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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING/  
FINANCING/POWER/CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY  
AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

***HYBRID MEETING PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT SECTION CODE §54953 (e)  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022***

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Parris called the meeting of the Lancaster City Council/Successor Agency/Housing/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority to order at 5:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT: Housing Authority Members: Malhi, Mann, Vice Chair Crist

ABSENT: Housing Authority Members: Harvey and Chair Szeto,

STAFF MEMBERS: City Manager/Executive Director; Deputy City Manager/Deputy Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Assistant to the City Manager; Development Services Director; Parks, Recreation and Arts Director; Finance & Technology Director.

**INVOCATION**

Council Member Darrell Dorris

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Raj Malhi

## **EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

Deputy Mayor Dr. Troung presented the COVID-19 Situation Update and provided an update on the City of Lancaster COVID-19 Playbook.

Mayor Parris directed staff to create a checklist by each department to be included in the COVID-19 playbook. Mayor Parris also directed staff to have the playbook on the agenda for public comment.

Discussion among Council included the ability to test sewer water for antivirals as a precaution to take to be included in the COVID-19 playbook. Council also discussed including in the playbook enforcement in the event that COVID-19 cases increase.

Council also discussed vaccine advisories and continued health checks.

Mayor Parris directed staff to research the protocols for testing after someone has contracted COVID-19 to ensure they don't have further health issues.

The City Clerk provided the procedure for public comment on ED 1.

No comment at this time.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council APPROVED item number ED 1 as comprised, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; Ayes: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

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

1. Received update from staff and/or Deputy Mayors regarding 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.

Mayor Parris turned the meeting over to the Lancaster Housing Authority Vice Chair Crist.

## **HA CC 1. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS L STREET PROPERTIES ACQUISITION**

The City Clerk provided the procedure for public comment.

No public comment at this time.

City Council waived the staff report on this item.

On a motion by Housing Authority Member Mann and seconded by Housing Authority Member Malhi, the Lancaster Housing approved item number HA CC1 as comprised, by the following vote 3-0-0-2; Ayes: Malhi, Mann, Crist; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Szeto, Harvey.

1. Approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of an approximately 45.75-acre portion of APN 3128-004-023 for the appraised value of \$4.92 per square-foot.
2. Authorized the transfer of \$3,000,000.00 from Account No. 306-4999-101 to Account No. 101-3990-306, and appropriated the \$3,000,000.00 to Operating Account No. 101-4790-301.
3. Authorized the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate, finalize and execute all related documents.

Vice Chair Crist turned the meeting back over to Mayor Parris.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The City Clerk provided the 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 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; 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. MINUTES**

Approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power/California Choice Energy Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of February 08, 2022.

### **CC 3. CHECK REGISTERS**

Approved the Check and Wire Registers for January 23, 2022 through February 5, 2022 in the amount of \$6,557,082.70 as presented.

### **CC 4. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS**

Accepted and approved the January 2022 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

**CC 5. AWARD OF BID – PWCP 21-014 FOR PEDESTRIAN GAP CLOSURE IMPROVEMENTS ATPL-5419(050) LACMTA PROJECT ID#MM4501.05 AND FTIP#LATP16S002**

Awarded PWCP 21-014 for Pedestrian Gap Closure Improvements ATPL-5419(050) LACMTA Project ID#MM4501.05 and FTIP#LATP16S002, to C.A. Rasmussen, Inc., of Valencia, California, in the amount of \$8,797,685.70 plus a 10% contingency, to construct proposed improvements to close the gap between existing improvements at 37 separate locations, presented in the Table below. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. This contract is awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder per California Public Code Section 22038 (b).

**CC 6. TASK ORDER FOR MULTI-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (SERVICE GROUP CATEGORY 8 –MATERIALS AND LABORATORY TESTING) FOR PEDESTRIAN GAP CLOSURE IMPROVEMENTS ATPL-5419(050) LACMTA PROJECT ID#MM4501.05 AND FTIP#LATP16S002 (REFERENCE PWCP 21-014)**

Approved Task Order No. 11 with Converse Consultants of Monrovia, California, in accordance with the Multi-Year Professional Services Agreement, Service Group Category (SGC) 8 - Materials and Laboratory Testing, to provide Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) and Materials Testing Services at 37 separate locations, presented in the Table below in support of construction for Pedestrian Gap Closure Improvements ATPL-5419(050) LACMTA Project ID#MM4501.05 and FTIP#LATP16S002 (Reference PWCP 21-014), in the amount of \$ 129,620.00 plus a 10% contingency. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

**CC 7. CONSTRUCTION AWARD OF BID AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ITERIS VIDEO DETECTION SYSTEMS – PWCP 22-004 - 2022 SUMMER PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

1. Awarded PWCP 22-004, 2022 Summer Pavement Management Program, to C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. of Valencia, California, in the amount of \$7,628,021.25 plus a 10% contingency, to repair and resurface approximately eleven and a half (11.5) lane-miles of streets, as part of the City’s Pavement Management Program (PMP). 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).

2. Approved the purchase of five (5) Video Detection Systems from Iteris, Inc., in the amount of \$141,382.40.

3. Recognized \$250,000.00 of grant fund revenue from the State of California, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Rubberized Pavement Grant Program for Construction (CON) funds to Revenue Account Number 349-3301-102 and appropriated to Expenditure Account Number 349 12ST048 924.

**CC 8. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN LANCASTER PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Approved the Downtown Lancaster Property and Business Improvement District (PBID) Annual Report for 2021 submitted by The BLVD Association.

**CC 9. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO HARRIS AND ASSOCIATES**

1. Approved Amendment No. 1 of the Professional Services Agreement to Harris and Associates.
2. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents

**CC 10. TASK ORDER FOR MULTI-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (SERVICE GROUP CATEGORY 4 – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) FOR PREPARATION OF A CITYWIDE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) MITIGATION PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Approved award of Additional Authorization No. 2 to Michael Baker International to amend and increase the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$10,190.00 to continue the preparation of the Citywide Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program and associated Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all

**CC 11. AMENDING CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE AND TERMS & CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR REPRESENTED AND NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY**

1. Adopted **Resolution No. 22-08**, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City Lancaster and Teamster Local 911 from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026 and authorized the City Manager to execute the MOU.
2. Adopted **Resolution No. 22-09**, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City Lancaster and Lancaster Code Enforcement Association (LCEA) from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026 and authorized the City Manager to execute the MOU.
3. Adopted **Resolution No. 22-10**, amending Resolution 21-65, establishing a compensation schedule for various classifications of employees of the City of Lancaster.
4. Appropriated \$722,831.25 to COVID-19 Incentive.

**NB 1. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE BILL 1383 MANDATORY ORGANICS DISPOSAL REDUCTION**

Jeff Hogan, Development Services Director presented the staff report on this item.

Discussion among Council included the possibility to have staff send a letter to stop or postpone the mandate to allow time for implementation. Council further discussed the financial impacts the mandate will cause including raising the cost of living.

Vice Chair Crist directed staff to place information in Outlook magazine and send letter to State.

The City Clerk provided the public with the procedure for public comment on this item.

No comments at this time.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 1088**, adding Chapter 13.18 to the Lancaster Municipal Code, consistent with Senate Bill 1383 involving short-lived climate pollutants for reducing organic waste in landfills, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; Ayes: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

**CA 1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIES TO LANCASTER FAMILIES FOR PURCHASE OF FIREARMS TO PROTECT THEIR HOMES.**

The City Clerk provided the procedure for public comment on this item.

Addressing the Council at this time:

Janice Williams (e-mailed comment read into the record)- “Mayor Parris’ hope to place the item on the agenda should be vetoed. Who will get to disburse the funds and to whom? That is not a viable idea. If the sheriff department would changer their tactics and become more professional and learn to Protect and Serve their funding would be cut.”

Captain John Lecrivian discussed effects of disciplinary action regarding vaccine requirements.

Discussion among Council included Sheriff’s support of individual rights of deputies along with the issues arising from disciplinary actions against firefighters. Council also discussed alternative options to ensure public safety.

Captain Tom Stuckey discussed extended response time as a result of disciplinary actions mandated by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, along with overworked firefighters. Captain Tom Stuckey also discussed cost to replace employees if lost.

Discussion among Council included reviewing the City’s need to have its own police department.

Addressing the Council at this time:

Ruth Luevanos- spoke in opposition of arming citizens with guns and recommended investing in community.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council, tabled the discussion of item number CA 1; advised staff to create a critical plan that supports firefighters and sheriff deputies, along with informing Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding the hiring of fired firefighters and deputies; lastly, draft a contract to supply minutes without carpet, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; Ayes: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

**CA 2. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF CASSANDRA HARVEY AS VICE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

The City Clerk provided the procedure for public comment on this item.

No public comments at this time.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council appointed Cassandra Harvey as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; Ayes: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

**CA 3. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF GIOVANNI POPE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE SOCIAL EQUITY COMMISSION.**

Addressing the Council at this time:

Shawn Cannon, Chair of Social Equity Commission - discussed support of appointment of Giovanni Pope as Vice Chair.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council appointed Giovanni Pope as Vice Chair of the Social Equity Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; Ayes: Dorris, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

**CR 1. SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 25, 2022, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (AVTA)**

Vice Mayor Crist reported on the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Board of Directors meeting to include application to become Medicare provider and budget applications.

Vice Mayor Crist also reported on the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District's success of lawnmower initiative.

**CR 2. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR DISTRICT NO. 14 OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Vice Mayor Crist reported on the Board of Directors meeting of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to include the stop of mandatory rate increases.

**CR 3. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Mann reported on Destination Lancaster North County meeting to include rate increase of one percent. Also, upcoming presentation to Council with new Tourism Improvement Business District bid and budget at a later date.

Discussion among Council included budget amount and involvement of City staff.

Council Member Malhi provided a report on Medical Main Street's final building plans.

Council Member Dorris reported on his visit to the Lancaster Museum of Art and History.

**LANCASTER CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY**

No action is required at this time.

**LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY**

No action is required at this time.

**LANCASTER POWER AUTHORITY**

No action is required at this time

**LANCASTER SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

No action is required at this time

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jason Caudle, City Manager provided an update on the success of the Toshiba meeting regarding hydrogen. The City Manager also announced continued COVID-19 testing at the Jethawks stadium and vaccines at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. The City Manager also announced upcoming events such as the State of the City on March 18, 2022 at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center along with the Goodstock Benefit Concert on March 26, 2022 and the Poppy Festival. Lastly, the City Manager reported on current City construction projects.

**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-spoke in support of tabling discussion regarding item number CA 1. Fran also discussed her support for Antelope Valley Transit Authority board for allowing free rides for seniors.

Vice Mayor Crist discussed benefits of allowing free rides for seniors.

**COUNCIL/AUTHORITY COMMENTS**

No comments at this time.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and announced the next meeting will be held on March 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Malhi, Mann, Vice Mayor /Vice Chair Crist

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Council Members: Dorris, Mayor/Chairman Parris

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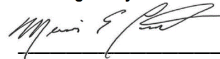
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CITY CLERK  
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R. REX FARRIS  
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

FOR

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

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING/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/ 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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