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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
February 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Parris called the 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: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist, 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

INVOCATION

Father Leo Dechant, Father Serra Parish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Mann

PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of Lawrence Buenaventura and Christopher Cueto, University of Antelope Valley Students
Presenter: Mayor Parris and Council Member Johnson

At this time, Mayor Parris welcomed the Planning Commission Chairman and the Criminal Justice Commission Chairman; representatives from these Commissions will be observing at the City Council meetings and providing input as needed.

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SA NB 1. 2015A AND 2015B HOUSING BONDS

It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the staff report on this matter.

On a motion by Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Agency Director Johnson, the Successor Agency adopted **Resolution No. SA 01-15**, reapproving the form of the 2015A and 2015B Housing Bonds Preliminary Official Statement to deem it final under Rule 15c2-12 and authorized certain other actions in connection therewith, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

SA NB 2. RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE

It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the staff report on this matter.

On a motion by Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Agency Director Mann, the Successor Agency adopted **Resolution No. SA 02-15**, approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1 to December 31, 2015 and directed staff to bring before the Lancaster Successor Agency Oversight Board for approval, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

SA NB 3. SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUDGET

It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the staff report on this matter.

On a motion by Agency Director Johnson and seconded by Agency Director Mann, the Successor Agency adopted **Resolution No. SA 03-15**, approving the Successor Agency Budget for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2015 as detailed in Attachment A, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority Meeting minutes of January 27, 2015, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Parris; ABSENT: None

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CONSENT CALENDAR

The City Clerk announced that Item No.'s CC 3, 4 and 5 will be pulled for separate discussion and action.

On a motion by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item No.'s CC 3, 4 and 5, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

The Public Safety Director and Assistant City Attorney presented the Staff Report for Item No. CC 3.

Addressing the City Council on Item No. CC 3

Kurt Boyer – discussed collecting fines from individuals who may be issued an administrative citation are homeless, opposed to punishing individuals who cannot afford life's necessities.

Michael Rives – opposed to the Ordinance, stated the City always protects its residents, suggested that the City focus on other codes; suggested having Sheriff Deputies cite people not Code Enforcement Officers; suggested waiting 3-6 months.

David Paul – thanked the City Council for being innovative.

Jason Zink – believes more statistics are needed, need to know what kind of people are committing these crimes, believes the issue should be left to the Courts to handle; voted in favor of Proposition 47, suggests having pictures of those people who commit crimes in the newspaper.

Shannon McDonald – believes people need a refresher course in laws; stated something must be done regarding the impact of AB 109, stated Probation Officers must be involved, stated it's simple – follow the laws; supports the fines associated.

Ed Galindo – supports Proposition 47 and supports Ordinance 1001; the proposed Ordinance involves the family in these situations; stated felonies will not follow children the rest of their life; suggested wording in the Ordinance should read 'shall' not 'may' regarding issuing citations.

Discussion among Council and staff included discussion of the ways in which the City will collect the fines, arrest statistics for Lancaster and Palmdale, plea bargaining and the number of trials held in the court system. The Ordinance will assist with the backlog of cases in courtrooms and protects homeowners and business owners. The Council has a responsibility to ensure the community is safe; this Ordinance holds people responsible for their actions.

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CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED...

Mayor Parris stated more public discussion is needed; problems with the criminal justice system can be repaired at the local level, not at the State or County level; need to reinvent the criminal justice system and create a community in which people want to live and address the issues related to victimless and nonviolent crimes. Mayor Parris requested involvement from community groups and requested the Criminal Justice Commission review the Ordinance for fine-tuning.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council adopted **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: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council approved Item No. CC 5, 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 January 11, 2015 through January 24, 2015 in the amount of \$9,726,211.34.

CC 3. ORDINANCE 1001

Adopted **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.

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CC 4. ORDINANCE 1002

Adopted **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.

CC 5. NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-03**, approving a disposition strategy for the sale of single-family residences acquired under the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

CC 6. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (SANITARY SEWER)

Approved the developer installed sanitary sewer and accepted the sewer for maintenance by the City and for public use for Private Contract No. 04-27 (Portion B), located on Avenue L, between 60th and 67th Streets West from Station 1+5.00 to Station 41+35.00; Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA.

CC 7. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) MASTER PLAN

Awarded **Request for Proposal #610-15, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Master Plan**, to Ryan Snyder Associates, in the amount of \$178,475.00, and authorized the City Manager or his designee to sign all documents upon the execution of the grant funding agreement with the California Department of Transportation.

CC 8. LANCASTER COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION FUNDING

Recognized revenue in the Lancaster Community Services Foundation Account No. 106-3208-100 (MLK Celebration Donations) in the amount of \$7,000 and appropriated \$7,293.74 to Account No. 106-4808-251 from anticipated revenues and an existing Lancaster Community Services Foundation fund balance; appropriated \$9,200 to Account No. 106-4823-251 (PDW Programs) from an existing Lancaster Community Services Foundation fund balance.

Mayor Parris requested a recess at this time.

Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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CPH 1. TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) ZONES

At this time it was determined that the Mayor and two Council Members would need to recuse themselves from this item; Council Member Mann stated he has 2 houses and vacant land on Beech Avenue and Cedar Avenue; Council Member Johnson stated she owns property on Sierra Highway and has lease property on Avenue J. Mayor Parris stated he owns a building located on 10th Street West and Avenue J.

In order to establish a quorum, Mayor Parris, Council Member Johnson and Council Member Mann drew straws to determine who would vote out of necessity. Mayor Parris drew the short straw establishing him as the third voting Council Member.

Council Members Johnson and Mann left the dais at this time.

Mayor Parris stated this public hearing was continued from January 27, 2015.

The Planning Director presented the staff report on this item.

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Michael Rives – discussed the residential areas involved; suggested emphasizing Sierra Highway and Avenue J and discussed his visions for the City.

Planning Commission Chairman Vose discussed the efforts of the Planning Commission and the Architectural Design Commission to reach this point, discussed the multiple public hearings on the item, and stated the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council was unanimous.

Vice Mayor Crist thanked the Planning Commission and the Architectural Design Commission for their hard work.

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. 15-04**, amending the General Plan to revise the existing boundary of the Downtown Lancaster Transit Village District; amending the General Plan to revise the text of Table VIII-1, General Plan Land Use Categories, related to the MU (Mixed Use) land use designation; and amending the General Plan land use map to designate the area generally bounded by Milling Street, Sierra Highway, Avenue J, and the west side of Fern Avenue, as a combination of MU and PK (Park), by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Johnson, Mann ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Smith, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 1003**, amending Title 17 of the Lancaster Municipal Code to incorporate by reference the Lancaster TOD Zones as the development and land use regulations for the defined area, and amend the zoning map to MU-TOD to be co-terminus with the Lancaster TOD Zones, by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Johnson, Mann ABSENT: None

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NB 1. MAYORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS COUNCIL

Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Chairman, Steven Derryberry and the AmeriCorps Vista Volunteers gave a presentation regarding the proposed Mayors Health and Wellness Council.

Council Member Johnson thanked Mr. Derryberry and the AmeriCorps Vista Volunteers for their hard work on the project.

Mayor Parris stated he is pleased with the program and discussed the name of the project.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council received and filed the report on the Mayors Health and Wellness Council, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

NB 2. BINDING NOTICE OF INTENT FOR LANCASTER CHOICE ENERGY

The Finance Director presented the staff report on this item.

Mayor Parris discussed lowering the cost of power to Lancaster citizens and discussed the incredible work done by staff to reach this point.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Binding Notice of Intent (BNI) in substantially the form attached hereto for Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE) for submission to the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Southern California Edison (SCE); authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute and submit all related documents, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

NB 3. THUNDER ON THE LOT – SPECIAL EVENT

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Director presented the staff report on this item.

Ron and Yvette Emard discussed Kids Charities and the history of the event; discussed the money raised supporting various charities involved and stated they look forward to partnering with the City. A representative from Royal Family Kids provided the impact Kids Charities has had on their charity.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Johnson, the City Council approved the appropriation of \$45,000 to Account No. 101-4688-222 to fund the City of Lancaster's portion of the partnership with Kids Charities to host the 21st annual *Thunder on the Lot* at Lancaster City Park on June 27 and 28, 2015, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Johnson, Mann, Smith, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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CA 1. COUNCIL MEETING TIMES AND DATES

The Mayor removed this item from the agenda.

CR 1. COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Crist stated the Antelope Valley Transit Authority is currently recruiting for an Executive Director and is seeking new legal representation.

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.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager stated it has been his pleasure to be the City Manager since 2007 and stated he is proud to recognize the fact that City staff and the various Commissions are most concerned with taking action and making a difference in the Community as opposed to receiving recognition.

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:

Omar DeLeon – discussed a mobilehome park in the City, the living conditions at the park and issues the residents are having in the park and with the park owner.

The City Council discussed creating an ordinance that addresses sub-metering, potential fraud at the mobile home park and requested Los Angeles County Fire Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff Department visit the location to determine if conditions exist that should be addressed by those entities. The City Attorney discussed a mediation program available in conjunction with the Lancaster Tapestry Commission.

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

Michael Rives – discussed a recent report given at the Senior Center, the meals provided to the seniors, and a possible location for a new Senior Center in the community.

Jason Zink – discussed the Thunder on the Lot event, signs in the City, educating children regarding felonies and educating kids on the consequences of their actions; discussed location for taking driving tests and discussed Lancaster becoming its own county.

Kurt Boyer – discussed the Senior Center location and energy conservation.

Fran Sereseres – discussed locating the Senior Center in the project area proposed on the agenda this evening, discussed Council Member Mann’s work with the Sanitation District to refund money to the citizens, and discussed Lancaster Honda’s assistance with repairing her wheelchair.

Wally Melendez – discussed removing an item from the agenda, the Senior Center and discussed the days of City Council meetings.

David Paul – stated he enjoys attending City Council meetings and appreciates the work The City Council engages in with the citizens of the city; discussed classes he’s taken and provided suggestions for making things fun; discussed his experience when he attended a recent Palmdale City Council meeting.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris stated the City Council meeting is being adjourned in the memory of Fitz Fulton. Mr. Fulton’s aviation career spanned 45 years during which he logged more than 16,000 flying hours in more than 240 types of aircraft. Fitz was an Air Force Test Pilot for 14 years and continued as a test pilot with NASA for another 20 years. After retiring from NASA in 1986 he joined Scaled Composites where he developed test flights for the Triumph business jet and retired again in 1989. Mr. Fulton was known for his “quiet, steady demeanor” and was known as “a real Southern gentleman.” He was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, received four Air Force Distinguished Flying Crosses, five air medals, the Society of Experimental Test Pilots Kincheloe Trophy and two NASA Distinguished Service Medals. Additionally Mr. Fulton was recognized on Lancaster’s Aerospace Walk of Honor. Fitz Fulton will truly be missed not only by the local community, but by the aviation community as well.

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m. and stated the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, February 24, 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
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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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