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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
July 28, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Parris 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: 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; City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Planning Director; Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Public Safety Director, Assistant Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director, Deputy City Clerk

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jason Knudeson, Maj., USAF

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Smith

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 July 14, 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

Item No.'s CC 5 and CC 9 were removed for separate discussion.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No.'s CC 5 and CC 9 by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Addressing the City Council on Item Nos. CC 5 and CC 9:
Michael Rives – discussed materials distributed and advertising regarding Lancaster Choice Energy and stated additional staff should be hired to handle tree trimming.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council approved Item No.'s CC 5 and CC 9, 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 June 28, 2015 through July 11, 2015 in the amount of \$9,944,380.96.

CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT

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

CC 4. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (STREET)

Approved the developer constructed street improvements for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 061206 Phase 1, lots 1 to 34 and 114 to 169, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J and 35th Street East. Owned by: KB Home Coastal Inc.

CC 5. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Approved professional services agreement with Pacific Energy Advisors, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for consulting services for Lancaster Choice Energy.

CC 6. COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 89-1

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-41**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 89-1, a District established to finance the acquisition and construction of regional water system improvements in various locations in the City.

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CC 7. COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 91-2

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-42**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 91-2, a District established to finance the construction of regional street, sewer and storm drain improvements in the Lancaster Business Park Phase III.

CC 8. COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 91-1

Received and filed report regarding Community Facilities District No. 91-1, 1990 Special Tax Bonds Final Maturity.

CC 9. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 586-15

Awarded RFP No. 586-15, Tree Trimming Services, to Tip Top Arborists, Inc., of Lancaster CA. in the amount of \$ 213,744 for professional tree maintenance and management services.

NB 1. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Economic Development Director presented the staff report on this item.

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of the anticipated number of jobs for BYD, discussion of the number of available housing units in Lancaster and plans to handle future building in the City.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed a book he recently read, stated “breaks” should not be given to the wealthy, but given to the average person.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approve the Commercial and Industrial Incentive Program, allowing City development impact fees to be deferred until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for commercial and industrial projects and authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any related documents, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

NB 2. CITY RECYCLING PROGRAMS UPDATE

It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the update for this item.

Received and filed the update regarding City Recycling Programs.

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CA 1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUPPORT SENATE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT 8

The City Manager provided an overview of Senate Constitution Amendment 8. Additionally, Rick Cook, from Senator's Runners office discussed the next step for the Amendment.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council voted to support Senate Constitution Amendment 8, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Smith, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

CR 1. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Underwood-Jacobs discussed a recent meeting with the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Transportation Committee, the AV Partners for Health ribbon cutting, the Special Olympics Torch Run, and MOAH's recent exhibit opening. Additionally the AVAQMD and AVTA meetings were discussed; both of these meetings included items related to subsidies for seniors to ride buses for free.

Fran Sereseres discussed the AVTA meeting and her discussion with a representative from Palmdale.

Additional discussion took place regarding the issue of seniors riding for free and the amount of time it has taken for Palmdale to commit to providing \$50,000 for the program; Palmdale has indicated there has not been enough time for their Council to discuss the item.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the actions being taken as a result of the program passing despite Palmdale representative's voting against it; representatives from AVTA will go to the Senior Center to assist with providing 'TAP' cards – this will keep the seniors from having to go to AVTA to obtain the cards.

Council Member Mann discussed the AVAQMD Board meeting, discussed comments made by a Palmdale representative at a recent meeting and discussed the timing of Palmdale's Council meetings as it relates to the timing of the issue regarding providing subsidies for seniors using Proposition A funds.

LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

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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 recent grand opening for AV Partners for Health and the new exhibit opening at the MOAH; two brief videos were shown showcasing these two events.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENT

Mayor Parris stated at the next meeting, he will be requesting Council approval to appoint Erika Monroe as Deputy Mayor and requested that Council consider a Senior Deputy Mayor position at a future time.

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:

Fran Sereseres – discussed her attendance at the AVTA meeting at which she thanked the City Council for their action in contributing money for the seniors to ride free; discussed the recent street paving and the proposed increase from Waste Management.

The City Manager discussed the product used to pave the streets, stated this project was to repave the streets, not reconstruct the streets; the intent is to extend the life of the road and to prevent potholes from occurring.

Ron & Yvette Emard thanked the City Council for their support for the Thunder on the Lot event; thanked staff for all the hard work; stated they are looking forward to next year's event and the partnership with the City.

Randi Bardeaux – thanked the City Council for providing all seniors with the availability to ride buses for free; thanked Fran Sereseres for her work done on behalf of seniors.

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

David Paul – discussed an economist he respects and a book the economist wrote, discussed NB 1 and the effect not paying fees will have on unfinished projects.

Michael Rives – thanked the City Manager’s office for their help with landscaping at a local business; thanked Council Member Underwood-Jacobs for her work regarding bus shelters; commended Vice Mayor Crist for conducting the meeting at AVTA; thanked Mayor Parris for his openness for people to speak at meetings. Mr. Rives discussed the actions taken at the recent AVTA meeting.

Vice Mayor Crist clarified the actions taken by the AVTA regarding seniors riding buses for free; the existing program allowing senior citizens to ride for free will end on September 1st, the new subsidy with the use of ‘TAP’ cards goes into effect on September 1st – senior citizens and disabled individuals will continue to ride for free.

Wally Melendez – discussed dirty bus seats; suggests moving elections to even numbered years.

RECESS

Mayor Parris requested a recess at this time.

Vice Mayor Crist reconvened the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

David Grajeda – discussed various issues he has encountered and discussed City Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Crist adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m. and stated the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, August 11, 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

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

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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