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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
June 23, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Parris called the meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members/Agency Directors/Authority Members: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, 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; Public Safety Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Dr. Tom Shepherd, Lancaster Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 146

M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Smith, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2015, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Smith, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, 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 23, 2015 through June 6, 2015 in the amount of \$1,387,535.19.

CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT

Accepted and approved the May 2015, Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 4. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION (LACAC)

Approved allocation of funds for the L. A. County Arts Commission (LACAC) Free Concerts in Public Places Grant.

CC 5. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 14-004

Rejected all bids for **Public Works Construction Project No. 14-004**, Maintenance Yard Storage Building, Phase II. After careful review of the bid packages, it was determined that the scope of the project should be revised and the project rebid to obtain the best product for the City within the City's proposed budget.

CC 6. CITY WIDE ADA SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN

Received and filed the City of Lancaster's City Wide ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan prepared by Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG, Inc.) on behalf of the City.

CC 7. LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (YES) PROGRAM

Accepted an appropriation in the amount of \$15,430.81 to Account No. 101-3405-101 from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Youth employment Services (YES) Program to fund wages and employee benefits of at-risk youth.

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CB 1. FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – discussed certain fees on the fee schedule and discussed consolidating the City’s Election with the Presidential Election.

It was the consensus of the Council to waive the staff report for this item.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-27**, adopting the proposed City of Lancaster Fiscal Year 2015-16 General Fund Operating Budget, Special Funds Budget, and Capital Improvements Budget, as specified in the Budget Document, as amended in Attachment A, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-28**, establishing the annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2015-16, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-29**, amending Resolution Nos. 05-233 and 10-48 and rescinding Resolution Nos. 09-91, 09-98, 10-74, 11-42, 12-06, and 12-20 in their entirety and establishing the citywide fee schedule related to cost of services, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-30**, rescinding Resolution Nos. 08-99 and 09-92 in their entirety and establishing the fee schedule relating to development impact fees, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-31**, amending Resolution No. 13-62 by amending the classification and compensation schedule for temporary employees, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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CB 1. FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET, CONTINUED...

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-32**, amending Resolution No. 14-64 by establishing a compensation schedule for various classifications of employees of the City, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-33**, amending the final budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, 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 the agreement with Martin & Chapman for consulting services for the April 12, 2016 General Municipal Election, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

The Public Safety Director and Assistant City Attorney presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – discussed loud music being played in his neighborhood, and suggested the use of a Sheriff’s patrol car to handle the issues addressed in the proposed Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Crist stated the Sheriff’s Department currently uses two patrol cars which address these types of calls.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Smith, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 1004**, amending Title 9 of the Lancaster Municipal Code by adding Chapter 9.22 (Nuisance Gatherings and Social Host Accountability), relating to the imposition of administrative penalties against responsible persons who conduct, host or allow unruly gatherings that create disturbances of the peace and other nuisance activities, including but not limited to gatherings where alcoholic beverages are consumed by underage persons, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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PH 2. LANCASTER DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

It was the consensus of the Council to waive the staff report for this item.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-34**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Drainage Benefit Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

PH 3. LANCASTER LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

It was the consensus of the Council to waive the staff report for this item.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-35**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

PH 4. LANCASTER LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

It was the consensus of the Council to waive the staff report for this item.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-36**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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PH 5. ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Parris continued this item to the August 11, 2015 City Council meeting.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Michael Rives – commended the Housing Director for the report, discussed specific sections of the report, the presence of low income housing and Section 8 housing.

CR 1. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Smith stated he is resigning as the alternate for the AVTA and AVAQMD because of professional commitments on Tuesdays.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed recent events he attended including a Boy Scout event, a Lancaster Baptist church grand opening and the Jazz Festival; Vice Mayor Crist stated the Thunder on the Lot event is taking place June 26, 27 & 28, 2015.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the recent AVAQMD meeting; potential grants for \$50,000 will provide a more direct bus route between both AV College campuses and will benefit senior citizens by allowing them to continue to ride buses for free. Vice Mayor Crist provided statistics for operating electric buses vs. diesel buses.

Additional discussion took place regarding the actions taken by different representatives at the AVAQMD meeting regarding senior citizens riding buses for free.

Vice Mayor Crist stated the AVTA Board had intended to appoint Norm Hickling as the next Executive Director but in order to do so, based on advice received from the FPPC, the Board would have to wait a year because Mr. Hickling is the former Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Council Member Mann discussed the Sanitation District's plan to reduce rates the next 3 years.

LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

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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 recent paving of approximately 35 lane miles of roads and discussed plans to pave roads in the City in the coming year. Additionally the City Manager discussed the many events that are taking place due to partnerships with different organizations in the City.

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:

David Paul – discussed doing the right thing; discussed his work experience with the jail system and prison escapes.

Fran Sereseres – thanked the Council for the work they do for senior citizens, discussed Palmdale’s water park fees and the bus charging system mentioned at the AVTA meeting.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Planning Commission Chairman Vose discussed the work being done on a revised temporary sign ordinance and discussed a recently approved Conditional Use Permit which is directed to provide housing for the homeless and for homeless veterans.

Criminal Justice Commissioner Carter discussed the recent LEAPS presentation which was provided at the June 10, 2015 CJC meeting.

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RECESS

Mayor Parris recessed the meeting at 6:00 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) - three potential cases.
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4) - four potential cases.
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. Save Our Neighborhood Group v. City of Lancaster, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 121501.
8. Tapola v. City of Lancaster, LASC Case No. MC 024672
9. City of Lancaster v. Van Dam, LASC Case No. MC 024810
10. Randy Poitevint v. City of Lancaster, LASC Case No. BC 531964
11. 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

RECONVENE

Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney announced the City Council met in Closed Session and discussed item number one - one potential case and gave direction to Counsel.

Mayor Parris discussed the history of the Department of Justice case and provided his views on the proposed settlement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris stated the City Council meeting is being adjourned in memory of Glenn Chapin;

Mr. Chapin was active in the aerospace industry and worked for Lockheed for 29 years after serving in the United States Air Force. He was involved in the community as he coached youth baseball, soccer and football. Mr. Chapin was a beloved husband and father and will be missed by his family and friends.

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and stated the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES }ss
CITY OF LANCASTER }

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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