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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
January 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Crist called the meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

EXCUSED: Mayor/Chair Parris

STAFF

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council adjourned the meeting until 6:30 p.m. by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

RECONVENE

Vice Mayor Crist reconvened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor John Meadors, Christian Life Assembly

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Council Member Mann

PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation designating the month of February as Career and Technical Education Month
Presenter: Council Member Johnson

M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority Meeting minutes of January 13, 2015, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: 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: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: 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 December 28, 2014 through January 10, 2015 in the amount of \$266,719.45.

CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT

Accepted and approved the December 2014, Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 4. DOWNTOWN LANCASTER PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PBID) ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

Approved the Downtown Lancaster Property and Business Improvement District (PBID) Annual Report for 2014, submitted by the BLVD Association.

CC 5. ESTABLISH BANK ACCOUNTS FOR LANCASTER CHOICE ENERGY

Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute the documents and establish bank accounts necessary to carry out the agreements.

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PH 1. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 9 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing.

The Public Safety Director and the Assistant City Attorney presented the staff report on this item.

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of enforcing the rules: when rules aren't followed punishment is given; the City Council has the responsibility to protect citizens; this Ordinance is an avenue to address issues in a way not typically used by the court system. The process will be new for the Los Angeles County Deputies and will be used in conjunction with other programs in place in the City.

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Michael Rives – stated he served several years as a reserve police officer and security officer and holds college degrees in Criminal Justice; well-intentioned ordinance; opposed to the ordinance; opposed to involving staff which may endanger their lives; should be left up to the District Attorney's Office.

Vice Mayor Crist stated the City Council is responsible for ensuring the citizens of Lancaster are protected; the impact of the passage of Proposition 47 resulted in much of the responsibility for public safety being passed from the state to the cities and counties.

Michelle Egberts – discussed proposition 47; opposes the proposed ordinance and stated she will sue the City if it is adopted.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the programs in which the City participates to provide assistance to individuals through expungement and other services; must protect the citizens and have compassion for the businesses; does not incarcerate individuals, a fine is imposed.

Richard Macias – discussed specific verbiage from the proposed ordinance, responsibilities of cities and counties regarding re-entry programs and discussed having criminal charges expunged.

Wally Melendez – discussed an article in the newspaper regarding the proposed ordinance and stated he believes destruction of property should be included as a fineable offense; discussed disturbing the peace and individuals riding buses with their faces covered.

Shannon McDonald – discussed her education, supports the City and Deputies, suggested that Deputies patrol neighborhoods and get to know the citizens; suggested offering classes in Sociology to Deputies; not sympathetic to those who break the law, respects law enforcement.

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**PH 1. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 9 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE
CONTINUED...**

Ed Galindo – supports Proposition 47 and supports the City’s actions along with Proposition 47; he believes a juvenile being charged with a felony for their first offense is wrong; supports the proposed ordinance; saves the state money.

Discussion between the City Council and Mr. Galindo included discussion of the programs the City is involved in including the program regarding having an individual’s record expunged and discussion of the ways in which the City works with citizens to better their lives.

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

On a motion by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 1001**, amending Title 9 of the Lancaster Municipal Code by adding Chapter 9.48 (Administrative Penalties for State Offenses), relating to the imposition of administrative penalties against persons who commit certain California Penal Code offenses in the City of Lancaster through the issuance of administrative citations, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

PH 2. TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) ZONES

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing and announced this item will be continued to the February 10, 2015 City Council Meeting.

Michael Rives – discussed the proposed boundaries and suggested focusing on other areas.

NB 1. STREET SWEEPING SERVICES

The Management Analyst II presented the staff report on this item.

Vice Mayor Crist requested clarification regarding local hiring related to this contract.

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Michael Rives – discussed the company being awarded the contract was not the lowest bidder, discussed issuing citations for street sweeping, thanked the city for standing up for the citizens in the city.

On a motion by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council awarded a one (1) year contract, with an option of five (5), one (1) year extensions to CleanStreet Inc. for **RFP No. 602-15 for Street Sweeping Services** and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents; and appropriate \$10,393.19 to Account No. 203-4751-450 and \$276.44 to Account No. 484-4751-450. The total agreement period shall not exceed six (6) years. The annual cost of the contract is \$456,000 for the first year of service and \$480,000 each subsequent year by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

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NB 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 2 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE

The City Attorney presented the staff report on this item.

On a motion by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 1002**, amending Title 2 of the Lancaster Municipal Code by amending Sections 2.24.070, 2.28.010, 2.28.030, 2.28.070, 2.30.030, 2.30.070, 2.34.030 and 2.34.070, deleting Sections 2.30.090 and 2.34.090, adding new Section 2.04.090 and new Chapter 2.36 in Title 2 (“Administrative And Personnel”), related to appointments and terms of appointed commissioners, and amending references throughout the Lancaster Municipal Code from the Department Of Public Works to the Department of Development Services, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

CA 1. APPOINTMENT TO THE LANCASTER MUSEUM AND PUBLIC ART FOUNDATION BOARD (LMPAF)

The Vice Mayor invited Josh Mann to discuss his position with Waste Management and other roles in the community as they will assist in his position on the Lancaster Museum and Public Art Foundation Board.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council approved the nomination and appointment of Josh Mann as President of the Lancaster Museum and Public Art Foundation Board of Directors (LMPAF) by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

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

Council Member Johnson stated AVTA received several grants and will continue thinking creatively to move forward and will continue researching other grants for electric buses. Vice Mayor Crist and Council Member Johnson discussed redesigning buses from diesel to battery powered at BYD and discussed the cost of a diesel bus vs. an electric bus; actions taken by the AVTA Board continue to support the local economy and by changing diesel buses to battery powered buses, air quality improves.

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**CR 2. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
DISTRICT NO. 14 OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS
ANGELES COUNTY**

Council Member Mann discussed direction given to Sanitation District staff regarding remortgaging bonds, estimated \$25 million savings which will assist with adoption of the budget in July; if the remortgage is successful, citizens could potentially see a reduction on their tax bill.

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Michael Rives – thanked Council Member Mann for his work in trying to assist citizens with paying lower taxes; discussed the number of bus benches in Lancaster and requested more along 10th Street West.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager stated he is proud and stated Lancaster citizens can take pride in knowing the City tries new things which ultimately benefit the community. Mr. Bozigian discussed the recent Martin Luther King Day of Service and showed a brief video of the event.

CITY CLERK / AGENCY / AUTHORITY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Michael Rives – discussed a specific area of town he feels is not designed appropriately.

Deborah Aquian-Gomez – discussed domestic violence and requested assistance in learning more about the programs in place for assisting victims of domestic violence.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS CONTINUED...

Jonathan Vielman – discussed a research paper he is working on regarding concussions and injuries for athletes; requested assistance in learning if the City has precautions in place regarding head injuries at the Lancaster Soccer Complex.

Heather Brown – discussed her certification as a water treatment professional, discussed an AVEK water quality report and discussed requirements for notifying citizens regarding water quality.

George Beatty – discussed a recently installed bus bench and discussed traffic concerns near construction on 25th Street East and Lancaster Boulevard.

Adriana Gonzalez – requested information regarding what the City is doing for local veterans.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed moving Veteran facilities to Lancaster and allowing veterans to ride buses for free.

Fran Sereseres – discussed roundabouts, remortgaging loans and the Sanitation District's excess funds; discussed changing the frequency of City Council meetings, bus benches and certain areas not being unlocked at the Metrolink station.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Council Member Johnson discussed the Justice Sunday event which took place on Sunday, January 19th; discussed the increased Metrolink enforcement has resulted in more than 800 citations issued and approximately 800 individuals were asked to leave the train. Additionally she announced the Color Me Rad event is being held April 25, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mann stated the City Council meeting will be adjourned in memory of Wilda Nielson Andrejcik. Over the decades, Wilda was president of the Antelope Valley Union High School District plus the Antelope Valley School Boards Association and the Antelope Valley Transportation Authority. She was also chairwoman of the Antelope Valley Red Cross, a board member of the United Way and other committees as she was heavily involved as a member of our community. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be missed by family and friends.

Council Member Mann adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and stated the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

BRITT AVRIT, CMC
CITY CLERK
AGENCY/AUTHORITY SECRETARY

R. REX PARRIS
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

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 _____, _____.

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