

**LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING/HOUSING/POWER/
CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY
MINUTES
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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/Vice Chair Crist; Mayor/Chair Parris

STAFF MEMBERS:

City Manager/Executive Director; Assistant City Manager/Deputy Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; Assistant City Clerk; Parks, Arts, Recreation & Community Services; Development Services Director; Finance Director; Public Safety Director Development Services Director; Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Finance & Information Technology Director; Public Safety Director; Real Estate & Economic Development Senior Manager, Real Estate & Economic Development Housing Manager; Community Development Senior Manager; Human Resources Senior Manager; Code Enforcement & Emergency Services Manager

INVOCATION

Servant Leader & Pastor Jacob D. R. Johnson, The Growing Valley Baptist Church of Lancaster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Waived due to the meeting being conducted telephonically/virtually

Mayor Parris moved Item No. NB 1 to this portion of the Agenda.

NB 1. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON

The City Manager presented the staff report regarding this item.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding NB 1.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

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**NB 1. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON
CONTINUED...**

Jonathan Hatami – discussed the policies and directives of District Attorney George Gascon including the adverse effects to the citizens and the community and requested that the City Council take a stand.

Christian Green – strongly urged the City Council to vote against this item and discussed the District Attorney being voted into office, racial injustice, labeling of criminals his content with the District Attorney thus far, comments made by Mr. Hatami, victims of crime, criminal justice reforms, and humanity.

Arthur Calloway – discussed meeting the District Attorney, his belief that the District Attorney is doing everything he said he would do, social equity, benefits to the community and inquired if this item had been presented to the Social Equity Commission,

Cortez Chandler – discussed his personal experience with incarceration and reform, his belief that the District Attorney hasn't been given a chance to do his job, possible political influence, reconsideration of this item, conversations relating to Black Lives Matter, taking care of black friends including taking care of the community and building something better.

Council Member Dorris discussed being torn on this item, specific conversations he's had with parents relating to shootings, gangs, etc., one more specific case relating to a former member of his father's church where the case was overturned, personal experience growing up in an area with gang violence, current justice system not working fairly for children of color, middle ground, three strikes law, possibility of this being politically driven, African American mothers who have suffered a loss from gang violence or deaths from violence who are hearing the sentences are being lowered or are being overturned, and wanted to know the true drive behind this item.

Jonathan Hatami – discussed his agreement with Council Member Dorris' statements, the need for middle ground, the need for justice, juvenile rehabilitation, blanket policies, public protection and safety, the need for independent review of each case, lack of diversity of thought, lack of transparency, the need for reform, and lack of confidence in the District Attorney's office.

Council Member Dorris and Mr. Hatami additionally discussed a victim advisory board recently setup by the District Attorney.

Servant Leader & Pastor Jacob D. R. Johnson – discussed Mr. Hatami's tone and tenure, the lack of solutions, the process of change, recent election of the District Attorney, difference in justice when a deputy is killed vs. when a civilian is wrongfully killed by a deputy, and the need for change.

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NB 1. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON CONTINUED...

Jonathan Hatami – discussed his tone and tenure, his job, following the law and facts, the need to not allow an experiment on the community, his fight for victims and survivors, the need to relay the facts, being a prosecutor and not a politician.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed his agreement with Mr. Hatami’s statements, the drive for this item not being racial nor political, Mrs. Owen’s support of this initiative, the need for justice, the need to protect everyone including the need to protect the police officers if they are going to protect us.

Council Member Mann thanked Mr. Hatami for speaking on this item, and discussed individuals being elected and believing they are above the law, the need to change the law if the law isn’t right, his personal advocacy work, and his appreciation for Mr. Hatami’s passion.

Mayor Parris discussed the confusion of what the role of the District Attorney is, judges not interpreting the law, but deciding the law, role confusion resulting in the lack of justice, room for reform, accountability, rising crime rates, the need for the District Attorney to enforce the law, role of commissions in the city being bringing ideas forth to improve the city and not for the City Council to seek their consent on matters, great job being done by the commissions, District Attorney’s actions directly affecting the community and the job of the City Council to protect the well-being of the people who live and work in the city.

Additionally, Mayor Parris discussed the lack of the District Attorney’s outreach to the city, capital punishment, the mishandling relating to Sergeant Owen’s case, police officers risking their lives on a daily basis, mishandling in plea deal for theft of citizen’s funds and perjury, and the need for balance in criminal justice.

On a motion by Mayor Parris, and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council approved the action to pass **Resolution No. 21-21** expressing a vote of no confidence in District Attorney George Gascon, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Dorris; ABSENT: None

M 1. MINUTES

On a motion by 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 23, 2021, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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ED 1. COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATES AND ACTIONS

Deputy Mayor Dr. Troung and the COVID-19 Team presented this item.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding ED 1.

No public comment at this time.

Mayor Parris discussed encouraging people to get the vaccine, public participation at future meetings, opening of city events.

Anders Corey, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Health Deputy, discussed the vaccine rollout and COVID-19 updates.

Additionally, Mayor Parris discussed the possibility of issuing scholarships for anyone 16 years of age to 18 years of age who receives the vaccine within the next 60 days, and requested that the City Manager and staff get to work on it.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist, and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority, 1. Received the update regarding the COVID-19 pandemic status, 2. Directed staff to take actions in response to updated COVID-19 information, 3. Authorized the City Manager to take actions, execute documents and/or expend funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, 4. Authorized and/or directed the City Attorney, with the concurrence of the City Manager, to take actions, execute documents and expend funds in response to legal issues pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Dorris recused himself from Item No. CC 13 due to the proximity of the projects to property he owns.

Council Member Dorris left the meeting at this time.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved Consent Calendar Item No. CC 13, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Dorris; ABSENT: None

Council Member Dorris returned to the meeting at this time.

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CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED...

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding the Consent Calendar.

No public comment at this time.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist, and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. CC 5, 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 7, 2021 through April 10, 2021 in the amount of \$7,528,037.38 as presented.

CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT

Accepted and approved the March 2021 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 4. ORDINANCE NO. 1081

Adopted **Ordinance No. 1081**, establishing speed limits on 96 street segments in the City of Lancaster, and amending Section 10.04.020 of the Lancaster Municipal Code (LMC).

CC 5. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-13

Approved the developer-constructed streets on the following project. In addition, accepted the streets for maintenance by the City and for public use.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Location/Owner</u>
Conditional Use Permit No. 14-13	42121 60 th Street West Owner: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles

CC 6. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-13

Approved the completed water system installed by the developer for the following project:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Location/Owner</u>
Conditional Use Permit No. 14-13	42121 60 th Street West Owner: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles

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CC 7. SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 06-01

Approved the developer-constructed streets on the following project. In addition, accepted the streets for maintenance by the City and for public use.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Location/Owner</u>
Site Plan Review No. 06-01	Northwest corner Challenger Way and Avenue J Owner: True South, LLC

CC 8. SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT AWARDED TO QUINN COMPANY

Approved the purchase of one (1) 2021 Caterpillar Inc. Model: 930M Wheel Loader, utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract awarded to Quinn Company.

CC 9. TRACT MAP NO. 31356-A

Approved the Amending Final Map for Tract Map No. 31356-A and accepted the dedications as offered on the map; made findings that this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66473.5, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act; and instructed the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map the certificate, which embodies the approval of said map, the dedications, and the amendments and modifications shown thereon.

CC 10. PWCP 21-018 TRAFFIC CALMING

Awarded **PWCP 21-018**, Traffic Calming, to Cal Stripe Inc., of Colton, California, in the amount of \$73,680.00, Base Bid, plus Additive Alternate AA1 in the amount of \$25,060.00, Additive Alternate AA2 in the amount of \$13,630.00, and Additive Alternate AA3 in the amount of \$13,830.00, for a Total Bid of \$126,200.00, plus a 15% of contingency, to add speed cushions and signage. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsive bidder based on California Public Contract Code Section 22038 (b).

CC 11. STREETLIGHT AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Approved a one-time \$216,000.00 increase in Gas Tax Fund Operating Budget, account 203-4785-461 for Streetlight and Traffic Signal Maintenance Services.

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CC 12. CONSTRUCTION AWARD OF BID AND APPROVED PURCHASE OF ITERIS VIDEO DETECTION SYSTEMS – PWCP 21-007 2020 FALL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (PMP)

1. Awarded **PWCP 21-007**, 2020 Fall Pavement Management Program (PMP), to C. A. Rasmussen, Inc., of Valencia, California, in the amount of \$6,494,610.45, Base Bid, plus Additive Alternate AA1 in the amount of \$945,894.75, Additive Alternate AA2 in the amount of \$746,485.58, and Additive Alternate AA3 in the amount of \$1,064,827.28, for a Total Bid of \$9,251,818.06, plus a 10% contingency, to repair and resurface approximately thirty-six (36) lane-miles of streets, as part of the City's Pavement Management Program.
2. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder per California Public Code Section 22038 (b).
3. Approved the purchase of ten (10) Video Detection Systems from Iteris, Inc. in the amount of \$229,629.99. Approved a budget transfer from Capital Improvements Budget Account Number 701 15ST079-924 (**PWCP 21-008**, 2021 Neighborhood Improvement Project) in the amount of \$6,580,000 to Capital Improvements Budget Account Number 701-12ST043-701 (**PWCP 21-007**, 2020 Fall PMP).

CC 13. APPROPRIATION OF SECTION 130 FUNDS FOR AVENUE J GRADE CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STPLR-7500 (287) (REFERENCE PWCP 24-001)

1. Accepted \$2,280,000.00 from the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Program (Section 130), for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) of the elimination of hazards at the Avenue J Railroad-Highway intersection, with Section 130 funds provided to Caltrans under Section 130, Title 23 USC.
2. Appropriated \$2,280,000.00 in Section 130 funds to account number 399-16ST031-924.
3. Authorized the City Manager to execute all related documents.

CC 14. APPROPRIATION OF SECTION 130 FUNDS FOR AVENUE K GRADE CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STPLR-7500 (276) (REFERENCE PWCP 23-002)

1. Accepted \$1,409,000.00 from the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Program (Section 130), for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) of the elimination of hazards at the Avenue K Railroad-Highway intersection, with Section 130 funds provided to Caltrans under Section 130, Title 23 USC.
2. Appropriated \$1,409,000.00 in Section 130 funds to account number 399-16ST032-924.
3. Authorized the City Manager to execute all related documents.

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**CC 15. APPROPRIATION OF SECTION 130 FUNDS FOR AVENUE M GRADE
CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STPLR-7500 (277)
(REFERENCE PWCP 23-001)**

1. Accepted \$1,180,000.00 from the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Program (Section 130), for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) of the elimination of hazards at the Avenue M Railroad-Highway intersection, with Section 130 funds provided to Caltrans under Section 130, Title 23 USC.
2. Appropriated \$1,180,000.00 in Section 130 funds to account number 399-16ST033-924.
3. Authorized the City Manager to execute all related documents.

**CC 16. PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH ZIONS BANCORPORATION, N.A.
AND MIDAS LANCASTER, L.P.**

1. Approved a three-party Purchase and Sale Agreement with Zions Bancorporation, N.A. and Midas Lancaster, L.P.
2. Authorized the City Manager or his designee to finalize and execute all related documents.

CC 17. ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Approved the acquisition of public right-of-way for construction of sidewalk on the southeast corner of Avenue H and 20th Street West, APN 3119-014-008, in the amount of \$171,000.00.

CC 18. LANCASTER COMMUNITY CENTER UPGRADE/RENOVATIONS PROJECT

Amended the funding source for the Lancaster Community Center Upgrade/Renovations project from the Community Development Block Grant fund to the General Fund.

CC 19. RESOLUTION NO. 21-17

Adopted **Resolution No. 21-17** relating to campaign contribution limitations.

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PH 1. TEFRA HEARING/APPROVAL OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR TERRACINA AT LANCASTER APARTMENTS

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

The Real Estate & Economic Development Housing Manager presented the staff report regarding this item.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding PH 1.

No public comment at this time.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 21-18**, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 approving the issuance of housing revenue bonds (“Housing Revenue Bonds”) by the California Municipal Finance Authority (“CMFA”) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$45,000,000.00 to assist in the financing of the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of a multifamily rental housing project located at 1752 East Avenue J-4, Lancaster, California (“Project”), by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

PH 2. APPROVAL OF THE LANCASTER HEALTH DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

Mayor Parris and Council Member Mann recused themselves from Item No. PH 1 due to the proximity of the project to property owned.

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

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing.

The Community Development Senior Manager and Economic Development & Real Estate Senior Manager presented the staff report regarding this item.

Discussion between the City Council and staff included the type of housing elements included, and the project ground breaking.

The City Attorney reconfirmed Council Member Malhi was selected as the voting City Council member on this item per the Rule of Necessity which is all consistent with the Brown Act and the Fair Political Practices Act.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding PH 2.

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**PH 2. APPROVAL OF THE LANCASTER HEALTH DISTRICT MASTER PLAN
CONTINUED...**

No public comment at this time.

Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Dorris and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council: 1. Adopted **Resolution No. 21-19**, to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Lancaster Health District Master Plan, adopt the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and approve General Plan Amendment No. 17-03 (Zone Change No. 17-03) and the Lancaster Health District Master Plan for the area generally bounded by Avenue J, Avenue J-12, 20th Street West, and 12th Street West (APNS: 3123-001-004, 005, 028, 042, 045, 062, 068, 069, 901, 904, 908, 909, 912, 914, 915, 917, 920 thru 922; 3123-002-031, 032, 034, 047, 050, 051, 059 thru 066, 903, 907, 909; 3123-003-086 thru 089, 094 thru 101; 3123-004-024, 027, 037, 038, 040, 042, 045 thru 048, 903, 904, 907 thru 910; 3123-012-015, 041; 3123-013-036, 041, 068, 101, 900, 901; 3123-014-900 thru 916; 3123-015-026 thru 028, 030, 033, 035, 900 thru 908; and 3123-016-004, 005, 085, 904, 905), 2. Introduced **Ordinance No. 1082**, amending the City zoning plan for approximately 272.4 acres generally bounded by Avenue J, Avenue J-12, 20th Street West, and 12th Street West, known as Zone Change No. 17-03 (APNS: 3123-001-004, 005, 028, 042, 045, 062, 068, 069, 901, 904, 908, 909, 912, 914, 915, 917, 920 thru 922; 3123-002-031, 032, 034, 047, 050, 051, 059 thru 066, 903, 907, 909; 3123-003-086 thru 089, 094 thru 101; 3123-004-024, 027, 037, 038, 040, 042, 045 thru 048, 903, 904, 907 thru 910; 3123-012-015, 041; 3123-013-036, 041, 068, 101, 900, 901; 3123-014-900 thru 916; 3123-015-026 thru 028, 030, 033, 035, 900 thru 908; and 3123-016-004, 005, 085, 904, 905), by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Crist; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann, Parris; ABSENT: None

Mayor Parris and Council Member Mann returned to the meeting at this time.

**PH 3. CARES ACT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO 2 TO THE FY 2019 - 2020
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ACTION PLAN;
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO 2 TO THE FY 2019-2020 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ACTION PLAN; SUBSTANTIAL
AMENDMENT NO 1 TO THE FY 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ACTION PLAN**

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

The Finance & Information Technology Director presented the staff report regarding this item.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding PH 3.

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PH 3. CARES ACT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO 2 TO THE FY 2019 - 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ACTION PLAN; SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO 2 TO THE FY 2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ACTION PLAN; SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO 1 TO THE FY 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ACTION PLAN CONTINUED...

Discussion between the City Council and staff included the rental assistance program, opportunity for residents who are in need of rental assistance, and availability of money for community assistance with back owed rent.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Denny – discussed her personal experience in government programs, and her current living situation in the desert.

Discussion between the City Council, Deputy Mayor Varden, and staff included connecting Denny with the appropriate staff for additional housing assistance.

Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council: 1. Approved the Cares Act Substantial Amendment No 2 to the FY 2019 - 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan; Approved Substantial Amendment No 2 to the FY 2019-2020 Community Development Block grant (CDBG) Action Plan; 2. Approved Substantial Amendment No 1 to the FY 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan, Appropriated \$870,091 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act) CDBG-CV-3 Entitlement Funds; 3. Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute all contracts and associated documents, including subrecipient agreements, subject to City Attorney approval, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

PH 4. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 5.56 AND 17.43 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY, AND RESOLUTION AMENDING FEES RELATED TO COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing.

The City Manager presented the staff report regarding this item.

Discussion between the City Council, Captain Weber, Sgt. Pokorny, and staff included the current activity relating to illegal marijuana grows in remote areas of the valley, the negative effects of the illegal grows on the community including the community impact of the proposed ordinance.

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PH 4. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 5.56 AND 17.43 OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY, AND RESOLUTION AMENDING FEES RELATED TO COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY CONTINUED...

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding PH 4.

Addressing the City Council on this item:

Ray Henson – discussed the positive work throughout the community with the roads and the potential positive impact to the community with the approval of this item.

Chris Johnson – discussed his opposition to this item due to prior public opposition, authority being given to the City Manager and Mayor, overall negative impact to the community, and the City Council’s prior to promise to not engage in commercial marijuana cultivation and that there would be no dispensaries.

Katie Podein – Attorney with Selan Law Firm, commended the City Council for considering this ordinance and discussed the positive impact of the proposed ordinance to the community.

Shawn Cannon – Chairman of the Social Equity Commission, expressed his support of this item, and discussed the positive impacts of the proposed ordinance to the community.

Discussion between the City Council and staff included the confidence in the Mayor and City Manager, licensing issuance, dispensaries, financial stability of the city, possible modification to the action, support of drug rehabilitation, allocation of revenue generated, negative community impact of illegal marijuana grows, public safety, the need for the city to be able to regulate cannabis within the city’s boundaries, next steps to insure the revenue generated is distributed adequately to assist with police enforcement, public safety, drug rehabilitation and other community programs.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Dorris, the City Council: 1. Introduced **Ordinance No. 1083**, amending Chapters 5.56 and 17.43 of the Lancaster Municipal Code (each titled “Commercial Cannabis Activity”) relating to the regulation of commercial cannabis activity in the City; 2. Adopted **Resolution No. 21-20**, amending fees and surcharges regarding regulation of commercial cannabis activity in the City; 3. Directed the City Manager that there are to be no retail sales licenses at this time and further directed the City Manager not to prepare a written policy allowing any retail sales licenses pursuant to Sections 5.56.030 and 17.43.040 of the Lancaster Municipal Code unless and until the City Manager is directed to do so by the Mayor; and further directed the City Manager that all funds from such retail sales, if approved, would be used for community programming, drug rehabilitation programming and/or support of law enforcement, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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CA 1. CONSIDER NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER DARRELL DORRIS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS CITY OF LANCASTER'S DELEGATE

Mayor Parris presented this item.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding CA 1.

No public comment at this time.

On a motion by Mayor Paris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council approved the appointment of Council Member Darrell Dorris to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly as City of Lancaster's delegate, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

CA 2. CONSIDER NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF IRVINE CARRILLO TO THE LANCASTER ARCHITECTURAL & DESIGN COMMISSION

Mayor Parris presented this item.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding CA 2.

No public comment at this time.

On a motion by Mayor Paris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council approved the appointment of Irvine Carrillo to the Lancaster Architectural & Design Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Mayor Parris recessed the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The City Manager stated the swearing-in of Irvine Carrillo would take place at the next City Council meeting.

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CR 1. COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Crist discussed meetings he attended with the North County Transportation Commission (NCTC) which included information on vehicle miles traveled or congestion which could potentially make the 14 Freeway a toll road and a Free Fair Initiative (FFPI) including meetings he attended with Congressman Kevin McCarthy and Congressman Mike Garcia relating to grants and transportation issues.

Additionally, Vice Mayor Crist discussed a tour he attended with Council Member Malhi at the Sylmar facility for the Carpenters Union to see about moving the training location, AVTA Food Drive, TDA Article 8 Hearing pertaining to unmet transportation needs in the valley, and AVTA Wellness Center dedication.

Mayor Parris thanked the City Council for all that they do and stated it's been a wonderful last few years.

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

The City Manager discussed the amount of vaccines issued to date, upcoming paving jobs being completed throughout the city by the Capital Improvement Team including Avenue J paving and infrastructure improvements, the long process to obtain funding for interchange improvements to be made throughout the city, the phenomenal work being completed by the Capital Improvement Team along with the award of six (6) additional highway safety projects with program grants, and the success of the Earth Day Community Clean Up event with a brief event video.

Additionally, the City Manager provided information on the See or Be Seen program that is a month long scavenger hunt that encourages safe transportation for students and bikers.

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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:

Eugene Hernandez – thanked the Mayor for the passing out of the restaurant cards at the vaccine site, and discussed housing grants, replacing the police department, justice for a Lancaster man killed by police, and police brutality.

Mayor Parris discussed the inappropriateness of putting the Sheriff’s Department in a bucket with other departments that are not nearly as qualified, the need for educating people on how to respond in elevated situations, City of Lancaster being one of the first City’s to put body cameras on all officers with the assistance of the Social Equity Commission and Sheriff’s Department, future community education and training, citizen advocates, and overall future benefits to the community.

Gary – discussed being homeless, living in the desert, and the death of his wife.

Mayor Parris requested that the caller contact the city directly to connect with Deputy Mayor Varden for assistance.

Kathy – discussed living in the desert, community groups who have provided assistance, and the continued need for additional resources.

Mayor Parris discussed the additional resources currently in the works to assist the community.

COUNCIL / AGENCY / AUTHORITY COMMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Parris announced the City Council would enter into Closed Session at this time.

The City Attorney announced the Closed Session was for Closed Session Items 1 through 23 as listed on the agenda.

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CLOSED SESSION CONTINUED...

The meeting was recessed at 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Closed Session meeting regarding the following matters:

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 - Anticipated Litigation: consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4) - two potential cases.
4. Desert-Candle, LP v. Frontier Homes, LLC, LASC Case No. 20STCV05178
5. Kappler v. Lancaster, LASC 18STCVO4990
6. Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases Included Action:
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
7. Ramos v Patino, LASC Case No. MC027974
8. Lozoya v. City of Lancaster, LASC Case No. 19AVCV00714
9. Johnson v. City of Lancaster, LASC Case No. 19AVCV00824
10. Rahier v. City of Lancaster, LASC Case No. 19AVCV00163
11. Brisa Mahoney, et al. v. City of Lancaster, et al., LASC Case No. 20STCV02556

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CLOSED SESSION CONTINUED...

12. 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
13. Manzo v. Beazer Homes Holdings, LLC et al., LASC Case No. 20AVCV00297
14. Hernandez v. County of Los Angeles, et al., LASC Case No. 20AVCV00318
15. Romines v. City of Lancaster, et al., LASC Case No. 20AVCV00345
16. Mahoney v. City of Lancaster et al, LASC Case No. 20AVCV00199
17. Moujan v. City of Lancaster et al., LASC Case No. 20AVCV00205
18. Davis v. State of California, LASC Case No. 19AVCV00805
19. Lancaster v. Netflix, et al., LASC 21STCV01881
20. Butts v. Lancaster, LASC 21STCP00389
21. Lancaster v. Rives
22. Myesha Lopez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. CDCA Case No. 5:21-cv-00290- JGB(SHKx)
23. Conference with Real Property Negotiators:
Property: APNs 3119-014-008 s/e corner of Avenue H and 20th Street West
City negotiators: Allison Burns, Marissa Diaz
Negotiating parties: Sami Realty, LLC
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney announced the City Council met in Closed Session and discussed Item No. 2, three (3) potential cases, gave direction to staff and legal counsel; no reportable action.

Mayor Parris discussed extending the scholarship opportunity to anyone already vaccinated that is 16 years of age to 18 years of age.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor/Chair Parris adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. and stated the next City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Lancaster City Hall Council Chambers.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2021, 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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R. REX PARRIS
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

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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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