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**LANCASTER  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
FINANCING/POWER AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 6, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Chair Parris called the special meeting of the Lancaster 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, 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; Public Safety Director; Finance Director; Housing Director

**INVOCATION**

Bishop Henry Hearn

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Malhi

**NB 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION**

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

Discussion among staff and the City Council included discussion of the history regarding this issue. Vice Mayor Crist discussed the people and organizations he has spoken with the past 3 years in an attempt to remedy the homeless issue in the City including Los Angeles County Officials, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Senators, Congressmen, Assemblymen, the Governor's office, and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Vice Mayor Crist also discussed the funding disparity for the homeless in the Antelope Valley and the options the City has used the past few years to house the homeless including the use of the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds and the attempt to move the homeless shelter to a new location at Avenue I and 60<sup>th</sup> Street West.

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Addressing the City Council on this item:

Jeremy Johnson – Director of Operations at Grace Resources discussed compassion, prevention and community; stated a homeless crisis exists and as a community it can be addressed; stated Grace Resources has been turning away people and due to increasing costs, may have to reduce the number of people served; looks forward to partnering with other agencies to address the crisis.

Carlos Navarette – thanked the Council for their work; discussed the important aspects of the project including providing a solution to the problem, safety for the community and the impact on minorities in the community.

David Parker – stated he is grateful for the City Council and staff efforts and discussed the community’s opportunity to make a difference.

Stacy Waddle – discussed indifference in the community and the increase in homeless the past year; specifically the number of children who are impacted, and the number of young adults coming out of the foster system without life skills; stated this will be more than building a structure it’s about saving lives.

Bishop Henry Hearn – discussed his history with the community and looks forward to working with a City Council who cares; stated this is a “win-win” because the funds stay here; it will clean up our community and help the poor and those who cannot help themselves; it provides funding for police protection for the community and for the homeless; discussed his experience of being homeless.

Chris Johnson – stated he believes the measure will pass because a culture of caring exists in the city, discussed the power of \$3 a month and what can be accomplished with this money, discussed the idea that homeless will come here because the shelter is built and discussed the investment the tax effectively becomes – an investment in cleaning up the City.

George Lane – discussed the history of the City’s incorporation, tax defaulted properties in the Antelope Valley and stated this will make it difficult to do business in the City; suggested offering workshops to the community, requested clarification regarding the amount to be taxed on each parcel.

Michael Rives – requested that the City Council postpone the vote and provide graphs for the public, suggests involving the citizens.

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Additional discussion among the City Council included discussion of the impact of panhandlers on small businesses, getting in front of the issue and the various services to be offered through the proposed shelter. Additionally, discussion took place regarding the support of the community by the businesses in the area – when a community flourishes, businesses flourish; inaction is in fact an action for this issue. The past 3 years the Council has been working to find a solution; it's time to look to the community to help solve the problems associated with homeless. Concerns with attracting more homeless and the inaction of the area's Legislative Representatives with the homeless problems in the valley were discussed. The City Council recognizes if the homeless are not taken care of, development of the City may stall as a result.

Mayor Parris thanked Vice Mayor Crist and Council Member Malhi for their courage in supporting the issue.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 1014**, authorizing a Special All Mail Ballot Election to be conducted on October 11, 2016, and establishing procedures, rules and regulations therefor, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**NB 2. SPECIAL ALL MAIL BALLOT MUNICIPAL ELECTION – OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The City Clerk presented the staff report for this item.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed holding this election concurrently with the Presidential Election in November.

Jim Barletta – discussed voting for the incorporation of the City, thanked the Council for providing a discount for senior citizens, discussed the impact the tax will have on him personally, believes the idea is a mistake and discussed an experience he had with homeless individuals who choose to be homeless.

George Beatty – supports the City Council and \$3 a month; discussed holding the contractors accountable for their work; requested reports to show how the funds are being spent.

Fran Sereseres – thanked the Vice Mayor for the senior discount and discussed her experience with being almost homeless, suggests the community see the positives of the new shelter as opposed to only seeing negative.

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Discussion among staff and the City Council included discussion of providing formalized workshops to the community before the Election.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 16-39**, calling for the holding of a Special All Mail Ballot Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, October 11, 2016, for the submission to the qualified voters a proposed measure, 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 Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 16-40**, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to render specified services to the City relating to the conduct of a Special All Mail Ballot Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 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 Malhi, the City Council approved the agreement with Martin & Chapman for consulting services for the October 11, 2016 Special All Mail Ballot Municipal Election, 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 Malhi, the City Council appropriated \$190,000 to account 101-4110-262 from General Fund fund balance, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**NB 3. CANCELLATION OF OCTOBER 11, 2016 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR  
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The City Council waived the presentation of the staff report on this item.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council approved the cancellation of the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority meeting of October 11, 2016 and direct the City Clerk to post the required notice 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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**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

**COUNCIL/AGENCY COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 6:32 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:

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BRITT AVRIT, CMC  
CITY CLERK  
AGENCY/AUTHORITY SECRETARY

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R. REX PARRIS  
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

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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 Special Meeting 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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