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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: Malhi, Mann (participating via telephone), Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist, Mayor/Chair Parris

ABSENT: Council Member/Agency Director/Authority Member: Underwood-Jacobs

STAFF

MEMBERS: City Manager/Executive Director; Deputy City Manager/Deputy Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Planning Director; Public Works Manager; Sr. Operations Manager; Public Safety Director, Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Sr. Project Coordinator, Deputy City Clerk

INVOCATION

Pastor John Meadors, Christian Life Assembly

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Malhi

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It was the consensus of the Council to move Item No. NB 5 to this portion of the agenda.

NB 5. REPORT ON OCTOBER 15, 2015 WEST LAKE STORM INCIDENT AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF SUPPORTING RESOLUTIONS

The City Manager and Deputy City Manager gave the update on this item

Discussion between the Council and staff included discussion of the Amargosa Creek design; after discussion among the City Council and staff, the City Council found that as a result of this past storm, immediate action is necessary to complete the drainage system capital projects and work needs to begin without delay because if there is another powerful storm before the projects are completed, even if it's not a 1,000 year storm, we could have additional significant mud and water flow that could pose a hazard to life-safety and cause serious damage to public and private property.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-61**, confirming the existence of a local emergency in the City of Lancaster; and authorizing emergency expenditures and the performance of all necessary emergency repairs in accordance with Sections 20168 and 22050 of the Public Contracts Code by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Underwood-Jacobs

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-62**, requesting State Director of the Office of Emergency Services' concurrence in the existence of a local emergency by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Underwood-Jacobs

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-63**, requesting the Governor of the State of California to proclaim a state of emergency by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Underwood-Jacobs

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council appropriated \$250,000 from Drainage Maintenance District fund balance to fund emergency response and repairs by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Underwood-Jacobs

Council Member Mann left the meeting at this time.

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PRESENTATION

Bridge to Empowerment Season/Proclamations for 'Bullying Prevention' in the City of Lancaster, Lancaster School District, Antelope Valley Union High School District, Eastside School District and Westside School District

Presenter: Mayor Parris

M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2015, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. CC 4 was removed for separate discussion.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. CC 4 by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

Addressing the City Council on Item No. CC 4

Michael Rives – discussed his concerns regarding the Environmental Impact Report for the project and discussed the Palmdale Power Plant.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved Item No. CC 4, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

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 Register for September 27, 2015 through October 10, 2015 in the amount of \$3,474,106.34.

CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT

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

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CC 4. ORDINANCE 1008, AMENDING CITY ZONING PLAN

Adopted **Ordinance No. 1008**, amending the City zoning plan for a total of 80± acres of a 725-acre site generally bounded by Avenue G, Avenue H, 93rd Street West and 107th Street West, known as Zone Change No. 14-03, rezoning the subject property from R-7,000 (single family residential, minimum lot size 7,000 square feet), R-10,000 (single family residence, minimum lot size 10,000 square feet), and R-15,000 (single family residential, minimum lot size 15,000 square feet) to RR-2.5 (Rural Residential, one dwelling unit per 2.5 acres).

CC 5. NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP 3)

Approved agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Federal National Mortgage Association for property located at 1164 West Avenue J-11, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 3).

CC 6. OFFER OF DEDICATION

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-56**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, declaring its intention to accept an Offer of Dedication located on 105th Street West, north of Avenue J, and declaring the public necessity therefor.

NB 1. YOUTH COMMISSION

The Sr. Operations Manager presented the staff report on this item.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council nominated and appointed Daniella Hidalgo, Danielle Stafford, Jasmine Denise Johnson, Stephanie Orellana, Samira Carpenter, Jillian Poonoosamy and Justin Urbanski to the 2015-2016 Lancaster Youth Commission, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office at this time.

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NB 2. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – APRIL 12, 2016

The City Clerk presented the staff report on this item.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

David Paul – discussed the upcoming election and his experience in running for Mayor; and discussed the camera positions during City Council meetings.

Jason Zink – discussed the camera positions during City Council meetings, discussed the Youth Commission, discussed locally run elections vs. elections run by Los Angeles County and discussed district elections.

Michael Rives – discussed speaking at meetings and consolidated elections.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-57**, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the applicable laws of the state of California and the City of Lancaster City Charter, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-58**, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to render specified services to the city relating to the conduct of a General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-59**, adopting regulations for candidates for elective office, pertaining to filing fees and candidate statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-60**, providing for the conduct of a special runoff election for elective offices in the event of a tie vote at any municipal election, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

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**NB 3. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 1009, REGULATING THE USE OF FIRE
SPRINKLERS IN BUILDINGS EXCEEDING 10,000 SQUARE FEET**

The Planning Director presented the staff report on this item.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed potential lawsuits as a result of adopting this Ordinance.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 1009**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, repealing Section 15.08.020 of Title 15 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to fire sprinkler systems, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs

NB 4. UPDATE ON COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVES

The Communications Manager gave the update on this item.

Received and filed update on Communications Initiatives.

**CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
DISTRICT NO. 14 OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS
ANGELES COUNTY**

Due to Council Member Mann's absence, a report was not given.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed specific charges on tax bills.

CR 2. COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the Power Plant, the recent meeting of the AVTA Board of Directors and a recent meeting with the City and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

Additional discussion took place regarding representatives from the City of Lancaster for LAHSA.

Criminal Justice Commissioner Carter discussed the modification to the Lancaster Municipal Code that was presented to the Criminal Justice Commission regarding Business Licensing.

Planning Commission Chairman Vose discussed recent actions taken by the Planning Commission.

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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 an upcoming meeting being held at Joe Walker School by the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management to discuss resources available to those impacted by the flood; discussed the City's request to the Board of Supervisors to begin determining if it's feasible to combine County Sanitation Districts and Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40.

The Planning Director discussed approximately \$9.5 million in grant funding received.

The Deputy City Clerk discussed the success of the passport acceptance program.

A brief video showcasing the Senior Expo was shown.

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:

Sharay Lewis – discussed being homeless and the resources offered to the homeless and unemployed in the City.

Wally Melendez – discussed city culture, the value of principles, election dates.

Vee Woods – discussed bullying at the Senior Center, food at the Senior Expo, computer classes offered in Palmdale, pay telephones, and The BLVD Theater.

Michael Rives – discussed the bus shelter and trash near the Senior Center.

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

Jason Zink – discussed a recent High Speed Rail meeting, landscaping near solar farms in rural areas, the lack of sidewalks in specific areas in the City; library renovations, DMV location and hospital lawsuit.

George Beatty – discussed speed limits in the City.

Fran Sereseres – discussed a recent article in the newspaper; funding for the new location of the homeless shelter, and closing the community center.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m. and stated the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, November 10, 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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