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**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/POWER/
CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 28, 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 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF MEMBERS:

City Manager/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

Shane Idleman, Pastor of Westside Christian Fellowship

PRESENTATION

1. Small Business Assistance Program
Presenter: Cedric White, President of the AV Black Chamber of Commerce.

MINUTES

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Dorris the City Council approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority regular meeting minutes of July, 14, 2020 by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Raj Malhi, Darrell Dorris, Ken Mann, R. Rex Parris, Marvin Crist NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Attorney announced Council Member Mann needs to recuse himself from Item No. CC 4 due to proximity to property in which he owns.

Council Member Mann stated that property in question was sold and he no longer owns it.

City Clerk announced procedure for public to comment on Consent Calendar.

Addressing the Council at this time on Item No. CC 4.

Fran Serereses-discussed clarifying whether the project involving installation of sidewalk was a new project.

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; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: 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 as presented for June 21, 2020 through July 11, 2020 in the amount of \$7,382,597.28. Approved the Check Register as presented.

CC 3. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS – JUNE 2020

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

CC 4. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 18-007 – 2018 PARKS AND CONCRETE REPAIRS

Accepted Public Works Construction Project No. 18-007, 2018 Parks and Concrete Repairs, by R.C. Becker and Son, Inc., of Santa Clarita, California. Retention on this project shall be disbursed in accordance with California Public Contract Code.

CC 5. FIRST AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENT

Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Community Workforce Agreement between the City of Lancaster and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and the signatory local unions and district councils. Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute all related documents.

NB1. INTRODUCED ORDINANCE NO. 1075, ADDING CHAPTER 2.39 TO THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING THE LANCASTER SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION.

The City Manager and City Attorney presented the staff report on this item.

Discussion among Council included amending name of commission to Social Equity Commission; whether there is necessity for Social Equality Commission; designed to get City on the same page and not being anti-police; making adjustment and becoming a safer and more equitable city.

Council Member Dorris discussed the need to have diversity on the commission and the naming of commission.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed seeing everything done as a whole without race as a criteria; wasn't happy with presentation given at last City Council meeting regarding Social Equity & Justice Commission; not seeing goal being accomplished with some of the individuals being placed on the proposed commission.

City Clerk announced procedure for public comment on this item.

Addressing the Council at this time:

Shawn Cannon-discussed social justice for everyone within the City; thanking those individuals who did speak out; the ability to change what it means to be a leader in Lancaster; wanting to expand on things already being done within the City.

Jacob Johnson- discussed the spirit of having Social Equality Commission to connect the community and to deal with some of the challenges within the City; doing research before appointing commission members; being inclusive.

Giovanni Pope-discussed that the way Social Equity Commission came may not have been ideal; we are a City of innovation and we can also be a City of equity; creating commission not to pacify anyone but to deliver equity that people have not seen in a long time; worked extremely hard to make sure protest was not disruptive but got point across.

Fran Sereseres-discussed this idea troubled her; how is this group going to accomplish what they are saying; which group are we talking specifically about; she will work with them but she needs to see something that doesn't have just a handful of people.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Dorris the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1075, adding Chapter 2.39 to the Lancaster Municipal Code creating the Lancaster Social Justice and Equity Commission, also amending its name to Social Equity Commission by the following vote:5-0-0-0; AYES: Raj Malhi, Darrell Dorris, Ken Mann, R. Rex Parris, Marvin Crist NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

NB2. (1) RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS A PROPOSED MEASURE RELATING TO AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION AND (2) RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

City Clerk announced procedure for public comment on this item.

No public comment on this item.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi the City Council (a) adopted **Resolution No. 20-40** (the "Election Resolution"), calling for the holding of a Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the submission to the voters a proposed measure relating to an ordinance enacting a transactions and use tax to be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration; (b) adopted **Resolution No. 20-41** (the "Consolidation Resolution"), requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate a Special Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020, with the

Statewide General Election to be held on that date pursuant to Section 10403 of the Elections Code by the following vote: 5-0-0-0 AYES: Raj Malhi, Darrell Dorris, Ken Mann, R. Rex Parris, Marvin Crist; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

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

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the AVTA having to give \$20 million back because SCAG wrote the split letter which stated that it had to be given back to METRO; discussed Saturday schedule being included; ridership down by sixty-five (65%) percent but still profitable at this time.

CR2. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Dorris-thanked Vice Mayor Crist with helping the churches in the Valley being able to use baseball stadium.

Mayor Parris-discussed projections of COVID-19; getting Deputy Mayors to come up with a plan to save as many lives as we can; creating our own path to help save more lives.

Deputy Mayor Tiffany Tanner discussed-turn-around time for results; increasing testing; City has acquired tests that should allow for results within twenty-four hours; increased access to testing; discussed COVID-19 statistics; flu season impacting/increasing numbers with COVID-19; quick turn-around testing is the best way to beat COVID-19.

Vice Mayor asked about cost of test and arrival of test to which Deputy Mayor Tanner believed the test should arrive on Monday and haven't finalized total cost of the program.

Mayor Parris discussed wanting our City to save as many lives as possible; Staff has to figure out how to save lives whether we have the help of the County or not.

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.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager discussed rebranding process and encouraging community to take survey; taking advantage of dining out program; 1800 cars sold since the beginning of Operation Jumpstart; encouraged those to purchase vehicle and receive five hundred dollar (\$500) gift card: completed Amargosa drainage system; Prime Woodland project is complete; cooling center open at the MOAH.

Mayor Parris discussed getting more mask into the prison.

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 Council at this time:

Janelle Edwards-discussed the need to keep spas, salons, and barbershops open; issues with Order issued by the State; they have collected their own data which shows that they are not the cause of recent increase in COVID-19 rise; guidelines have become more discriminatory; requesting Council to provide letters of recommendations so that they may continue to provide services; requested the City work with surrounding cities to get an exception to current COVID-19 orders.

Deputy Mayor Troung discussed survey found in Missouri with salons and barbershops.

Caller-discussed issue with getting a street sweeping ticket when he was told that tickets were not being giving out at the time.

CITY COUNCIL / AGENCY/ AUTHORITY COMMENTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney announced recess for the purpose of conducting a Closed Session regarding the following matters:

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
12. Brisa Mahoney, et al. v. City of Lancaster, et al., LASC Case No. 20STCV02556
13. Conference with Real Property Negotiators:
Property: APNs 3124-012-007&012
City negotiators: Mike Livingston, Allison Burns
Negotiating parties: Elassaad Walid
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

Property: APNs 3124-012-008&009
City negotiators: Mike Livingston, Allison Burns
Negotiating parties: Ann Hiramoto
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment
14. Manzo v. Beazer Homes Holdings, LLC et al., LASC Case No. 20AVCV00297
15. Hernandez v. County of Los Angeles, et al., LASC Case No. 20AVCV00318
16. Romines v. City of Lancaster, et al., LASC Case No. 20AVCV00345
17. Mahoney v. City of Lancaster et al, LASC Case No. 20AVCV00199
18. Moujan v. City of Lancaster et al., LASC Case No. 20AVCV00205

RECONVENE: Council reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney announced that in closed session Council took up Closed Session item no. 13 Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Property: APNs 3124-012-007&012 and Property: APNs 3124-012-008&009 and gave direction to staff and legal counsel. No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and state the next City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Energy Authority Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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R. REX PARRIS

MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

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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