

**LANCASTER  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
FINANCING/POWER/  
CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
March 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: City 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; City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Administrative and Community Services Director; Senior Operations Manager; Development Services Director; Finance Director; Housing Director; Public Safety Director

**INVOCATION**

Luke Duncan

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor Crist

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Acknowledgement of California Highway Patrol assistance and support for Antelope Valley Harley Davidson Riding Academy  
Presenter: Ron Emard, Antelope Valley Harley Davidson
2. Recognition of 2017-2018 Women's Cal Pac Champions: University of Antelope Valley  
Presenter: Mayor Parris
3. Recognition of 2017-2018 Men's Cal Pac Champions: University of Antelope Valley  
Presenter: Mayor Parris

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**M 1. MINUTES**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2018, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice Mayor Crist and Council Member Mann stated they need to recuse themselves from Item No. CC 6 due to the proximity of the project to property they own and left the dais at this time.

On a motion by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved Item No. CC 6, by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann, Crist; ABSENT: None

Vice Mayor Crist and Council Member Mann returned to the dais at this time.

Addressing the City Council on Item No. CC 5:

Michael Rives – discussed Channel 3 and requested the City Council work with the cable provider to bring the channel back.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved Item No. CC 5, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Mayor Parris stated he needs to recuse himself from Item No.'s SA CC 1, CC 3 and CC 7 due to the proximity of the projects to property he owns and left the dais at this time.

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

Mayor Parris returned to the dais at this time.

**SA CC 1. PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR APN 3128-003-908.**

Approved the purchase and sale agreement for APN 3128-003-908, a vacant parcel located on the east side of 10<sup>th</sup> Street West north of Avenue K-8, with the City of Lancaster; authorized the Executive Director or his designee to execute all related documents.

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**JCC 1. SERVICES AGREEMENT**

City Council Recommendation:

Appropriated \$450,000 from Lancaster Choice Energy fund balance to account 491-4370301.

California Choice Energy Authority Recommendations:

Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a service agreement between California Choice Energy Authority (“CCEA”) and Google, LLC through its Division X (“X”) for data energy services; recognized transfer of \$450,000 from Lancaster Choice Energy fund balance to account 491-4370301.

**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. CHECK REGISTERS**

Approved the Check and Wire Registers for February 4, 2018 through February 24, 2018 in the amount of **\$5,022,768.49**. Approved the Check Register as presented.

**CC 3 PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 17-016, AUTO MALL IMPROVEMENTS**

Awarded **Public Works Construction Project No. 17-016, Auto Mall Improvements**, to Pavement Coatings Co. of Jurupa Valley, California, in the amount of \$209,792.00 plus a 10% contingency, for the installation of traffic improvements and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder per California Public Code Section 22038(b).

**CC 4. AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Approved agreement for acquisition of real property between the City of Lancaster and Champion Mortgage Company for property located at 123 East Avenue J-2, as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 3).

**CC 5. ORDINANCE NO. 1038**

Adopted **Ordinance No. 1038**, reauthorizing Ordinance No. 897, permitting the City of Lancaster (the “City”) to continue the status quo in receiving State Franchise fees and PEG fees from its cable/video TV operators.

**CC 6. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 17-010**

Accepted the work constructed by Hardy and Harper, Inc., for **Public Works Construction Project No. 17-010**, Lancaster Boulevard Bikeway and Road Diet, 10th Street West to Valley Central Way, and Sierra Highway to Division Street, BTA 1112-07-LA-03, and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project will be disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

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**CC 7. LAND PURCHASE**

Approved the proposed purchase and sale agreement for APN 3128-003-908, a vacant parcel located on the east side of 10<sup>th</sup> Street West north of Avenue K-8; authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute all related documents; appropriated \$777,546 from account number 101-2900-000, Fund Balance to account number 101-4330-912, Property Acquisition.

**NB 1. AUTHORIZATION TO USE BIOLOGICAL IMPACT FEE FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND TO EXPAND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CALIFORNIA POPPY RESERVE**

The Energy Manager presented the Staff Report for this item

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of partnering with the County and the State in an effort to receive matching funds.

Russ Dingman, Tehachapi District Superintendent California Department of Parks and Recreation provided information in support of this item.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – discussed solar panels near the Poppy Preserve; does not support giving the land to the State with no strings attached.

Roger Schaefer – neutral on the item; in favor because visitors come to the area and against because owners of land should have the freedom to handle their property as they see fit.

Margaret Rhyne – stated she is the President of the Poppy Reserve Mojave Desert Interpretive Association; this organization supports the Poppy Reserve and other parks in the Mojave Desert; grateful to the City for preserving land surrounding the Poppy Reserve; urges the City to work with the Tehachapi District of the California State Parks and other groups to preserve additional land.

James Young – property owner in the area, concerned about the process of acquiring the land.

Shannon McDonald – supports protecting the land.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 18-09**, authorizing the appropriation and use of biological impact fee funds for the acquisition of conservation property to expand the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve, and appropriated up to \$1.3 million from the Biological Impact Fee fund balance to Account No. 224-4520-912 Property Acquisitions, 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 2. ADDITION OF CHAPTER 9.50 TO THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF PARENTAL ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

The City Attorney presented the Staff Report for this item

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of modifying the Ordinance with regard to requiring video “when it is feasible.” Additionally discussion took place concerning meeting with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services with regard to this Ordinance.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

David Paul – discussed the system of protecting children, how complaints are qualified and stated anonymous reporting should be removed.

Michael Rives – appreciates the concern of the City Council and wonders if this is the best the City can do; wonders how can Department of Children and Family Services workers be better monitored.

Fran Sereseres – discussed how this will be policed and what will make it “practicable;” discussed the need for stricter laws and regulations to qualify a social worker and deeper background checks for foster parents and caregivers.

On a motion by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1039, adding chapter 9.50 to the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to investigations of parental abuse or neglect, changing Section 9.50.030 to read “...shall use an audio recorder (and video recorder to the extent practicable...)” as well as changing instances throughout the Ordinance where “video and audio recorder” is used to read “video and/or audio recorder” by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**NB 3. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – DEVELOPMENT OF LANCASTER LIVES SYSTEMIC SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT PROGRAM**

It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the Staff Report for this item.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the appropriation of \$225,000.00 in SSARP grant funds from the Department of Transportation to Account No. 349-4785-301, increased estimated revenues in Account No. 349-3308-100 by \$225,000.00, and authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute a professional services agreement with Fehr & Peers of Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$249,132.00 for the development of the Lancaster Lives Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP), 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 4. JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT OF THE NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITION**

The City Engineer presented the Staff Report for this item

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of the make-up of the Board as a majority vote vs. a consensus vote and the history leading up to the separate JPA being established; this will help in ensuring each jurisdiction feels they get “their fair share” of funding.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Michael Rives – wondered if this action results in hiring staff and a director; concerned with additional bureaucracy at the County level.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition with the County of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Clarita, and the City of Palmdale, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**NB 5. AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 8.08.010 AND 12.16.010 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENSURE THE SECTIONS REMAIN CURRENT AS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDS ITS CODES**

The City Attorney presented the Staff Report for this item

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 1040**, amending Section 8.08.010 of the Lancaster Municipal Code, relating to the City’s adoption of the Los Angeles County Public Health Ordinance No. 7583, and introduced **Ordinance No. 1041**, amending Section 12.16.010 of the Lancaster Municipal Code, relating to the City’s adoption of the Los Angeles County Highway Permit Ordinance No. 3597, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**CR 1. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the recent TDA Article 8 Hearing, the Business Outlook Conference and a marketing meeting for the Antelope Valley Fair Board.

Council Member Underwood-Jacobs discussed the recent Women and Girls Initiative meeting; this group looks at inequities of women in the workplace in Los Angeles County and is working on a plan to address issues such as pay and training.

Deputy Mayor Dorris discussed a recent meeting regarding the Community Center and a program for mentoring young males.

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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.

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

The City Manager discussed actions being taken regarding the library services study; discussion took place regarding collaborating with schools to have better equipment at school libraries. The City Manager also discussed promoting jobs available in the area and Channel 28; a video highlighting the recent Board of Trade Conference 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:

Willie Green – discussed his experience with Mayor Parris’ son Rutger and thanked the Mayor for the man he raised; discussed his concerns with wheelchair accessibility on an area of sidewalk on Sierra Highway.

David Paul – discussed a television show he watched regarding things harmful to the brain, including mold.

Fran Sereseres – discussed her attendance at Palmdale’s neighborhood safety and homeless committee meetings and suggests joining Palmdale and Lancaster’s committees together; and discussed wheelchair users on Metrolink trains.

Roger Schaefer – discussed his conversations with the City Manager.

**COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS**

Mayor Parris requested the areas of homeless encampments at the freeway off-ramps and be addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor/ Chair Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and stated the next City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

