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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
June 28, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Parris called the meeting of the Lancaster City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members/Agency Directors/Authority Members: Malhi, Mann, 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; Development Services Director; Senior Operations Manager; Planning Director, Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director

INVOCATION

Pastor Dwayne Jones, Living Water Worship Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Latina AV Maria Kyupelyan

PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of Miss Latina AV Community Court
Presenter: Mayor Parris

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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 June 14, 2016, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. CC 12 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 12, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Addressing the City Council on Item No. CC 12:
Fran Sereseres – discussed the product being used

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved of Item No. CC 12, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, 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 29, 2106, through June 11, 2016 in the amount of \$2,327,450.03.

CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT

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

CC 4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRAUN, BLAISING, MCLAUGHLIN AND SMITH (BBMS)

Awarded a professional services agreement with Braun, Blaising, McLaughlin & Smith (BBMS), in the amount of \$220,000.00 for regulatory legal representation for fiscal year 2017 for Lancaster Choice Energy, and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

CC 5. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC ENERGY ADVISORS (PEA)

Awarded a professional services agreement with Pacific Energy Advisors (PEA), in the amount of \$275,000.00 for professional services for fiscal year 2017 in support of Lancaster Choice Energy, and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

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CC 6. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 11-002

Approved Change Order Nos. 1 – 8, and increase the total amount of the contract with High Desert Contractors, Inc. of Lancaster, California, for Public Works Construction Project No. 11-002, Avenue E-8 Temporary Recycled Water Pump Station, by \$14,088.06, for a total revised contract amount of \$445,732.06, plus a 10% contingency.

Accepted the work constructed by High Desert Contractors, Inc. for Public Works Construction Project No. 11-002, Avenue E-8 Temporary Recycled Water Pump Station, and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project has been disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

CC 7. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 11-023

Approved Change Order Nos. 1 – 19 and increased the total amount of the contract with Cedro Construction, Inc., of Santa Paula, California, for Public Works Construction Project No. 11-023, 20th Street East Storm Drain Extension at Avenue I (REBID), by \$30,710.74, for a total revised contract amount of \$1,163,993.88, plus a 20% contingency.

Accepted the work constructed by Cedro Construction, Inc. for Public Works Construction Project No. 11-023, 20th Street East Storm Drain Extension at Avenue I (REBID), and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project has been disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

CC 8. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 14-002

Accepted the work constructed by Granite Construction Company for **Public Works Construction Project No. 14-002, Avenue I and 25th Street East Intersection and Traffic Signal Improvements (REBID)**, and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project has been disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

CC 9. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 14-002

Accepted the work constructed by Granite Construction Company, of Lancaster, California, for **Public Works Construction Project No. 14-006, Endeavor Middle School Pedestrian Improvements**, and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project has been disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

CC 10. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 14-012

Accepted the work constructed by High Desert Contractors, Inc., of Lancaster, California, for **Public Works Construction Project No. 14-012, Division Street Recycled Water Main Modification and Valve Replacement**, and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project has been disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

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CC 11. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 15-011

Accepted the work constructed by Medallion Contracting, Inc., of Palmdale, California, for **Public Works Construction Project No. 15-011, Maintenance Yard Storage Building, Phase II**, and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project has been disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

CC 12. AWARD OF BID NO. 642-16, EMULSIFIED ASPHALT MATERIALS

Awarded **Bid No. 642-16, Emulsified Asphalt Materials**, to VSS Emultech in support of the City's Revive 25 Pavement Management Program.

CB 1. ADOPTION OF THE FIRST YEAR AND APPROVAL OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND RELATED RESOLUTIONS

The City Manager, Deputy City Manager and Finance Director presented the staff report for this item.

Discussion among staff and the City Council included discussion of LED Streetlights, the budget process, fiber optic networks and Smart City technology.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 16-34**, adopting the first year and approving the second year of the proposed City of Lancaster Fiscal Years 2016-17 and 2017-18 General Fund Operating Budget, Special Funds Budget, and Capital Improvements Budget, as specified in the Budget Document, and as amended in Attachment A, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 16-35**, establishing the annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2016-17, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 16-36**, amending Resolution No. 15-29 establishing the citywide fee schedule related to cost of services, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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CB 1. ADOPTION OF THE FIRST YEAR AND APPROVAL OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND RELATED RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED...

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 16-37**, authorizing an amendment to the final budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and authorizing the write off of two accounts receivables, pursuant to Administrative Policy and Procedure No 200-10, Accounts Receivable Recognition and Write Off Policy, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 16-38**, amending Resolution No. 14-64 establishing a compensation schedule for various classifications for employees of the City, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

NB 1. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The Deputy City Manager, Environmental Compliance Officer, an Associate Planner and a Senior Projects Coordinator presented the staff report for this item.

Discussion among staff and the City Council included discussion of outreach to other communities, State Representatives and Congressman to educate them regarding this plan, specifically reaching out to those particular areas that are responsible for the pollution that impacts the City. Additionally, discussion took place regarding ensuring this plan is used as a guideline that can be amended as needed. Discussion took place regarding the reason behind climate change and the importance for staff to be experts in climate change.

Received and filed the Climate Action Plan presentation.

NB 2. ZERO NET ENERGY (ZNE) HOME

The Programs Energy Manager presented the staff report for this item.

Discussion among staff and the City Council included discussion of the time frame involved with this program and the mandatory requirements involved for home builders.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to explore the feasibility of implementing the 2016 California Green Building Standard's voluntary zero net energy (ZNE) tier for newly constructed residential buildings as a mandatory requirement in Lancaster, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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NB 3. MARIJUANA INITIATIVES UPDATE

The Assistant City Attorney and Public Safety Director presented the update for this item.

Discussion among staff and the City Council included discussion of security surrounding these cash-only businesses and the potential for revenue for the City. The City Council requested that staff prepare two plans regarding this issue; one plan will be to oppose legalization and the other will be to provide processes to mitigate the issues surrounding legalized marijuana and will include assessment of the profitability for the City.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Melanie Colter – discussed regulation of marijuana, suggests the City look into reaping the economic benefits of legalized marijuana.

Received the update on possible California Marijuana Initiatives.

CA 1. UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL CITY PARCEL TAX

Vice Mayor Crist discussed a proposed July 6, 2016 Special City Council Meeting and stated the numbers are being discussed; senior citizens could receive a 50% reduction. The Deputy City Manager stated the anticipated election date is October 11, 2016.

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

Vice Mayor Crist discussed approval of UL testing for electric buses, a meeting with CEC regarding grant applications, net-zero transportation, and a grant that would provide for Antelope Valley College students to ride for free; the grant would include matching funds from Antelope Valley College, the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, Antelope Valley Transit Authority and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for a grant total of \$200,000.

Additionally, Council Member Underwood-Jacobs discussed a plan to create a route for college students that would significantly reduce their ride time.

CR 2. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISTRICT NO. 14 OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Council Member Mann stated the Board adopted the FY 2016-2017 budget; sewer rates will remain the same with a projected reduction in expenses. Additionally, the disparity between sanitation rates for Lancaster and Palmdale were discussed, specifically the cost to own a home will be cheaper in Lancaster.

Vice Mayor Crist complimented Council Member Mann for his tireless work to reduce the Sanitation District rates for Lancaster residents.

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CR 3. COUNCIL REPORTS

Planning Commission Chairman Vose stated the Los Angeles Times is reporting the marijuana initiative has qualified for the November ballot.

Criminal Justice Commissioner Carter discussed the single-serve ordinance and the marijuana issue.

Mayor Parris discussed the City of Los Angeles's program of working with the College District to provide free community college to residents through the use of federal grants. Mayor Parris requested that staff work with the City of Los Angeles to see how it's being done and determine if this is something the City can be involved in.

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 Medical Main Street, the Climate Action Plan and the Zero Net Energy Home and stated he is excited for these projects to move forward which will truly help the City. Two brief videos showcasing the upcoming July 4th festivities and the recent LPAC Annual Fundraiser which benefits school age children with the opportunity to attend shows at the LPAC were shown. Additionally, the City Manager congratulated Vice Mayor Crist for being nominated to Palmdale High School's Hall of Fame.

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 Lancaster senior citizens riding the bus for free, BYD buses and trash at the Metrolink station.

Wally Melendez – stated America is in trouble, discussed legalization of marijuana and Robo-cop.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and stated the next regular meeting would take place on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 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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