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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
December 8, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist 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, Underwood-Jacobs, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist

EXCUSED: Mayor Parris

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority excused Mayor/Chair Parris from the meeting, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; **AYES:** Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; **NOES:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None; **ABSENT:** Parris

STAFF

MEMBERS: City Manager/Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; 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; Deputy City Clerk

INVOCATION

Pastor David Jackson, Grace Chapel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Outgoing BLVD Association Board Member Adam Chant

PRESENTATION

Recognition of outgoing BLVD Association Board Members
Presenters: Council Members Mann and Underwood-Jacobs; Economic Development Director Vern Lawson

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On a motion by Council Member Mann 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 November 10, 2015, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. CC 11 was removed for separate discussion.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. CC 11 by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

Addressing the City Council on Item No. CC 11
Michael Rives – discussed gardeners putting leaves in the street.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council approved Item No. CC 11, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

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 October 25, 2015 through November 21, 2015 in the amount of \$6,470,892.42.

CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT

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

CC 4. ORDINANCE 1010, AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES

Adopted **Ordinance No. 1010**, amending Title 5 of the Lancaster Municipal Code by repealing Articles I and V of Chapter 5.04 and adding a new Article I of Chapter 5.04, relating to business licenses.

CC 5. RESOLUTION NO. 15-66, COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-66**, amending Resolution 14-64 establishing a compensation schedule for various classifications of employees of the City.

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CC 6. RESOLUTION NO. 15-67, ESTABLISHING THE MEETING DAY AND TIME OF THE LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-67**, repealing Resolution No. 14-44 and establishing the meeting day and time of the Lancaster City Council.

CC 7. FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Approved the plan for use of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Call for Project Proposition C Funding, which includes:

Increased estimated revenues in Account No. 321-3350-102 by \$675,600.00 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Appropriated \$675,600.00 in Proposition C funds to Capital Improvement Account No. 321-16TS028-924, Traffic Signal System Modernization.

Appropriated \$675,600.00 in Signal Impact funds to Capital Improvement Account No. 217-16TS028-924, Traffic Signal System Modernization.

Approved the Proposition C Funding Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Design, Project Development, Right-of-Way, and Construction of Traffic Signal System Modernization and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

CC 8. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS (STREETS)

Approved and accepted for maintenance the developer constructed streets for Tract No. 060943 Phase 2, lots 30-33 and 40, located on the south side of Avenue K-8 approximately 660 feet east of Challenger Way, Owned by: KB HOME Greater Los Angeles Inc.; Tract No. 060779 located on the northwest corner of Avenue J-8 and 32nd Street West, Owned by: AVTHREE Homes, LLC; and Permit No. 15-00612, located on 15th Street East north of Avenue H-12, Developer: The Caritas Corporation.

CC 9. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Approved a professional services agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. (formerly RBF Consulting, a Company of Michael Baker International), of Irvine, California, in the amount of \$845,999.00 with a 5% contingency, to develop the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) for PWCP No. 13-020, SR-138 (SR-14) and Avenue G Interchange and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. The consultant selection process was made in accordance with Government Codes 4526 and 53060.

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CC 10. AWARD OF BID FOR PWCP 15-011

Awarded **Public Works Construction Project No. 15-011, Maintenance Yard Storage Building, Phase II**, to Medallion Contracting, Inc. of Palmdale, California, in the amount of \$367,175.00, plus a 10% contingency, for a 50' by 100' steel storage building and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder per California Public Contract Code Section 22038 (b).

CC 11. RESOLUTION NO. 15-68, CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

Adopted **Resolution No. 15-68**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the continued existence of a local emergency in the City of Lancaster, California, and confirming the continuing need for emergency repair and redesign of certain City drainage systems.

PH 1. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 62121

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing.

The Planning Director presented the staff report on this item.

Discussion among City Council and staff included discussion of the impact of the economy in 2006 on the project, being a Business Friendly City and the appellant's request for a 60 day continuance. Additional discussion took place regarding the amount of time allowed for extensions and the current zoning of the site. The appellant is aware of the significant revisions needed with regard to the project site.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed legal notices in the newspaper; requested the Council not grant any extensions or approve building until a solution can be found regarding the number of foreclosures in Lancaster.

Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council granted the appeal and a one-year extension for Tentative Tract Map No. 62121 (proposed subdivision of 115 Lots on 30.3 acres located at the northwest corner of 40th Street West and Avenue K), by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

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PH 2. AMENDMENT TO LANCASTER CHOICE ENERGY CUSTOMER POWER RATES AND CITY OF LANCASTER FEE SCHEDULE

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing.

The Finance Director presented the staff report on this item.

Discussion among City Council and staff included discussion of the timing for the City Council to review Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE) rates, the percentage of customers who opt-out and discussion of the surcharge charged by Southern California Edison for those customers who obtain their power from LCE.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – requests the City use savings to purchase earthquake insurance for every homeowner in the City.

Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-70**, rescinding Resolution No. 15-06, and adjusting customer power generation rates for Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE), by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

On a motion by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 15-71**, amending Resolution No. 15-29 and establishing a Citywide Fee Schedule, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

CA 1. CONSIDERATION OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARVIN CRIST AND ROB PARRIS TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the re-appointment of Marvin Crist and Rob Parris to the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

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CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – recommended painting numbers on all bus shelters to assist in the event of an earthquake; thanked Council Member Underwood-Jacobs for pushing to get bus shelters all over the City, discussed electric buses and the impact an earthquake will have in the event electricity is not available.

Council Member Underwood-Jacobs discussed the vision of AVTA regarding having a fully electric fleet by the end of FY 2018; discussion of the cost to run diesel buses vs. electric buses took place.

CR 2. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Mann discussed the emergency repairs to the Sanitation District's storage reservoirs due to recent severe rain. Council Member Mann provided a core sample of dirt obtained from the ponds after they have been treated and discussed potential uses for this.

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 stated the City will provide citizens with six locations in Lancaster to obtain dirt to fill sandbags and discussed the upcoming Magical Boulevard Christmas and Breakfast with Santa events. Two videos showcasing the recent Field of Drafts event and 'Shop Small Saturday' were 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.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Michael Rives – discussed a mailer sent out by Assemblyman Lackey.

Liz Orchard – discussed rent control and requested that something be done to address high increases in rent.

Wally Melendez – discussed duplexes in a city and the price range for renting these duplexes; requested more marketing for state of the art duplexes.

Maria Paesano – discussed events in the city, business licenses, public safety, and social services.

David Paul – stated he loves this town and thanked Lancaster citizens for their kindness; praised city staff, law enforcement and the fire department.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Malhi discussed his experience in the Lancaster Christmas Parade and thanked Hunter Dodge for donating the use of the vehicles in the parade; thanked the Chamber of Commerce for putting on the parade; discussed his experience with assisting Vice Mayor Crist with the donation of more than 500 bikes to children in the Antelope Valley.

Council Member Underwood-Jacobs stated she loves the City, loves what is accomplished together and thanked the citizens for all they do to make the City outstanding.

Council Member Mann wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Criminal Justice Commissioner Carter thanked staff for all they do for the City.

Planning Commission Chairman Vose thanked Council Member Malhi for his work with the Planning Commission and wished everyone Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Vice Mayor Crist stated the Civil Grand Jury will be visiting the City regarding underfunding for the homeless in our city. Additionally, Vice Mayor Crist discussed the upcoming bike give-away at the University of Antelope Valley at which Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies will be distributing bikes and thanked the Council for their donations to assist in purchasing 537 bikes for Antelope Valley children.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Crist adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m. and stated the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016, 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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