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LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES May 15, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Hearns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members/Agency Directors: Sileo, Smith, Vice

Mayor/Vice Chairman Visokey, Mayor/Chairman Hearns

Excused: On a motion by Council Member/Agency Director Smith

and seconded by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Visokey, the City Council/Agency excused Council Member/Agency Director Jeffra from the Workshop meeting by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Sileo, Smith, Visokey, Hearns; NOES:

None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra

Staff Members: City Manager/Executive Director, Assistant City

Managers/Assistant Executive Directors, City Clerk/Agency Secretary, Finance Director, Planning Director, Parks, Recreation and Arts Director, Public Works Director,

Economic Development Director, Housing Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Visokey

PROPOSED FY 2007/2008 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM NB 1.

Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program. The presentation included but was not limited to the following topics: alignment of the budget; long term stability; Balanced Scorecard Performance Measurement System; 06/07 Accomplishments; state of economy and current economic climate; the number one priority of public safety; Lancaster economy with information regarding automobile sales and the housing market; review of existing revenues; general fund expenditures; unfunded budget requests; alternatives to public safety; budget balancing strategies; ten year forecast; future fiscal issues; summary of capital improvement projects; ten year capital improvement program; major projects; Redevelopment Agency revenues; Economic Development

expenditures; housing and neighborhood revitalization.

The City Manager presented an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2007/2008

Addressing the Agency/Council at this time:

PROPOSED FY 2007/2008 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM Ray Chavira – appreciates the consideration of additional code enforcement within mobilehome parks and comments regarding public safety.

NB 1. (continued)

Dave Spellmeyer – concerns regarding the proposed LAN-CAP fees; business license fees; unfair burden to owners of rental properties.

Maxi Case – consider a fair approach for all citizens and had concerns regarding the proposed LAN-CAP fees; business license fees; unfair burden to owners of rental properties.

Mark Troth - concerns regarding the proposed LAN-CAP fees; business license fees; unfair burden to owners of rental properties. Concerns as to whether the LAN-CAP program is truly working.

The City Manager gave a brief background regarding the LAN-CAP program; budget reductions that were approved in January may cause an increase to the program.

Council/Agency concerns/comments: clarification regarding the use of land given to the City by the Carter family; requested clarification regarding the reduction of fees in January; LAN-CAP process; costs of services; LAN-CAP was to fully-fund itself; rental properties are a business and should not be treated differently than other businesses; would like to see additional options for spending cuts rather than an increase in fees; citizens believe that government should pay for public safety and law enforcement; necessity for reasonable cuts when it comes to funding additional law enforcement; would like to have the citizens see what they will not be getting due to budget cuts; against additional fees to fund the LAN-CAP program; review additional revenue enhancements; disappointed in cuts that will effect ballfields; pleased to see the addition of code enforcement in the mobilehome parks.

The City Manager stated that staff will look into the feasibility of revenue adjustments within the LAN-CAP Program.

On a motion by Mayor/Chairman Hearns and seconded by Council Member/Agency Director Sileo, the City Council set the public hearing for discussion of the 2007/2008 Budget for June 12, 2007 by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES; Sileo, Smith, Visokey, Hearns, NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra.

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ADJOURNMENT	Mayor/Chairman Hearns adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and announced the next regular meeting of the City Council/Agency would be held on May 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.		
	ATTEST:	APPROVED:	
	GERI K. BRYAN, CMC City Clerk City of Lancaster	HENRY W. HEARNS Mayor City of Lancaster	
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