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**LANCASTER  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
FINANCING/POWER/  
CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Parris called the meeting of the Lancaster City Council/Successor Agency/Financing Power/California Choice Energy Authority to order at 5:03 pm.

**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; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; City Clerk/ Agency/Authority Secretary; 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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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Mayor Parris waived Pledge of Allegiance since meeting is being conducted telephonically/virtually.

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**M1.** On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann the City Council approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020 by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; Ayes: Parris, Malhi, Dorris, Crist, Mann; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

**M2.** On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Malhi the City Council approved the Amended City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/ Power/ California Choice Energy Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2020 to reflect Public Hearing Item No. 1 through Public Hearing Item No. 4, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; Ayes: Malhi, Dorris, Crist, Mann; Noes: None; Abstain: Parris; Absent: None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Clerk announced procedure for public comment on the consent calendar.

No public comment at this time.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, 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

**CCEA CC 1.** Approved California Choice Energy Authority Entering into a Long-Term Renewable Energy Contract with Sierra Pacific Industries on behalf of Baldwin Park Resident Owned Utility District, Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy, Pomona Choice Energy, Rancho Mirage Energy Authority and San Jacinto Power

**CC 1.** Waived further reading of any proposed ordinances. (This permits reading the title only in lieu of reciting the entire text.)

**CC 2.** Approved check registers as presented for July 12, 2020 through July 25, 2020.

**CC 3.** Adopted **Resolution 20-42**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, repealing Resolution No. 10-33 in its entirety, and authorizing investment of City funds in the local agency investment fund (LAIF) by specific City Officers.

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**CC 4.** Approved award of Additional Authorization No. 2 Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., of Los Angeles, California to amend and increase the Professional Consultant Services Agreement for additional design services in the amount of \$341, 549.00 and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

**CC 5.** Awarded Public Works Construction Project No. 20-010 2020 Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Repairs, to C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc., Chino California in the amount of \$667, 280.00 plus 10% contingency, to repair or replace sidewalk, curb, gutter, or other concrete improvements at various locations throughout the City. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee to sign all documents.

**CC 6.** Approved entering into a Long-Term Renewable Energy Contract with Sierra Pacific Industries for Lancaster Choice Energy.

**CC 7.** Adopted **Ordinance No. 1075**, adding Chapter 2.39 to the Lancaster Municipal Code creating the Lancaster Social Equity Commission.

**CC 8.** Adopted **Resolution No. 20-44**, amending Resolution 20-34, establishing terms and conditions of employment and compensation schedule for represented regular and probationary employees.

**PH 1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AMENDING LANCASTER CHOICE ENERGY CUSTOMER POWER GENERATION RATE SCHEDULE**

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

City Clerk announced procedure for public comment on PH 1.

No public comments at this time.

Council waived staff report seeing no comments.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 20-43**, amending Resolution No. 20-014 amending customer power generation rates for Lancaster Choice Energy effective August 1, 2020 by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; Ayes: Parris, Malhi, Dorris, Crist, Mann; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

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**NB1. NAMING OF ROUNDABOUTS LOCATED AT 15TH STREET WEST AND LANCASTER BLVD AND 15TH STREET EAST AND LANCASTER BLVD IN HONOR OF LANCASTER VICE MAYOR MARVIN CRIST AND RICHARD GLENN “DICK” RUTAN, RESPECTIVELY**

City Manager presented the staff report on this item.

City Clerk announced procedure for public comment.

Mayor Parris discussed reasons for nominating Richard Glenn Dick Rutan which included his voyage around the world non-stop and completing such a feat that seemed impossible.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council approved naming of roundabout located at 15th Street East and Lancaster Blvd in honor of Richard Glenn Dick Rutan, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Mayor Parris discussed reasons for naming roundabout after Vice Mayor Crist which included Vice Mayor putting in thousands of hours into the City to make it better; Vice Mayor chairs most of different boards; He brought in millions of dollars that the City wouldn't have had otherwise; He executes and gets things done; does not tolerate fools easily; without him Mayor and Council would not be one-tenth of what they are.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed being honored and thankful to be honored alongside Dick Rutan with all of the accomplishments Rutan achieved.

On a motion by Mayor Parris, and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council naming of roundabout located at 15th street West and Lancaster Blvd in honor of Vice Mayor Marvin Crist and adopting **Resolution No. 20-45**, a resolution approving naming of roundabouts located at 15<sup>th</sup> Street West and Lancaster Blvd and 15<sup>th</sup> Street East and Lancaster Blvd by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Crist; ABSENT: None

**CA1. APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN (7) SOCIAL EQUITY COMMISSIONERS AND UP TO THREE (3) ALTERNATES NOMINATED BY THE MAYOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL TO THE SOCIAL EQUITY COMMISSION.**

Nomination of Shawn Cannon:

Discussion among Council included social media post by nominee; encouraging ethics classes; ensuring diversity within Commission; tabling nomination until Council Members have had the opportunity to speak with Nominee; Council discussed giving nominee an opportunity to explain Facebook post.

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City Attorney advised the need for public comment on any Candidate.

Deputy Mayor Heather Varden announced list of nominees.

City Clerk announced procedure for public comment.

No public comments at this time.

Nomination of Lloyri Carter:

Deputy Mayor Heather Varden gave background on nominee discussing nominee's work with Kaiser on diversity and working with youth.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council nominated and approved appointing Lloyri Carter as commissioner for the Social Equity Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Nomination of Chyheeb Joseph:

Deputy Mayor Varden discussed nominees background stating work with homeless population.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council nominated and approved appointing Chyheeb Joseph as commissioner for the Social Equity Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Nomination of Isabell Flax:

Commissioner Nigel Holly gave background on nominees stating she has worked with various groups; she is outspoken and community conscious.

Discussion among Council included Vice Mayor Crist disagreeing with nomination based on nominee striking police officer; Mayor Parris mentioned he was aware of the incident and police where performing CPR on her brother; Ken Mann would like to speak with nominee; Dorris stated nominee was able to have a conversation with Council and he was told that nominee apologized to officers.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Council Member Dorris, the City Council nominated and approved appointing Isabell Flax as commissioner for the Social Equity Commission, by the following vote: 3-1-1-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Parris; NOES: Crist; ABSTAIN: Mann; ABSENT: None

Nomination of Terasina Hone:

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Deputy Mayor Varden gave background on nominee stating experience in working with mental health issues and kids dealing with trauma; working with the LGBTQ community and Hispanic community; also working with community health.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Council Member Malhi the City Council nominated and approved appointing Terasina Hone as commissioner for the Social Equity Commission, by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Crist and Dorris; ABSENT: None

Nomination of Brian Johnson:

Deputy Mayor Varden gave background on nominee stating he is a local pastor and has previously done advocacy work.

On a motion by Council Member Dorris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist the City Council nominated and approved appointing Brian Johnson as commissioner for the Social Equity Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Mayor Parris proposed moving to next agenda item, Council Reports.

**CR1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Vice Mayor Crist gave a report on AVTA discussing COVID-19 starting to affect the transit agency; currently on a 50/50 bus schedule; scheduling had to be slowed down because of availability of drivers; using plexiglass shields to protect everyone.

Mayor Parris inquired about how many drives have been affected by COVID-19. Vice Mayor Crist responded with three (3) drivers being affected.

City Attorney announced procedure for public comment.

No public comments at this time.

**CR2. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Doris discussed meeting with Pastors in the community regarding safe services.

Deputy Mayor Dr. Stock discussed Antelope Valley Hospital active cases but doing well as a whole; people are listening to warning regarding large gatherings.

Deputy Mayor Dr. Troung discussed numbers and doing better as a community; seeing more patients in Palmdale.

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Deputy Mayor Tiffany Tanner discussed working with places of worship; testing programs and arrival of test.

Mayor Parris discussed contact tracing and citing for not wearing masks; Deputy Mayor Tanner discussed community follow-up instead of contact tracing; Todd Weber discussed support for citing of failure to wear masks and recent efforts to ensure compliance.

Council resumed discussion on appointment of nominees to the Social Equity Commission at this time.

Nomination of Giovanni Pope:

Deputy Mayor Varden inquired about age requirement to be an active member on a commission.

City Attorney discussed researching age requirement.

Discussion among Council included making nominee an alternate since unsure of ability to perform due to age requirement.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Council Vice Mayor Crist the City Council nominated and approved appointing Giovanni Pope as commissioner for the Social Equity Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Nomination of Zac Cullen:

Deputy Heather Varden discussed nominee's background stating nominee is local business owner and has been advocating for the community since the nineties (90's).

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist the City Council nominated and approved appointing Zac Cullen as commissioner for the Social Equity Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**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.

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**LANCASTER SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

No action required at this time.

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Manager discussed senior outreach; completion of forty (40) virtual conversations with seniors by IMPACT volunteers; improvements to Ave. G, J, K, L, and M moving forward; LPAC virtual murder mystery musical began August 5, 2020; one hundred and thirteen (113) businesses helped with COVID-19 impacts; new Emergency Rental Assistance program; continuation of Farmer's Market and Hot Summer Nights; five (5) employees recovered from COVID-19.

Mayor Parris discussed program celebrating heroes during pandemic; figuring out a way for individuals in nursing facilities to get hair done; gave a report on proposed program before going to public comments. Discussion included meeting with Japan Counsel and discussion of Lancaster being a location to produce energy from hydrogen; reported statistics regarding usage of hydrogen; wanting to create Hydrogen Powered Society; integrating other energy resources; starting sister city programs; disappointment with school boards and people being in desperate need for child care; desire to have extensive program for four year olds as it is critically important.

City Manager responded by discussing City Day Care program initiative.

**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 items.

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

Addressing the Council at this time:

Fran Sereseres-congratulated Vice Mayor Crist on name being selected for roundabout; discussed Ordinance 1075 and being left out in left field when mayor brought up Senior Center; mentioned Senior population is diverse.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and stated the next City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.



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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Dorris, Mann, Crist, Parris

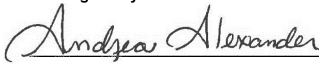
NOES: None


ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Malhi

ATTEST:

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MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES       }ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER             }

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING/HOUSING/POWER/CALIFORNIA  
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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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