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**LANCASTER  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Chair Parris called the special meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 4:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF**

**MEMBERS:** City Manager/Executive Director; Deputy City Manager/Deputy Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; Assistant to the City Manager; Assistant City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Planning Director; Public Works Director; Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director, Senior Projects Coordinator; Senior Human Resources Analyst

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Tim Etherington, Lancaster Evangelical Free Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lancaster Youth Commission Member Creed Broadwater

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Gates Millennium Scholar recipient, Antelope Valley High School student Ashakia Morgan  
Ms. Morgan also received a \$1,000 Mayor's Scholarship
2. Recognition of the 2013/2014 Youth Commission

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**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED**

The City Manager requested that Item No. CC 3 be pulled from the agenda and brought back to Council at a City Council Meeting in July.

It was the consensus of the City Council to discuss Item No's CA 1 and CA 2 at this time.

**CA 1. NOMINATION/APPOINTMENT TO LPACH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mayor Parris requested consideration of the nomination/appointment of Steven Derryberry as President of the Lancaster Performing Arts Center Foundation (LPACF) Board of Directors.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice-Mayor Crist, the City Council approved the appointment of Steven Derryberry as President of LPACF Board of Directors, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**CA 2. NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Parris requested consideration of the nominations/appointments of Stevie Love and Steven Strauss to the Lancaster Museum and Public Art Foundation Board of Directors (LMPAF).

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice-Mayor Crist, the City Council approved the appointments of Stevie Love and Steven Strauss to the Lancaster Museum and Public Art Foundation Board of Directors (LMPAF), by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

The Assistant City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Stevie Love and Steven Strauss.

**M 1. MINUTES**

On a motion by Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Council Member/Agency/Authority Director Mann, the City Council/Agency/Authority approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority Regular Meeting minutes of May 27, 2014, by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Smith, Parris; ABSENT: None

Mayor Parris requested that Item No. CC 3 be pulled from the agenda for approval at a City Council meeting in July.

Addressing the City Council on Item No. CC 4

Michael Rives – opposed to the lane striping changes in front of the business at the Intersection of Avenue J-8 and 20<sup>th</sup> Street West; opposed to the barriers in the street along 20<sup>th</sup> Street West.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of CC 3 by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, 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 11, 2014 through May 24, 2014 in the amount of \$3,434,090.51.

**CC 3. ORDINANCE NO. 998**

**Ordinance No. 998**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Title 2 (“Administrative and Personnel”) of the Lancaster Municipal Code by amending Sections 2.08.060 and 2.44.010 and by repealing existing and adding new Sections 2.04.020, 2.04.040 and 2.24.020, to update and revise miscellaneous administrative provisions. This item was removed from the agenda and will be brought back to the City Council in July.

**CC 4. MONUMENTATION WORK**

Approved the monumentation work for Parcel Map No. 061937, located on the southwest corner of Avenue J-8 and 20<sup>th</sup> Street West. Owner: Lancaster Spectrum, LLC.

**CC 5. AMENDMENTS TO VISITOR’S BUREAU BYLAWS**

Approved proposed amendments to the Visitor’s Bureau of Lancaster (Destination Lancaster) Bylaws.

**CC 6. RESOLUTION NO. 14-28**

Adopted **Resolution No. 14-28**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, approving the adoption of the 2013 update to Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

**CC 7. AWARD OF INFORMAL BID NO. 1404**

Awarded **Informal Bid No. 1404, Tierra Del Sol Phase II Street Improvements**, to ANM Construction & Engineering of Lancaster, California, in the base bid amount of \$139,318.00, plus a 25.6% contingency, for the construction of neighborhood traffic calming measures and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder per California Public Contract Code Section 22038(b).

**PH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014/15 BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing. The City Manager, Deputy City Manager and Finance Director presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Discussion among Council and staff included discussion of the synchronization and timing of traffic signals. Additionally, discussion of the new process/product for paving roads, which has a lower environmental impact and lower carbon imprint as opposed to traditional materials, and the cost in which it can be produced, took place. A potential pilot for solar powered streets was discussed; the City Manager stated the public safety aspect of the budget has not been reduced; business opportunities for the City were discussed as was the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and the associated Requests for Information (RFI's). Additionally, discussion regarding the potential for the City to sell energy to the citizens during the next fiscal year took place. The Council discussed their visions, passions and views related to the budget.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – opposed to using a PowerPoint presentation to present the budget; requested the entire budget be presented to the public; would like the Council to discuss every cent being spent.

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council directed staff to schedule budget adoption for June 24, 2014, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**NB 1. PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TO HOST AMERICORP VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA (VISTA) MEMBERS**

The Senior Projects Coordinator, VISTA Volunteers and the Chairman of the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Council Member Johnson thanked Mr. Derryberry and the VISTA volunteers for the hard work they have done in the design of this program. Mayor Parris requested Wi-Fi and computers be placed in the wellness homes.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Councilmember Mann, the City Council approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and the City of Lancaster, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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**CR 1. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Parris stated he and the City Manager will be travelling to China in September and stated he would like to take two high school students. Mayor Parris requested the City devise a plan to select the students who will take the trip.

**LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY**

No action required at this time.

**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**

None

**CITY CLERK / AGENCY / AUTHORITY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Addressing the City Council at this time:

David Paul – discussed a leadership class he is taking and a television program he recently watched regarding leaders; requested the City look at water wasting; thanked the Council and staff for the budget presentation.

Kurt Boyer – discussed issues related to the homeless, drug addicted, alcoholic and the elderly in the community; he currently works with these individuals on the street and requested assistance with helping these individuals.

Michael Rives – requested the City Council support building a VA Hospital on the grounds of Antelope Valley Hospital.

Willie Green – thanked the Council and staff for the assistance he received in the past and discussed the sidewalk near Sierra Retirement Village and Brunswick Sands Bowl.

Kevin Luke – discussed a restroom at a local restaurant that may not be ADA compliant and requested assistance regarding this matter.

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**COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS**

Council Member Johnson reminded everyone of the Jazz Festival taking place Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds.

**RECESS**

Mayor Parris recessed the meeting at 5:43 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Closed Session meeting regarding the following matters:

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (2) - four potential cases.
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4) - one potential case.
3. Conference with Legal Counsel--Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (1)
4. Coalition for Open Government v. City of Lancaster, Case No. BC499047
5. Quartz Hill Cares v. City of Lancaster, Case No. BS 122336
6. Lancaster v. Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) Case No. MC023649
7. Rubin v. Lancaster - United States District Court Case No. CV 10-4046 DSF (JCx)
8. Save Our Neighborhood Group v. City of Lancaster, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 121501.
9. Shabazz v. Parris, USDC, Central Case No. CV12-5803 SVW (JEM)
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 District  
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**

Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The City Attorney announced the City Council met in Closed Session and discussed two items of anticipated litigation with no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m. in memory of Delmar Van Dam, a longtime resident, local dairy farmer and well known businessman of the Antelope Valley. He was active with the Antelope Valley Fair, sponsoring the Van Dam Family Legacy Hall and Van Dam Pavilion. He will be missed by family and friends and stated the next Regular Meeting would take place on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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BRITT AVRIT, CMC  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK/  
AGENCY/AUTHORITY  
SECRETARY

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R. REX PARRIS  
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

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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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