

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
October 29, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Hearn called the Special meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.
ROLL CALL	<p>Present: Council Members: Sileo, Smith, Vice Mayor Visokey, Mayor Hearn</p> <p>Los Angeles County Supervisor Board Member: Michael Antonovich and County Representatives</p> <p>Absent: Council Member: Jeffra</p> <p>Staff Members: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Interim Assistant City Manager, City Clerk, Planning Director, Public Works Director, Parks, Recreation & Arts Director, Finance Director, Economic Development Director, Senior Redevelopment Projects Coordinator, Housing Director, Human Resources Director</p>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mayor Hearn
NB 1. LAW ENFORCEMENT/ CRIME/ JUVENILE CRIME/ JUDICIAL COORDINATION	<p>The Assistant City Manager and Captain Deeley presented statistical information which showed a positive sign of crime reduction; statistics on gangs in the Antelope Valley; discussed issues regarding referrals to the juvenile court system and expressed concerns regarding the juvenile court process. Requested assistance from the County regarding the system; juvenile court and probation issues.</p> <p>The City Manager stated that the City of Lancaster is very optimistic about opening up dialog regarding these matters.</p> <p>Council discussion included: build-out of the courthouse; possibility of using modular trailers.</p>

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<p>NB 1. LAW ENFORCEMENT/ CRIME/ JUVENILE CRIME/ JUDICIAL COORDINATION (continued)</p>	<p>The County stated that public safety is the number one priority; County will be meeting and going into more detail with both Lancaster and Palmdale on this matter; some of the problems may require the involvement of the State Legislature. The County stated that a discussion will take place with the Superior Court to learn how to expand the courts; importance of having staff for the expansion of the courts; a better investment would be to move forward with the build-out of existing courts.</p>
<p>NB 2. SECTION 8 HOUSING ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>The Housing Director presented an overview of Section 8 Housing Enforcement; Section 8 Investigators and Lancaster Code Enforcement are working together; importance of additional County officers; importance of working on Section 8 fraud in all aspects.</p> <p>The County stated that a Public Assistance Task Force has been formed and will be meeting in the near future regarding many issues under the umbrella of Section 8. The County thanked Lancaster for the additional resources to help with this issue and gave a brief update of Section 8 statistics.</p>
<p>NB 3. STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE</p>	<p>The Housing Director gave a brief overview of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative program; importance of services from the County; importance of a commitment from the County for assistance; importance of networking with all agencies on this matter.</p>
<p>NB 4/NB 5 HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR GOODS MOVEMENT/ LOGISTICS INDUSTRIES</p>	<p>The County gave a brief background and update regarding these projects; network of partnerships; importance of having infrastructure in place; importance of having the attention of the federal government; difficulty with railroads.</p> <p>The Public Works Director stated that the City is encouraged by the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA); importance of pursuing this matter immediately.</p>
<p>NB 6. WATER SUPPLY AND RE-USE</p>	<p>The Public Works Director stated that Lancaster is very close to a joint partnership regarding the pipeline for re-use of water; gave an update on pump status; Council has requested a workshop and it will be very important to have representatives from the County and other agencies.</p> <p>The County gave a brief update on the State water project; importance of having the matter of water, transportation and roads first and foremost on the agenda in Sacramento.</p>

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<p>NB 7. STATUS OF THE MAC AND ASSOCIATED LAND TRANSFERS</p>	<p>The City Manager stated that the City is working toward transfers of property; importance of receiving assistance from the County to bring to conclusion.</p> <p>The County presented statistics on the emergency center; encouraged by the communication.</p>
<p>NB 8. CITY PLANS FOR FOX FIELD CORRIDOR</p>	<p>The City Manager expressed the importance of dialog with the County regarding industrial and commercial manufacturing in the area; potential of the area.</p> <p>The County stated that they are looking forward to meeting and looking at improvements and discussing the potential.</p>
<p>NB 9. PLANNING / JOINT PLANNING MECHANISM FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; CITY/COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENTS; GENERAL PLAN UPDATES</p>	<p>The Planning Director stated that there has been very good cooperation with the County Planning Department; presented a brief update on the progress of the General Plan; continuing with coordination efforts; importance of combined forces and working together.</p>
<p>NB 10. AVENUE K AND L ROAD WIDENING THROUGH THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS</p>	<p>The Public Works Director presented a brief background on this matter along with the severity of the impact; issues regarding cost estimates; fees; fee structure; appreciate help from the County.</p> <p>The County stated that the EIR should go out in another month; looking forward to making improvements in this area.</p>
<p>NB 11. OTHER CITY/COUNTY JOINT APPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Vice Mayor Visokey stated that over the past two weeks he has received over 48 e-mails regarding the toxic waste dump site that people are worried about and it is flowing into the Amargosa Creek project. An organization called Fact Finders stated that they can get a toxic waste testing done for approximately \$4,900.00 and they are asking the City to pay for this. He stated that staff has worked with the Supervisor's office and this is an item that is under the jurisdiction of both the state and the county.</p> <p>The County stated that they are aware of the request; tests have been done on the area of concern; County is working on this matter.</p>
<p>NB 12.</p>	<p>Supervisor Antonovich gave a brief update regarding the recent fires in Southern</p>

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OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST	<p>California. Praised the Los Angeles Fire Department and Fire District; discussed the contracts with agencies for the super scoopers; Fire Departments train daily for all types of disasters; many agencies did an incredible job in the face of this disaster; ready to help re-build. Stated that evacuation centers need to do a better job with communication in the way of additional televisions and radios for citizens to stay up to date on what is going on.</p> <p>Council stated that this was an excellent example showing what worked; agencies came together; excellent partnership.</p>		
PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR NON-AGENDIZED	None		
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Mayor Hearn's adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and announced the next regular meeting of the City Council would be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.</p>		
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	<p>STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss</p>		

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**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL**

I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original City Council Minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this _____ day of _____, _____.

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