuel savings. The Board received updates on legislation regarding the Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Federal Fiscal Year 2014; Assembly Bill 160 (Alejo). The Board approved several contracts; The Board appointed and confirmed Norm Hickling as the Chair and Marvin Crist as the Vice Chair of the AVTA Board of Directors; The Board adopted the FY14 Business Plan and Short Range Transit Plan. Full report is available in the City Clerk Department.

Mayor Parris stated that it had been brought to his attention that when the Sheriff's Department impounds a car, the passengers in the car must walk home or find another means of transportation. He requested that if there are funds available and in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, if people meet certain parameters such as age and disability factors, that this is provided for. He stated that he does not want to see children walking home; important to work together and come up with a procedure.

LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

LANCASTER SUCCESSOR AGENCY

No action required at this time.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Manager commended staff on their work with the PBID and working with the business owners on the BLVD. The BLVD originally had a \$30,000 budget and now they have a \$250,000 budget of their own money to work with and he looks forward to seeing what they accomplish.

The City Manager stated that staff has done a very good job with the Oversight Board; they were able to present to the Board, a draft of the Property Management Plan which includes over 300 properties. This will be brought back to the Oversight Board in August, then to the Successor Agency for approval, then to the Department of Finance. Once this is approved, staff will be able to work with the properties that the City owns for economic development purposes and public purposes.

The City Manager stated that Coldwell Banker/Bozigian Realty which has been a business in the community for decades will be closing on Thursday, July 25, 2013. The owners (his father, mother and uncle) will be going on to other pursuits.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Joanne Geranai – member of the lesbian/gay community; continue to fight for their civil rights; important to hold the City Commissioners to high standards; Commissioner Stan Muhammad needs to be removed from the Commission until such time he has received sensitivity training of some sort.

Pharaoh Mitchell – stated that Mr. Muhammad made a mistake; he admitted his error and apologized. It is important to forgive people their mistakes and move on. Something as great as the Youth Program has become overshadowed because of this one mistake and the focus needs to be on the youth.

Brandon Zavala – helping people is the cornerstone of his life; people must be accountable for their actions; respectful to others. He worked very hard at this event and all the efforts were reduced to nothing based on six letters spoken by Mr. Muhammad. The City must not tolerate its leaders to conduct themselves this way.

David Paul – discussed the remarks made by Mr. Muhammad at this wonderful event. His comments did not diminish the impact of the event; accomplishments were made; working together gives everyone a way to move forward with hope and unity.

Mayor Parris stated that he does not have the authority to remove someone from a Commission. This would need to be a Council action but he has no intention of doing this. What he wants to achieve is bringing people together and empowering them for the good of the City. Mr. Muhammad did push his remarks to the edge; what he said was deplorable but his role as Mayor is not to tell him what he can or cannot say. He discussed a past incident in which a former Commissioner was removed and that was because he refused to address questions regarding potential bribery on his part; because of what he did. He discussed a conversation he had with Commissioner Dell of the Tapestry Commission; stated that Mr. Muhammad did not make these remarks as a Commissioner but as a citizen of the community. As angry as he is at Mr. Muhammad for his remarks, he is also very proud of him for stepping up, apologizing and working toward a resolution to fix this. He does like the idea of sensitivity training for the Commissioners and for the City Council too. Everyone needs to remember, we all make mistakes and there are so many wonderful things happening right now and it is absolutely revolutionary what is happening in the City of Lancaster.

Additionally, Mayor Parris stated that the Department Of Children and Family Services is now going to provide twelve more case workers to the area and thanks to Supervisor Antonovich they are seriously taking into consideration the interview process; whether the interviews should be tape recorded and this is a huge change in the right direction.

Mayor Parris stated that the remainder of the public comment speakers would be heard once the City Council returned from Closed Session.

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RECESS Mayor Parris recessed the meeting at 7:52 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Closed Session meeting regarding the following matters:

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). Three potential cases.

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

- Coalition for Open Government v. City of Lancaster, Case No. BC499047
- Quartz Hills Cares v. City of Lancaster, Case No. BS 122336
- Waterhouse v. Lancaster – Case No. CV 12-00923 SJO
- Palmdale v. Lancaster - Case No. BC443280
- Lancaster v. Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) Case No. MC023649
- Antelope Valley Allied Arts Association et al v. Lancaster et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC488907
- Rubin v. Lancaster - United States District Court Case No. CV 10-4046 DSF (JCx)
- Miracle Star Women's Recovering Community, Inc. et al. v. City of Lancaster, et al. LASC Case No. MC 020079
- Save Our Neighborhood Group v. City of Lancaster, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 121501.
- 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

Mayor Parris was excused from the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

RECONVENE Vice Mayor Crist reconvened the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney announced that in Closed Session, the City Council gave direction to Legal Counsel in regards to: Quartz Hill Cares v. City of Lancaster; Lancaster v. Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles; Antelope Valley Allied Arts Association v. Lancaster; Rubin v. Lancaster and Miracle Star Women's Recovering Community, Inc. v. Lancaster.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Michael Rives – discussed issues pertaining to the Section 8 Program; Department of Justice Report; hopes the City will not participate in the settlement.

Andrew Nieto – thankful the City Council is doing what it can to help the citizens with their water rates; discussed older neighborhoods and water ordinances; pleased to see improvements coming to Avenue I.

Maria Paesano – discussed her own utility problems; requested assistance.

The City Manager stated that staff has met with Ms. Paesano several times; offered her options.

Vice Mayor Crist encouraged Ms. Paesano to speak with the City Manager again regarding her options.

Todd Ankeny – discussed comments made by the Mayor regarding climate change; climate change is not what the alarmist say it is; encouraged the Mayor and Council to go the website he provided for more information.

David Abber – discussed the LEAPS Program; feels his 4th amendment rights are being violated; he is considering the alternative of filing an injunction against this program.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Crist adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. and stated that the next regular meeting would take place on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2013, by the following vote:


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

NOES: None

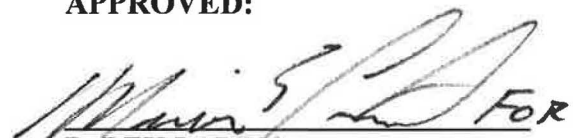
ABSTAIN: Council Member: Johnson

ABSENT: Mayor Parris

ATTEST:


GERI K. BRYAN, CMC
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 _____, _____.

(seal)
