

**LANCASTER  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
FINANCING/HOUSING/POWER/  
CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
November 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Parris called the meeting of the Lancaster City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority to order at 5:00 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; Assistant City Manager/Deputy Executive Director/Acting City Clerk/ Agency/Authority Secretary; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; Assistant City Clerk; Assistant to the City Manager, Administrative and Community Services Director; Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Development Services Director; Finance Director; Chief of Police/Public Safety Director

Vice Chair Crist called the meeting of the Lancaster Housing Authority to order at 5:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Housing Authority Members: Malhi, Mann; Vice Chair Crist; Chair Szeto

ABSENT: Housing Authority Member Harvey

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Nathan Birt, Lancaster Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Underwood-Jacobs

**PRESENTATION**

1. Zonta's Centennial Celebration  
Presenter: Mayor Parris

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**HA NB 1. ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HNR-1**

The Assistant to the City Manager and Housing Manager presented the staff report for this item.

On a motion by Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Authority Member Mann, the Lancaster Housing Authority authorized the Executive Director or his designee to pay an invoice in the amount of \$188,610.77 to Southern California Edison to lay the needed electric infrastructure for HNR-1, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Crist, Szeto; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Harvey

On a motion by Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Authority Member Mann, the Lancaster Housing Authority appropriated \$200,000 from Lancaster Housing Authority Fund Balance Account No. 306-2900-000 to expenditure Account No. 306-4240-900I to cover the full amount of the invoice, plus contingency, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Crist, Szeto; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Harvey

**M 1. MINUTES**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, 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 October 22, 2019, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Parris stated he needs to recuse himself from Item No. CC 5 due to the proximity of the projects to property he owns.

Council Member Mann stated he needs to recuse himself from Item No's CC 5 and SA CC 1 due to the proximity of the projects to property he owns.

Council Member Underwood-Jacobs stated she needs to recuse herself from Item No. SA CC 1 due to the proximity of the project to her employer.

Mayor Parris and Council Member Mann left the dais at this time.

On a motion by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved Consent Calendar Item No. CC 4, by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Malhi, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann, Parris; ABSENT: None

Mayor Parris returned to the dais at this time.

Council Member Underwood-Jacobs left the dais at this time.

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**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED...**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved Consent Calendar Item No. SA CC 1, by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Malhi, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann, Underwood-Jacobs; ABSENT: None

Council Members Mann and Underwood-Jacobs returned to the dais at this time.

Addressing the City Council on Item No. CC 7:  
Michael Rives - discussed the upcoming elections, moving the April election to November, and voter participation.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar Item No. CC 7, 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 3:  
Fran Sereseres – discussed grant funding and inquired on project funding.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Underwood-Jacobs, the City Council approved Consent Calendar Item No's CC 1, CC 2, CC 3, CC 4, and CC 6, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist; Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**SA CC 1. Adopted Resolution No. SA 03-19**, approving the transfer of public easements from the Successor Agency for the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency to the City of Lancaster, and authorized the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute all related documents.

**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 September 29, 2019 through October 19, 2019 in the amount of \$7,452,643.33. Approved the Check Registers as presented.

**CC 3. RESOLUTION NO. 19-57**

Adopted **Resolution No. 19-57**, authorizing the filing of an application for, and receipt of, the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) SB 2 Planning Grants Program (PGP) in the amount of \$310,000, and, if awarded, authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all grant documents.

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**CC 4. BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM RBC31**

Approved the appropriation of \$104,979.06 in grant funds from the California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program RBC31, and authorized staff to expend funds according to the requirements of the grant agreement.

Beverage Container Recycling Grant (RBC31):

- Job Code for Personnel: GR4755RBC31
- Revenue Account: 330-3304-116 – COMP BEVERAGE GRANT RBC31
- Expenditure Account: 330-4755-779 - COMP BEVERAGE GRANT RBC31

**CC 5. LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY REVENUE BOND SALES**

Recognized revenue totaling \$55,673,805 in Lancaster Financing Authority Revenue Bond sales, and increased appropriated expenditures and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects totaling \$9,931,303.

**CC 6. ORDINANCE NO. 1067**

Adopted **Ordinance No. 1067**, amending Title 15 of the Lancaster Municipal Code by repealing Ordinance No. 1018 and Chapters 15.56, 15.60 and 15.68, and adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Building Code as amended herein; adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Residential Code as amended herein; adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Electrical Code as amended herein; adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Mechanical Code; adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Plumbing Code as amended herein; adopting the Lancaster Security Code as contained herein; adopting by reference the 2018 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code as amended herein; adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Energy Code as amended herein; adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Historical Building Code; adopting by reference the 2020 edition of the Los Angeles County Fire Code; adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Green Building Standards Code; adopting by reference the 2019 edition of the California Existing Building Code; and adopting by reference the 2019 California Referenced Standards Code as the Lancaster Codes for Buildings and Construction.

**CC 7. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – APRIL 14, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 1068 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1069**

- a. Adopted **Ordinance No. 1068**, repealing Section 2 of Ordinance No. 734 (1997) and abolishing Section 2.04.070 of the Lancaster Municipal Code (L.M.C.), relating to the voluntary expenditure ceiling for municipal elections in the City of Lancaster (City).
- b. Adopted **Ordinance No. 1069**, authorizing a General All-Mail Ballot Election to be conducted on April 14, 2020 and thereafter in subsequent future elections, and establishing procedures, rules and regulations therefor.

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**CPH 1. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH GAIACA, LLC, FOR MANUFACTURING-RELATED CANNABIS WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

The City Attorney stated this item would be taken up at a later time.

**NB 1. AGREEMENT FOR BRAND DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The Assistant City Manager presented the Staff Report for this item.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Fran Sereseres – stated her question had been answered.

David Paul – discussed civic participation, civic pride, communication and public speaking.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved an agreement for Brand Development and Implementation with Selbert Perkins Design for an initial term of December 1, 2019 through December 1, 2020, subject to earlier termination per contract; authorized the City Manager to execute all related documents, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Underwood-Jacobs, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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

Vice Mayor Crist stated the AVTA received official notice of their receipt of additional grant funds which will add more buses and complete their charging system.

Vice Mayor Crist further discussed the AVTA's accomplishment of replacing the entire bus system in less than 2.5 years and the great work completed by Macy Neshati and staff.

**CR 2. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Malhi discussed the City of Lancaster's receipt of the annual "Most Business-Friendly City" Award making Lancaster the first city to receive the award three times; Council Member Malhi thanked staff and his fellow Council Members for the great accomplishment.

Mayor Parris discussed his appreciation for the City staff and their work.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed sales tax rates and possible future increases in surrounding cities.

Council Member Mann discussed the fiduciary duty with which City Council operates with.

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**CR 2. COUNCIL REPORTS CONTINUED...**

Mayor Parris discussed political correctness, the progression of events leading to tax payers ultimately bearing the burden of past poor decisions made by elected officials and the importance of transparency.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the importance of being aware of your elected officials' decision-making experience and how they are ultimately spending citizens' money.

**CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Manager discussed the most recent BooLVD and Field of Drafts events and showed videos highlighting the events.

Additionally, the City Manager discussed upcoming meetings to start the discussion process to obtain as much public input as possible, per direction from City Council, on street light cameras including the applicable privacy policy; Wednesday's Criminal Justice Commission meeting will be the kick-off meeting.

The City Manager also discussed the great handling of new construction projects throughout the City and stated more information was to be presented at the next City Council meeting.

**CITY CLERK /AGENCY/AUTHORITY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council/Successor Agency/Authority regarding non-agendized items.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Elijah Flores – student at AVC, asked if there was something in the past they were excited to get done or something in the future they are looking forward to getting done.

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**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS CONTINUED...**

Fran Sereseres – thanked the Mayor and Council Members for all they do, and discussed Jane Reynolds Park, her pride in service, great work completed by the City’s Parks, Recreation and Arts Department, and her overall appreciation for the City Council’s support.

David Rives – discussed Medical Main Street, AV Hospital, bonds being pursued, community meetings, and the requests he has made to the State.

David Paul – discussed the joy in the room, joy in building people up, public policy, incredible City staff, his possible run for Mayor, and his attendance at a community meeting.

**COUNCIL / AGENCY / AUTHORITY COMMENTS**

Mayor Parris and Vice Mayor Crist discussed the possibility of having a public integrity unit to promote transparency; the City Attorney will look into this.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed Measure H and the Measure H funds received by local community organizations and the City.

Council Member Mann stated that he hoped everyone has a great Thanksgiving and that there was a lot to be thankful for.

Mayor Parris discussed his appreciation for Macey Neshati’s work for the community and thanked him.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Parris stated the City Council meeting will be adjourned in memory of Nicole Marie Neshati-Carrera, Creative Artist, Inspirational Spirit, beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt and treasured friend to many.

Mayor/Chair Parris adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m. and stated the next City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Vice Mayor Crist, Mayor Parris

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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*Rex Parris*  
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RONDA PEREZ  
ACTING CITY CLERK

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/Housing/Power/California Choice Energy 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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