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**LANCASTER  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
FINANCING/POWER/  
CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
May 25, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist 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

EXCUSED: Mayor/Chair Parris

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority excused Mayor/Chair Parris from the meeting, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

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

**INVOCATION**

Pastor John Meadors, Christian Life Assembly

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Mann

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**M 1. MINUTES**

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding M 1 and M 2.

No public comment at this time.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Dorris, the City Council approved the City Council Special Joint Council Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

**M 2. MINUTES**

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Dorris, 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 May 11, 2021, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

**ED 1. COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATES AND ACTIONS**

Deputy Mayor Dr. Stock and Deputy Mayor Dr. Troung presented this item.

On a motion by Council Member Dorris, and seconded by Council Member Mann, 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: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

**ED 2. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

On a motion by Council Member Dorris, and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority, adopted Resolution No. 21-25, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the continued existence of a local emergency in the City of Lancaster, California, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item No. CC 6 was removed for separate discussion.

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

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**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED...**

No public comment at this time.

On a motion by Council Member Dorris and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. CC 6, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

Council Member Mann recused himself from Item No. CC 6 due to the proximity of the project to property he owns, and left the dais at this time.

On a motion by Council Member Dorris and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved Consent Calendar Item No. CC 6, by the following vote: 3-0-1-1; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Crist; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann; ABSENT: Parris

Council Member Mann returned to the dais at this time.

**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 April 25, 2021 through May 8, 2021 in the amount of \$1,924,672.14 as presented.

**CC 3. INVESTMENT REPORT**

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

**CC 4. PWCP 21-022, 2021 THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING REFRESH PROGRAM**

Awarded **PWCP 21-022**, 2021 Thermoplastic Striping Refresh Program to Chrisp Company of Fremont, California, in the amount of \$349,544.20, Base Bid, plus Additive Alternate AA1 in the amount of \$30,461.25, for a Total Bid of \$380,005.45, plus a 10% of contingency, to refresh fading long line striping along various roadway segments throughout the City (totaling approximately thirty-eight (38) roadway miles); and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder per California Public Contract Code Section 22038 (b).

**CC 5. RESOLUTION NO. 21-22**

Adopted **Resolution No. 21-22**, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a joint application with Bridge Housing Corporation for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program on behalf of the City of Lancaster; and authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute all related documents.

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**CC 6. RESOLUTION NO. 21-23**

Approved **Resolution No. 21-23**, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for all funds available to the City of Lancaster from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority allocated for street and road improvements for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 in the amount of \$5,254,444, and draw reserves for: Fiscal Year 2017-18 in the amount of \$2,297,321; and Fiscal Year 2019-20 in the amount of \$172,702.

**PH 1. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 19-01 AND ZONE CHANGE NO. 19-02 LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 10TH STREET WEST AND AVENUE K-8 (ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 3128-004-016)**

Vice Mayor Crist opened the Public Hearing.

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

No public comment at this time.

It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the Staff Report for this item.

Vice Mayor Crist closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council 1. Adopted **Resolution No. 21-24**, approving General Plan Amendment No. 19-01, amending the General Plan land use designation from Specific Plan (SP) to Commercial (C), 2. Introduced **Ordinance No. 1084**, amending the zoning designation on 4.43 acres of land located on the southeast corner of 10th Street West and Avenue K-8 (Assessor's Parcel Number 3128-004-016), known as Zone Change No. 19-02, from Specific Plan (SP) to Commercial Planned Development (CPD), by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Parris

**CR 1. SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 27, 2021, BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (AVTA)**

Vice Mayor Crist invited Macy Neshati, Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) Executive Director, to speak.

Mr. Neshati provided an update on the AVTA which included the adoption of the Proposed 2022 Budget, the crossing of the five-million-mile threshold and the associated fuel cost savings over the last three years.

Discussion among the City Council and Mr. Neshati included a study the AVTA completed regarding the adoption of electric vehicles throughout the United States overnight and the potential cost savings, which Mr. Neshati would like to present at a future council meeting.

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**CR 2. SUMMARY OF THE MAY 6, 2021, SCAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Council Member Dorris discussed a recent virtual event, the passing of the General Budget, City dues, recent Bylaw Amendments and the positive future impacts.

**CR 3. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISTRICT NO. 14 OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Vice Mayor Crist discussed the recent lowering of the Sanitation District rates, current reserves, and the positive impact.

**CR 4. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Mann discussed a recent Destination Lancaster meeting which included the presentation of the audit, positive bank balance coming out of COVID-19, lead in the occupancy rate per a recent occupancy report, excitement for the two new hotels under construction, the future work with the City of Palmdale, and positive future impacts.

**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 operations of the current COVID-19 vaccine sites, community outreach to promote the vaccine, potential opening day of June 15<sup>th</sup>, concert in late June, construction season with citywide improvements, high priority of repaving streets, The BLVD Farmers' Market on Thursdays, Shot and A Chaser vaccine event, 4th of July Fireworks event with the City of Palmdale, recent activity relating to illegal cannabis grows, and showed a video highlighting the recent activity.

The Public Safety Director discussed the recent activity relating to illegal cannabis grows, future eradication steps to be taken, additional elements involved that contribute to other criminal activity, and public safety.

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Discussion among the City Council and staff included illegal gambling activities, enforcement steps being taken, and public safety.

Additionally, the City Manager discussed illegal fireworks, current ordinances allowing for citations to be issued to individuals participating in illegal firework activity which includes spectators, heavy enforcement this year, invitation to all to the 4th of July Fireworks event with the City of Palmdale and the quality of life impacts from illegal fireworks.

**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:

Alyssa Gordon – discussed the scholarship opportunity for fully vaccinated students ages 16 through 18 and the possible consideration of including fully vaccinated transfer students in the scholarship opportunity.

Fran Sereseres – thanked the Public Works Department for recent pothole work completed and the City and Sheriff’s Department for their work on the illegal cannabis activity, and discussed the city speed limits including the meaning of SCAG.

**COUNCIL / AGENCY / AUTHORITY COMMENTS**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m. The next City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Lancaster City Hall Council Chambers.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

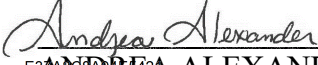
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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R. REX PARRIS  
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES       }ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER            }

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES  
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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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