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**LANCASTER  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
FINANCING/POWER/  
CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
April 28, 2020**

**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 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: City Council Members /Agency Directors /Authority Members: Dorris, Malhi, Mann; Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist; Mayor/Chair Parris.

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

City Manager/Executive Director; Assistant City Manager/Assistant Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Assistant to the City Manager, Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Development Services Director; Finance Director; Housing Director; Chief of Police/Public Safety Director

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Matt Dumas, Central Christian Church

**PRESENTATION TO THE CITY**

**OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE APRIL 14, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

The City Clerk presented the staff report on this item.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 20-12**, reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law regarding the election of the Mayor and two Council Members, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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The Oath of Office was administered at this time.

**MINUTES**

On a motion Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, 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 March 24, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2020 by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

No comments received on Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar as comprised, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, 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. CHECK REGISTERS**

Approved the Check and Wire Registers for March 01, 2020, through April 04, 2020 in the amount of \$5, 232,507.81

**CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT**

Accepted and approved the March 2020, Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

**CC 4. STAND STRONG BUSINESS RECOVERY LOAN PROGRAM**

Approved agreement with Ride a Cowboy, LLC for a \$40,000 loan under the Stand Strong Business Recovery Loan Program. Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute all related documents.

**CC 5. RESOLUTION NO. 20-13**

Adopted **Resolution No. 20-13**, approving the City of Lancaster Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019-2024, and directed the City Manager or his designee to submit the Plan to the State Office of Emergency Services for approval.

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**CC 6. AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ENGINEERING AND ASSOCIATES**

Awarded Contract to Duke Engineering and Associates of Lancaster, California, for a total of \$202,525. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded in accordance with City of Lancaster Municipal Code Chapter 3.32.220(I).

**CC 7. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 17-006 REBID**

Accepted the work constructed by Toro Enterprises, Inc., for Public Works Construction Project No. 17-006 REBID, Lancaster Boulevard and 15<sup>th</sup> Street West Roundabout, HSIPL-5419(043), and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project shall be disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

**CC 8. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO 17-019**

Accepted the work constructed by JFL Electric, Inc., for Public Works Construction Project No. 17-019, 2018 Traffic Signal Upgrades, and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion. Retention on this project shall be disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

**CC 9. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 18-001**

Accepted the work constructed by All American Asphalt for Public Works Construction Project No. 18-001, 2018 Pavement Management Program (Revive 25), and directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion. Retention on this project shall be disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

**CC 10. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 19-001**

Accepted the work constructed by All American Asphalt for Public Works Construction Project No. 19-001, 2019 Pavement Management Program (Revive 25), 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.

**CC 11. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 19-005**

Accept the work constructed by Superior Pavement Markings for Public Works Construction Project No. 19-005, 2019 Long Line Striping, and directed the City clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project. Retention on this project will be disbursed

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in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

**CC 12. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 17-003**

Approved change orders 1-4, and increased the total amount of the contract with Hardy & Harper, Inc., of Santa Ana, California, for Public Works Construction Project 17-003, 2017 Pavement Management Program (Revive 25), by \$119,372.67 for a total revised contract amount of \$2,846,372.67 plus a 10% contingency.

**CC 13. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 20-002**

Awarded Public Works Construction Project No. 20-002, Sewer Rehabilitation project, to Mike Prlich & Sons, Inc., of Baldwin Park, California, in the amount of \$299,345 plus a 10% contingency, to repair manholes and sewer mainlines. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

**CR 1. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER DESIGNATION.**

No emailed comments on this item.

City Attorney discussed the roles and allocation of responsibility of Public Health officer within the City of Lancaster which is currently designated to Los Angeles County; nearly every city within Los Angeles County allows the Los Angeles county to cover Public Health officer responsibilities. City Attorney further discussed various responsibilities of current Public Health Officer designated by Los Angeles county; discussed the need to have multiple designated persons to take on responsibility if done in-house by the City of Lancaster.

Discussion among council included:

Mayor Parris discussed wanting to know if the Public Health Officer job function could be done in parts and do it has a hybrid. City Attorney stated that the statute does not call for this Council Member Mann discussed two cities in Los Angeles County who are independent of LA County and looking at their model. Vice Mayor Crist discussed were funding issues. Mayor discussed failure of LA County doing this job in certain aspects.

Deputy Mayor Dr. Lawrence Stock discussed current COVID-19 pandemic and various aspects of its effects and the safest possible way to get through the next three years. Deputy Mayor discussed that vaccine would be needed but not certain time as to when this would happen. Deputy Mayor discussed concepts for suggestions for pathways forward which included; the need for individuals to continue seeking medical attention for other illnesses unrelated to the virus instead of staying home in fear of catching COVID-19 if they sought medical attention; the financial impact currently; First concept - getting individuals back

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to work while minimizing deaths disability; Second concept- immunity of the virus; Third, stay at home guidance for those that are most vulnerable until a vaccine is in place. One major goal is getting condition disease surveillance in place to measure contracting the disease and deaths. Deputy Mayor discussed public health including more readily tests available and contact tracing to quarantine those COVID 19 contacts; public health education and utilization of health risk tools; maintenance and continued use of sanitation if re-opening; slowly releasing groups from stay-at-home order.

Discussion among Council included:

Vice Mayor Crist asked would you recommend opening a golf course. Deputy Mayor didn't see a problem with it. Vice Mayor Crist discussed personal responsibility and asking about opening some restaurants, car dealerships, and gyms. Deputy Mayor discussed personal responsibility and accountability of businesses with restrictions and sanitation. Council Member Mann discussed boiler plate guidelines for opening up. Council Member Dorris discussed guidelines that people can follow for churches and businesses. Mayor Parris discussed those business who are allowed to open should follow guidelines or provide ideas for re-opening and if not penalizing those who don't comply; allowing volunteers to help and businesses submitting a plan for what may work.

**CR 2. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Crist discussed transitioning fair grounds to have video equipment; AVTA using all electric buses now and carbon credits as a result.

**CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY**

No action required at this time.

**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.

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**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Malhi was excused at this time.

The City Manager discussed number of COVID-19 cases in LA County and Lancaster; working diligently on funding sources and getting those back to work; along with economic impacts and operationally getting back to order; programs as it relates to operational change; heavily focusing on recovery standpoint.

Mayor Parris asked status of getting Wi-Fi for kids who need it City Manager informed in process of getting Wi-Fi and some already available in some areas which may be found on heat map on City's website.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

City Clerk read emailed public comments at this time:

Rudy Rodriguez- "Im the owner of a small tattoo shop in Lancaster California , my shops been close for nearly 2 months due to the corona virus My shops lease will be up at the end of this month . My question is what are my options moving forward, do I have any legal rights to stay an extra 2 months since I had to close down prior to fulfilling my lease term Ive applied to all the loan programs that were available for small business as soon as they came available yet I haven't received any financial help or any status about them Thank you. "

Mike Thacker- "My name is Mike Thacker and I am a resident of Lancaster. I would like to know what the city's plan is to fix the thousands of potholes that are popping up all over the city. Ave. K and L seem to crumbling in front of our eyes. Are you aware of the problem and what kind of plan do you have in place to start fixing our streets that make some of the third world streets I've seen look amazing? I know you care, but seeing chunks of asphalt everywhere makes me wonder if you are aware. I am submitting this electronically because apparently there is no way for us to address the council as we would with the 2 or 3 minute non agenda item portion of a normal council meeting. Thank you"

Donita Winn- "If it is possible, I would like to congratulate Mayor Parris, Mr. Ken Mann, and Mr. Darrell Dorris on their elections to the City of Lancaster City Council."

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

No council comments at this time.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (2) - two potential cases.
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4) - two potential cases.
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (1)
4. Desert-Candle, LP v. Frontier Homes, LLC, LASC Case No. 20STCV05178
5. Kappler v. Lancaster, LASC 18STCVO4990
6. Better Neighborhoods v. Lancaster, LASC BS175020
7. Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases  
Included Actions:  
Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.  
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC325201;  
Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.  
Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Case No. S-1500-CV-254-348  
Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water District  
Superior Court of California County of Riverside, consolidated actions;  
Case Nos. RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668
8. Ramos v Patino, LASC Case No. MC027974
9. Lozoya v. City of Lancaster, LASC Case No. 19AVCV00714
10. Johnson v. City of Lancaster, LASC Case No. 19AVCV00824
11. Rahier v. City of Lancaster, LASC Case No. 19AVCV00163

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and stated the next City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

DocuSigned by:



ANDREA ALEXANDER  
CITY CLERK

DocuSigned by:



R. REX PARRIS  
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA            }  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES       }ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER             }

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING/HOUSING/POWER/CALIFORNIA  
CHOICE ENERGY 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/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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