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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
February 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Parris called the meeting of the Lancaster City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members/Agency Directors/Authority Members: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist, Mayor/Chair Parris

EXCUSED: Council Member/Agency Director/Authority Member Mann

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

STAFF

MEMBERS: City Manager/Executive Director; Deputy City Manager/Deputy Executive Director, City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Planning Director; Development Services Director; Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Public Safety Director, Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Deputy City Clerk

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jason Knudeson, MAJ, USAF

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Youth in Government student Samira Carpenter

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PRESENTATION

Introduction of art collector Kimble Deleon
Presenter: Council Member Underwood-Jacobs

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 February 9, 2016, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

CONSENT CALENDAR

Addressing the City Council on items on the Consent Calendar:

Maria Paesano – discussed past check and wire registers, the October investment report, her stolen telephone, and discussed Avenue K-12 and 5th Street East.

Michael Rives – discussed the house involved with item CC 6.

Fran Sereseres – discussed the purpose behind item CC 5 and the profit involved for item CC 6.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

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 January 23, 2016, through February 6, 2016 in the amount of \$2,641,260.55.

CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT

Accepted and approved the January 2016, Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 4. RESOLUTION 16-07, OFFER OF DEDICATION

Adopted **Resolution No. 16-07**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, declaring its intention to accept an Offer of Dedication located on 100th Street West, between Avenue J and Avenue K, and declaring the public necessity therefor.

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CC 5. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.

Awarded a professional services agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., of Lancaster, California, in the amount of \$196,520.00, for the Preparation of Hydrology and Hydraulics Analysis; Environmental Document (ED); and Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for Avenue K-12 and 5th Street East et al. (Drainage and Street Improvements) 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.

CC 6. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Approved agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Gerald M. Price and Lisa M. Price, husband and wife as joint tenants for property located at 240 East Avenue J-12, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 1).

PH 1. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 15-11

Mayor Parris recused himself from this item due to the proximity of the project to his home and left the dais.

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing.

The Planning Director presented the staff report on this item.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed the proximity of other establishments that sell alcohol near this project, recommends denying the appeal.

Jeff Little – represents the applicant, discussed the franchise requirements for the business involved, stated he has spoken with residents near the project, discussed security at the site, and requested the Council consider approving the variance with regard to the distance restriction.

Discussion among the City Council and Mr. Little included clarification that the application is for a Type 20 license; the original application stated the applicant requested a Type 21 which was a mistake. The applicant is requesting approval to sell beer and wine only with no sale of singles and no malt liquor sales. Crime in the area was also discussed. Additionally Council requested that staff create a citywide ordinance that prohibits the off premises sale of single alcohol containers.

Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the applicant's request for a Type 20 license including finding that the use will serve a specific community need and is not expected to result in an adverse effect on adjacent property, uses or residents, by the following vote: 3-0-1-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; RECUSED: Parris; ABSENT: Mann

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Mayor Parris returned to the dais at this time.

NB 1. ADJUSTMENT TO THE 2016 LANCASTER CHOICE ENERGY (LCE) MARKET DEMAND CREDIT

The Finance Director presented the staff report on this item.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed working with Southern California Edison

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of the number of cities, plus Los Angeles County, that are considering forming CCA's (Community Choice Aggregation).

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 16-09**, authorizing City Manager to adjust the 2016 Market Demand Credit to meet City Council established savings goals; and require any adjustment be brought back to City Council for ratification at its next available, properly noticed, meeting, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

NB 2. STAFFING FOR THE DOWNTOWN LANCASTER PROPERTY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND LANCASTER TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of having the City partially fund the position. The Council requested that staff ensure appropriate measurements/benchmarks are met by this position.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Fran Sereseres – discussed the role of the Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Rives – discussed using the Chamber of Commerce to promote The BLVD and the City, discussed the Chairman of the Lancaster Tourism Business Improvement District and discussed homeless people in Lancaster.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council approved addition of a Projects Assistant position to provide staffing for the Downtown Lancaster Property Business Improvement District and the Lancaster Tourism Business Improvement District, to be funded jointly by the two districts, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

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NB 2. STAFFING FOR THE DOWNTOWN LANCASTER PROPERTY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND LANCASTER TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CONTINUED...

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council appropriated \$46,400 to account 101-4540101, and increased revenues in account 101-3615150, Staff Reimbursements, by the same amount, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute all related documents, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs the City Council approved funding this position up to \$25,000 per year, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

NB 3. LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

The Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director presented the staff report on this item.

Addressing the City Council on this item:
Michael Rives – discussed the increase in the contract.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council authorized the City Manager or his designee to facilitate the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (“LAHSA”) Winter Shelter Program (“WSP”) at the Lancaster Community Shelter located at both 44611 Yucca Avenue and 45145 N. 60th Street West, Lancaster, CA, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the appropriation of \$256,891.00 in awarded grant funds from the LAHSA WSP, to Revenue Account No. 261-3306-100 and corresponding Expense Account No. 261-4542-770; LAHSA issued Amendment No. 1 to WSP Contract No. 2015WSP10, revising the total grant amount to \$256,891.00. This replaces the previous WSP appropriation of \$81,627.00 as approved by council action on 10/13/2015, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

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CA 1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXTENSION OF THE CITY MANAGER'S AGREEMENT AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

Presenter: Mayor Parris

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved extending the City Manager's agreement for 3 years, providing a raise of not more than 5%, furnishing a monthly car allowance of \$350 and authorizing the Mayor to sign all applicable documents, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Mann

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

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed the timing of the report

Vice Mayor Crist discussed actions taken by the AVTA including the purchase of 85 buses from BYD. The Board has committed to having an all-electric fleet of buses by 2018. Additionally, Vice Mayor Crist discussed the cost to operate electric buses as compared to operating diesel buses and discussed grants received from AVAQMD.

Council Member Underwood-Jacobs discussed key performance indicators and the infrastructure for charging electric buses.

Mayor Parris requested staff verify claims of emissions for the buses.

CR 2. COUNCIL REPORTS

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 a recent art exhibit opening at the MOAH.

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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:

Maria Paesano – discussed destroying documents.

David Paul – discussed a course he’s taking, the extension of the City Manager’s contract, an experience with an animal that was hit by a car, and the book sale at the library.

Wally Melendez – thanked the City Council for the action taken on medical marijuana, discussed his opinion of marijuana and the cost of real estate in Lancaster.

Fran Sereseres – discussed the partnership between the City and BYD, fixing and reselling homes in Lancaster and the program currently in place for senior citizens riding buses for free.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Discussion of potential businesses and foreign investment in the City took place. Additionally, Vice Mayor Crist discussed grants from AVAQMD which will allow Lancaster senior citizens to continue riding the bus for free after the current program ends in September.

Council Member Malhi discussed the upcoming Antelope Valley Board of Trade Outlook Conference.

Criminal Justice Commissioner Carter stated the CJC has convened two subcommittees addressing the medical marijuana ordinance and a bill currently in process that impacts the ‘3-strikes’ program.

Planning Commission Chairman Vose discussed actions taken at the recent Planning Commission meeting including denying an application for a Type 21 Alcoholic Beverage License.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor/Chair Parris adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m. and stated the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 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
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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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