

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/PALMDALE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 10, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Parris called the meeting of the Lancaster City Council to order at 5:46 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** City Council Members: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist; Mayor/Chair Parris

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Attorney; Assistant City Clerk; Development Services Director; Finance & Information Technology Director; Public Safety Director; Parks, Recreation, Arts, & Community Services Director; Human Resources Senior Manager; Real Estate & Economic Development Senior Manager; Communications Manager; City Manager's Office Coordinator II

City of Palmdale Mayor Hofbauer called the meeting of the Palmdale City Council to order at 5:46 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Palmdale City Council: Mayor Hofbauer; Mayor Pro Tem Bettencourt; Council Members Carrillo, Loa, and Bishop

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Paul Chappell, Lancaster Baptist Church

Pastor Paul Chappell discussed a growing concern throughout the eastern side of the Antelope Valley relating to illegal activity taking place.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Mann

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Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, and Supervisor Barger included the illegal activity taking place with cannabis grows, immediate action needing to be taken, long-term planning, and future meeting to agendize this item for action.

**OPENING COMMENTS**

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger

**PRESENTATION**

6.1 Joint Cities Community Outreach video was presented.

City of Palmdale Council Member Bishop recused himself from all agendized Joint New Business out of an abundance of caution because of prior business he has done with the City of Lancaster.

**JOINT NEW BUSINESS**

**JNB 7.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN CITY OF LANCASTER AND CITY OF PALMDALE FOR JOINT FIREWORKS DISPLAYS**

City of Lancaster Parks, Arts, Recreation & Community Services Director and City of Palmdale Park and Recreation Director presented the staff report regarding this item.

Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Supervisor Barger, and staff included the event locations selected, future planning, illegal fireworks, and family safe events.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address both City Councils regarding JNB 7.1.

No public comment at this time.

The City Attorney identified there were eComments received via the City of Palmdale's City Clerk's office that were distributed to both City Councils.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist, and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the MOU and authorized the City Manager to execute the MOU between the City of Lancaster and City of Palmdale for joint firework displays for the July 4th 2021, July 4th 2022, and September 4, 2022 Labor Day celebrations, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

City of Palmdale City Council took action to approve JNB 7.1 as presented.

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**JNB 7.2 ANTELOPE VALLEY EVENT/EVACUATION CENTER IN LANCASTER AND REGIONAL RECREATIONAL COMPLEX IN PALMDALE**

City of Lancaster Assistant City Manager and City of Palmdale City Manager presented the staff report regarding this item.

Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Supervisor Barger, and staff included the amenities provided to the communities, positive impact, two communities working together, clear vision, incorporation of the entire Antelope Valley including surrounding areas, and support of the county.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address both City Councils regarding JNB 7.2.

No public comment at this time.

Supervisor Barger identified there was one eComment received and distributed earlier to both City Councils.

City of Palmdale City Council took action to approve JNB 7.2 as presented.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist, and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents and enter into Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) to finance, oversee and manage planning and studies necessary for a new Event Center and Regional Evacuation Center in Lancaster and a Recreational Complex in Palmdale, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

**JNB 7.3 SPEED ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY FOR CITIES OF PALMDALE AND LANCASTER**

City of Lancaster Development Services Director presented the staff report regarding this item.

Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Supervisor Barger, and staff included the fatality reports, sharing of resources, California Highway Patrol (CHP) joint ride alongs, information from past North County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) meeting, the need to slow drivers down throughout the entire Antelope Valley, the need to investigate options, engineering, enforcement, multifaceted approach, IBM Watson, keeping citizens safe, future raceway, and possible future joint consideration for use of a raceway at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address both City Councils regarding JNB 7.3.

No public comment at this time.

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**JNB 7.3 SPEED ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY FOR CITIES OF PALMDALE AND LANCASTER CONTINUED...**

Supervisor Barger identified there were no eComments received.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist, and seconded by Council Member Dorris, the City Council directed staff to identify a strategy to address speed through enforcement, education, and engineering; and identify potential funding sources, including local, state, and federal grants to aid in this effort, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

City of Palmdale City Council took action to approve JNB 7.3 as presented.

**JNB 7.4 DESTINATION ANTELOPE VALLEY**

City of Lancaster Real Estate & Economic Development Senior Manager presented the staff report regarding this item.

Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Supervisor Barger, and staff included the success of Destination Lancaster, bringing both communities together, positive impact valley wide, county involvement, future partnerships, Metrolink improvements, and the importance of keeping open lines of communication between both cities.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address both City Councils regarding JNB 7.4.

No public comment at this time.

Supervisor Barger identified there were two eComments received and distributed earlier to both City Councils.

City of Palmdale City Council took action to approve JNB 7.4 as presented.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist, and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council directed staff to explore opportunities and draft a proposed action plan for the creation of a new, regional entity designed to attract increased overnight visits to the Antelope Valley, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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**JNB 7.5 JOINT MARKETING CAMPAIGN AND COLLABORATION TO INCREASE BROADBAND ACCESS**

City of Lancaster City Manager and City of Palmdale City Manager presented the staff report regarding this item.

Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Supervisor Barger, and staff included the importance of increasing broadband access, digital divide, equitable distribution throughout the cities, cost effective approach, benefits of fiber being installed, timing of events, available funding, future opportunities, and valley wide benefits.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address both City Councils regarding JNB 7.5.

No public comment at this time.

Supervisor Barger identified there were no eComments received.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist, and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council directed staff to launch a joint marketing campaign and collaborate on future broadband grant opportunities, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

City of Palmdale City Council took action to approve JNB 7.5 as presented.

**JNB 7.6 COLLABORATION ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES BENEFITTING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY**

City of Palmdale Economic Development Manager presented the staff report regarding this item.

Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Supervisor Barger, and staff included the positive benefits of the collaboration for the region while still maintaining each City's identity.

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address both City Councils regarding JNB 7.6.

Addressing both City Councils on this item:

Rob Duchow – AV Edge Board President, expressed AV Edge's support of the joint collaborative efforts between both cities.

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**JNB 7.6 COLLABORATION ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES BENEFITTING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CONTINUED...**

Additional Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Supervisor Barger, and staff included the great overall impact of both cities working together and having a united front.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist, and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council 1. Directed staff to draft guiding principles that foster regional collaboration and transparency on business attraction, expansion, and retention efforts; and 2. Directed staff to explore potential funding options to support future economic development initiatives that benefit the region, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

City of Palmdale City Council took action to approve JNB 7.6 as presented.

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Joint City Council discussion between the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Supervisor Barger, and staff included the future of additional joint meetings to keep the discussions going, and the impact of having two City Managers leading each of their cities in the right direction.

Supervisor Barger thanked each city on behalf of her staff for everything each city does to help them do their job in the county better, and indicated leaders do lead, and discussed the hard work ahead, her appreciation for the leadership in the Antelope Valley, the forward movement of this agenda, and the exciting time for the Antelope Valley.

Mayor Parris thanked the college for hosting the Joint Council Meeting, AV Edge for their assistance with handling the COVID situation, and the City of Palmdale, and discussed his support of the collaborative efforts of both cities.

Additionally, Supervisor Barger discussed taking the time to thank the law enforcement for the jobs they do each and every day including their dedication and service to the community.

City of Palmdale Mayor Hofbauer discussed an upcoming law enforcement event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Barger adjourned the Joint City Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, by the following vote:


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

NOES: None


ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Parris

ATTEST:

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MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

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

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES  
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Lancaster City Council Special Joint Meeting 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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