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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
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June 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Parris called the meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Member/Agency Director/Authority Member: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist, Mayor/Chair Parris

ABSENT: Council Member/Agency Director/Authority Member: Smith

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; Public Safety Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Pastor Darmie SuleOdu, Redeemed Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Youth Commissioner Moriah Mitchell

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to Leo Stallworth, ABC7 News for community support
Presenter: Mayor Parris
2. Recognition of the 2014-2015 Youth Commission
Presenter: Mayor Parris
3. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
Presenter: Barbara Boswell, Finance Director
4. Antelope Valley High School Solar Sculpture Project Presentation
Presenters: Garret Bean, S-Power and Nykole Kent, Antelope Valley High School Green Academy Director

CA 1. YVETTE AND RON EMARD WEEK

Mayor Parris stated the week of June 22, 2015 to June 28, 2015 is declared as the Yvette and Ron Emard Week in the City of Lancaster

OATH OF OFFICE

At this time the City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Nigel Holly for his appointment to the Lancaster Tapestry Commission

M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist 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 May 26, 2015, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No.'s CC 4, CC 5 and CC 6 were removed for separate discussion.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No.'s CC 4, CC 5 and CC 6 by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith

Addressing the City Council on Item Nos. CC 4, CC 5 and CC 6:
Maria Paesano – discussed incidents in her life.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council approved Item No.'s CC 4, CC 5 and CC 6, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith

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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 May 10, 2015 through May 23, 2015 in the amount of \$3,686,671.90.

CC 3. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 11-012

Approved the Municipal Corporation Warranty Deed and Bill of Sale for Transfer of Water Improvements for Public Works Construction Project No. (PWCP) 11-012, Downtown Alley Waterline, Fern Avenue to Ehrlich Avenue; authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

CC 4. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (DRAINAGE)

Approved and accepted for maintenance the work and materials of the storm drain within Parcel A of Tract No. 47583, installed by the developer, K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc., for Drainage Benefit Assessment District Annexation No. 04-109, located on the southeast corner of Avenue I and 90th Street West.

Appropriated \$650.00 from the first year's maintenance cost, paid by the developer, to cover the remaining month of the fiscal year into the Drainage Maintenance Operating Account No. 484-4752-404.

CC 5. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (SEWER)

Approved the following developer installed sanitary sewer and accept this portion of the sewer for maintenance by the City and for public use for Private Contract No. 06-16, which includes the sewer in Avenue J-3 and all streets to the north of Avenue J-3, plus a portion of the sewer in Mays Street for Tract No. 61206 Phase 1, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J and 35th Street East; Owner: KB Home.

CC 6. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Public Works Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Approved a cooperative agreement with the State of California through its Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, with a 5% contingency, to develop the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) as reimbursable work for the Public Works Construction Project (PWCP) No. 13-019, State Route 138 / State Route 14 (SR-138/SR-14) and Avenue M Interchange project. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. Caltrans and the City of Lancaster are authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement for improvements to the state highway system (SHS) per Government Code 65086.5.

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PH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 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 the Council and staff included discussion of operating reserves, the Revive 25 Program, TractionSeal, the contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, and the crime rate.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – discussed the adjustment of fees, code enforcement in the City, the fine associated with loud noise, the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department budget, people’s driving habits, and various freeway off-ramps in the City.

Christine Rangel – represents the Los Angeles County Chapter of the Building Industry Association; discussed the impact the proposed increase in fees will have on the building industry, discussed building permit statistics for previous years; requested the Council work with the Building Industry Association and suggests offering different phasing for the fees.

Additional discussion regarding fees included discussion of the supply and demand of housing, the City’s vacancy rate for homes, new home construction, and discussion of doing what’s right for the citizens of Lancaster.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council directed staff to schedule the budget adoption and fee schedule adoption for June 23, 2015, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Smith

NB 1. STREET LIGHT ACQUISITION UPDATE

The Finance Director presented the update regarding this matter.

Received update regarding street light acquisition

NB 2. ANTELOPE VALLEY EDUCATION ALLIANCE PROGRAM

The Public Safety Director and the Vice Principal for Antelope Valley High School presented the update regarding this matter.

Received update regarding the Antelope Valley Educational Alliance Program

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CR 1. 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 stated the next Sanitation District meeting will take place on June 18, 2015.

Michael Rives – stated the City of Lancaster’s Sanitation District representatives have consistently voted against increases in rates, discussed water reduction.

CR 2. COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Crist and Council Member Mann discussed AVTA’s proposed increase to senior bus fares and discussed potential grant funding that would allow seniors to continue to ride buses for free.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the work the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District has done in purchasing or repurposing 117 school buses over the past couple of years. Additionally, Vice Mayor Crist discussed a recent meeting which included representatives from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors office, Senator Runner’s office and Assemblyman Lackey’s office regarding the continuing issues concerning CalWater; the purpose was to try to implement legislation to roll back CalWater’s rates. Mayor Parris discussed working to find ways to help those customers who are impacted by this issue.

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 discussed the updates provided to the Council by staff at City Council meetings; discussed the Mayor’s Health and Wellness Academy and discussed the Lancaster Performing Arts Center Gala which raised a significant amount of money which will go towards performing arts in the City. Additionally, the City Manager stated Paraclete High School recently won the Softball CIF Championship for the first time in school history.

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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:

Mike Shirk - CEO of Blue Earth Energy discussed different technologies he developed and patented; requested assistance in working with the City for the renewable technologies his company offers.

Shannon McDonald – discussed water main issues, water usage, and the water code.

Michael Rives – discussed a handout he received from the Senior Center which includes locations where meals are offered for the needy; discussed the homeless in Lancaster.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the proposed services that will be offered to the homeless at the new location when it is operational.

Fran Sereseres – discussed the proposed bus fares for seniors, road repairs in the City, the grassy area at the Senior Center and the recent Board of Supervisors meeting.

David Paul – grateful for the opportunity for the public to speak at meetings, appreciates the staff, the City Council and the Mayor.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Crist thanked staff for the wonderful job they do.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris stated the City Council meeting is being adjourned in memory of Reva Munz; Mrs. Munz was a resident of the Antelope Valley for more than 65 years. She, along with her husband, operated a grain and cattle ranch on land which bordered the Poppy Reserve. She began teaching English at Antelope Valley High School in 1949, took a leave of absence to raise her 6 children, and returned to teach at the high school from 1973-1989. Mrs. Munz was a life member of the PTA at Del Sur School and served on the Westside Union Board of Trustee as president for several terms; she was active in Cub Scouts and 4H clubs. She will be missed by her family, friends and the Antelope Valley.

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. and stated the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, June 23, 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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