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**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL  
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CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Hearn called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:03 p.m.
ROLL CALL	<p>Present: Council Members: Sileo, Smith, Vice Mayor Visokey, Mayor Hearn</p> <p>Excused: On a motion by Council Member Sileo and seconded by Mayor Hearn, Council Member Jeffra was excused from the meeting and the vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Staff Members: Interim City Manager, Interim Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, Deputy City Clerk, City Clerk, Planning Director, Public Works Director, Parks, Recreation &amp; Arts Director, Finance Director, Economic Development Director, Housing Director, Human Resources Director</p>
AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED	<p>The Interim City Manager stated that Item Nos. CC 7 and CC 8 would be removed from the agenda at this time and will be brought back to the City Council at a later date.</p> <p>Council Member Smith requested that Item No. CC 6 be pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate action.</p> <p>Council Member Sileo requested that Item No. CC 9 be pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate action.</p>
APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR	On a motion by Council Member Sileo and seconded by Vice Mayor Visokey, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item Nos. CC 6; CC 7; CC 8; CC 9, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Sileo, Smith, Visokey, Hearn; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra.
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 Regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2007.
CC 3. WARRANT REGISTER	Approved the Check and Wire Registers (November 25, 2007 through December 22, 2007) in the amount of \$6,283,152.98.

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<p><b>CC 4.</b> MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS</p>	<p>Accepted and approved the November 30, 2007 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.</p>
<p><b>CC 5.</b> ORD. NO. 884 LOBBYIST REGISTRATION</p>	<p>Adopted <b>Ordinance No. 884</b>, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, adding Chapter 2.26 concerning Lobbyist Registration to the Lancaster Municipal Code.</p>
<p><b>CC 6.</b> ORD. NO. 891 AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING PLAN REGARDING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF AVENUE K AND 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST</p>	<p>On a motion by Mayor Hearn and seconded by Vice Mayor Visokey, the City Council adopted <b>Ordinance No. 891</b>, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending the City Zoning Plan for 4.7 ± acres located at the southwest corner of Avenue K and 30<sup>th</sup> Street West, known as Zone Change No. 06-01, by the following vote: 3-0-1-1; AYES: Sileo, Visokey, Hearn; NOES: None; RECUSED: Smith; ABSENT: Jeffra.</p>
<p><b>CC 7.</b> ORD. NO. 892 PROHIBITION OF WATER WASTE</p>	<p><b>Ordinance No. 892</b>, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, prohibiting the waste of water in the City of Lancaster (“City”.) This item was pulled from the agenda by earlier action and will return to Council for consideration at a later date.</p>
<p><b>CC 8.</b> ORD. NO. 893 ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS FOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN</p>	<p><b>Ordinance No. 893</b>, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, to ensure efficient water use by establishing standards for landscape design appropriate to the City of Lancaster’s (“City”) climate, soils, water resources, land use and resource planning. This item was pulled from the agenda by earlier action and will return to Council for consideration at a later date.</p>
<p><b>CC 9.</b> ORD. NO. 895 AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING PLAN REGARDING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AVENUE K AND 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST</p>	<p>On a motion by Council Member Smith and seconded by Vice Mayor Visokey, the City Council adopted <b>Ordinance No. 895</b>, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending the City Zoning Plan for 8.5± acres located at the southeast corner of Avenue K and 30<sup>th</sup> Street West, known as Zone Change No. 04-05, by the following vote: 3-1-0-1; AYES: Smith, Visokey, Hearn; NOES: Sileo; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra.</p>
<p><b>CC 10.</b> RESO. NO. 08-01 DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS</p>	<p>Adopted <b>Resolution No. 08-01</b>, authorizing the destruction of certain records (Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Financial Reports-State Controller Reports, Financial Reports-Fixed Asset, Payroll Registers and Banking Records).</p>

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<p><b>CC 11.</b>          ACCEPTANCE OF          MAINTENANCE FOR          LANDSCAPE          IMPROVEMENTS          TRACT NOS.          54411; 061489</p>	<p>Approved and accepted for maintenance the work and materials for the landscape improvements for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, Annexation No. 184, installed for: Tract No. 54411, located on the south side of Avenue K-8, approximately 770 feet east of 30<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: A.V. Housing Corporation; and Tract No. 061489, located on the northwest corner of 50<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue J-8, Owner: Stratham Montecito West.</p>
<p><b>CC 12.</b>          APPROVAL OF          MONUMENTATION          WORK          TRACT NOS.          060236; 062326;          53190; 53907; 54411</p>	<p>Approved the monumentation work for: Tract No. 060236, located on the northeast corner of Avenue K-8 and 21<sup>st</sup> Street West, Owner: KB Home Greater Los Angeles, Inc.; Tract No. 062326, located on the south side of Avenue K-8, approximately 530 feet east of 30<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: Harris Homes, Inc.; Tract No. 53190, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J and 60<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: KB Home Greater Los Angeles, Inc.; Tract No. 53907, located on the south side of Avenue K, approximately 300 feet west of 45<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: KB Home Greater Los Angeles, Inc.; and Tract No. 54411, located on the south side of Avenue K-8, approximately 770 feet east of 30<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: A.V. Housing Corporation.</p>
<p><b>CC 13.</b>          APPROVAL OF          COMPLETED          SEWER SYSTEMS          TRACT NOS.          48534-02; 48534-03;          53184; 60614</p>	<p>Approved the completed sewer systems installed by the developer of: Tract No. 48534, located on the southeast corner of Avenue H-8 and 35<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owner: K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc.; Tract No. 48534-02, located on the northwest corner of Avenue I and 37<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owner: K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc.; Tract No. 48534-03, located on the northeast corner of Cooperstown Avenue and 35<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owner: K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc.; Tract No. 53184, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J-6 and 45<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: Western Pacific Housing, Inc.; and Tract No. 60614, located on the southwest corner of 20<sup>th</sup> Street East and Avenue K-4, Owner: Grand View Condos Development Co., Inc.</p>
<p><b>CC 14.</b>          ACCEPTANCE OF          STREETS FOR          MAINTENANCE          TRACT NOS.          060450-02; 54411</p>	<p>Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for: Tract No. 060450-02, located on the southwest corner of 60<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue K-4, Owner: Richmond American Homes Ca., Inc.; and Tract No. 54411, located on the south side of Avenue K-8, approximately 770 feet east of 30<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: A.V. Housing Corporation.</p>
<p><b>CC 15.</b>          APPROVAL OF          COMPLETED          WATER SYSTEMS          TRACT NOS.          060003; 060502</p>	<p>Approved the completed water systems installed by the developer of: Tract No. 060003, located on the southwest corner of 60<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue J-8, Owner: Beazer Homes Holdings Corporation; and Tract No. 060502, located on the northwest corner of Avenue K and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street West, Owner: Beazer Homes Holdings Corporation.</p>

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<p><b>CC 16.</b> TAX SHARING RESOLUTIONS WITH L.A. COUNTY SANITATION DIST. NO. 14</p>	<p>Adopted the Tax Sharing Resolutions for proposed Annexation Nos. 354 and 355 into Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14.</p>
<p><b>CC 17.</b> ACCEPTANCE OF MAP AND DEDICATIONS; UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT TRACT NO. 062845</p>	<p>Approved the map and accepted the dedications as offered on the map for Tract No. 062845, located at the southwest corner of Avenue L-8 and 32<sup>nd</sup> Street West; approved and accepted the Undertaking Agreement and Improvement Securities required as a condition of recordation of 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; instructed the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map the certificate which embodies the approval of said map and the dedications shown thereon.</p>
<p><b>CC 18.</b> APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR PWCP NO. 06-016 LANCASTER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WALL</p>	<p>Approved the appropriation of \$35,000.00 from Capital Improvement Budget Account No. 101-12ST013-924 to Capital Improvement Budget Account No. 101-12FW001-924 to include Change Order Nos. 1 and 2, and increase the total amount of the contract with Southland Construction, for <b>Public Works Construction Project No. 05-016</b>, Lancaster Maintenance District Wall at Challenger Way and Lancaster Boulevard, by \$21,781.00 for a total revised contract amount of \$120,680.00.</p>
<p><b>CC 19.</b> ACCEPTANCE OF WORK BY ANM CONSTRUCTION &amp; ENGINEERING FOR PWCP NO. 07-004</p>	<p>Accepted the work constructed by ANM Construction &amp; Engineering for <b>Public Works Construction Project No. 07-004</b>, 25<sup>th</sup> Street East Repairs; directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project; authorized payment of the 10 percent retention 35 days after recordation, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed.</p>

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<p><b>PH 1.</b> RESO. NO. 08-02 ADOPTION OF THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN</p>	<p>Mayor Hearn opened the Public Hearing. The Public Works Director presented the staff report regarding adoption of the Groundwater Management Plan for the Antelope Valley (GWM) Plan. The GWM Plan was prepared by the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) along with the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan which was published on November 19, 2007. The City of Lancaster is one of eleven public agencies that form the RWMG.</p> <p>There being no further testimony, Mayor Hearn closed the Public Hearing.</p> <p>On a motion by Vice Mayor Visokey and seconded by Council Member Smith, the City Council adopted <b>Resolution No. 08-02</b>, to adopt the Groundwater Management Plan for the Antelope Valley (GWM) Plan, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Sileo, Smith, Visokey, Hearn; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra.</p>
<p><b>JNB 1.</b> 2007/2008 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW</p>	<p>The Interim City Manager and the Finance Director presented the staff report regarding Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Mid-Year Budget Review.</p> <p>The Interim City Manager requested that the Council focus on three topics: 1) the specific recommended budget adjustments; 2) the City's ability to weather the current economic downturn; 3) impacts and issues for the next budget year. Cities must prepare for the inevitable downturns that happen in an economy. Through the focused economic development efforts and particularly the conservative economic policies of the Council, Lancaster is prepared for an economic downturn and some cities are not prepared including the State.</p> <p>The Finance Director gave a brief report regarding the City and the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency; current economic conditions which include tough economic times within the housing market; construction and auto sales. The City is well prepared to face these issues with financial forecasting and the establishment of a financial stability reserve. Budget adjustments were reviewed including expenditure adjustments within the Sewer Maintenance District. The City will become responsible for the maintenance of Sewers on July 1, 2008. There is dedicated revenue to cover the operating expenditures and staffing will be needed by May 1, 2008 to be prepared for these responsibilities. There will be no impact to the General Fund, as the Sewer Maintenance District is fully funded with Restricted Revenues for this purpose.</p>

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The Finance Director stated that looking ahead to Fiscal Year 2008/2009, at best, revenues will be flat. A priority will be placed on increasing public safety resources and there will be challenges in maintaining a balanced budget. There will be tough issues to face with the continued economic downturn, including the Street Light District shortfall and maintaining service levels. There is a Financial Stability Reserve which is equivalent to three months operating costs. The City is well positioned to face the current economy and working together on the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 budget, staff will address priorities and remain in balance.

Council Member Sileo inquired as to how the unexpected expenditure due to the resignation of the former City Manager will be handled.

The Interim City Manager stated that the contract is for \$995,000.00 and the contract shows that some things are payable over time and there are some things that could be paid at the request of the former City Manager in one lump sum. Staff is recommending that this money be put aside now to cover those expenses.

The Finance Director stated that the funds are coming out of the reserves and staff is recommending that the full amount of the agreement be set aside in a separate reserve that can be paid out over time or if a request comes in to pay it out in full, the funds will be there.

Vice Mayor Visokey appreciated the references to this being a conservative budget. Services and personnel have grown significantly over the last couple of years and he inquired as to how many years of these tough economic years can the City take if the economy cannot improve.

The Interim City Manager stated that the Stability Reserve gives the City flexibility as the next budget is developed. Over the next six months, revenues will be looked at and projections will be determined to develop the budget. Some projects may have to be deferred, there may have to be reductions in targeted areas. Instead of staffing up in certain areas for development, the City will try to use outside services.

The Finance Director stated that when the budget is developed, a ten-year financial forecast is developed as well for the General Fund. When the budget is proposed, it is maintained based on the best information that is available in terms of the economy. Because of this planning, the City has sufficient reserves to carry the City through the downturns and the economy naturally ebbs and flows.

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The Finance Director stated that if this is a downward cycle based on two or three years, based on the projections, the City has sufficient funds to cover these times and there are not sufficient reserves to continue with the growth that is seen, however, the budget will be sufficient to carry on the service levels that are currently in place.

Mayor Hearn stated that with growth, two things happen. It produces some income but at the same time there is a cost. He thanked staff for the excellent presentation on the budget.

Council Member Sileo stated that it is unfortunate that the City has to deal with a million dollar cost that the City did not need to incur. It was smart over the last year that as development ramped up, that the City dealt with those matters with items that could be shed quickly; for example – contract labor for items related to the development process.

Mayor Hearn stated that the decision was made by all five of the Council for the \$995,000.00.

Council Member Sileo stated that it was a three-two vote.

Mayor Hearn disagreed and stated that in Closed Session it was a five-zero vote and then in public it became a three-two vote.

Council Member Smith corrected Mayor Hearn and stated that it was a four-one vote and that he was the one vote against this settlement.

Council Member Smith asked the City Attorney if, in the future, he could bring out the matters of Closed Session to the public.

Vice Mayor Visokey agreed and stated that he is tired of being held responsible for running the bill up.

The City Attorney stated minutes are not maintained from Closed Session; however he will look into this.

On a motion by Mayor Hearn and seconded by Council Member Sileo, the City Council adopted the City Council / Lancaster Redevelopment Agency proposed Fiscal Year 2007/08 Mid-Year Budget Revenue and Expenditure Adjustments as shown on Attachments A & B and directed staff to include a policy in the FY 2008/09 Budget that sets the Financial Stability Reserve equivalent to 3 months of operating expenses, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Sileo, Smith, Visokey, Hearn; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra

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The City Attorney presented the staff report regarding Campaign Limits. He stated that campaign limits, including contribution limits, expenditure limits and disclosure requirements have been the source of repeated First Amendment challenges. He referred to the Buckley case and the important matter that came out of this case was that they applied a fundamental of First Amendment jurisprudence that limitations on First Amendment rights will only be upheld if the limits are closely drawn to match an important governmental interest. The Supreme Court has upheld most contribution limits and has indicated that they will generally defer to the legislative body in determining the appropriate amount of any contribution limits. At the same time, they have indicated that there are lower limits which could result in the invalidation of the contribution limits. The City Attorney went on to show information regarding contribution limits in other cities which ranged from \$100.00 to \$3600.00 which is the State limit and he further reviewed contributions given to candidates during the election cycle in 2004 and 2006.

Vice Mayor Visokey requested clarification on the information presented regarding donors.

The City Attorney stated that the information is not based on people who gave less than \$250.00 and that he reviewed each of the Form 460's that were filed by the candidates.

Vice Mayor Visokey inquired as to when an ordinance would go into effect if it was brought back to the next Council meeting.

The City Attorney stated that the earliest that the ordinance could go into effect is the middle of March 2008.

Vice Mayor Visokey recommended that the effective date be a year down the road, for future elections. He stated that he feels the timing on this matter is political and he finds it very disturbing.

Mayor Hearn stated that he will not support any change to the contribution limits and would like to receive everybody's input.

The City Attorney stated that if this limitation was imposed now, for the current campaign, anyone who wanted to collect a campaign contribution over the limit could do so up until approximately March 13, 2008. His recommendation would be to impose it upon the election in 2010 or 2009 if the election date is changed.



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Council Member Smith stated that there are very few filings done within the 24 hour period of a campaign which takes place the two weeks prior to an election. He stated that he would hope this would not be retroactive.

The City Attorney stated that this would apply from March 13<sup>th</sup> – forward and that this only assumes that it can come to Council on the next agenda and adopted by the first meeting in February.

Addressing the Council on this matter:

David Paul – requested clarification on the limits and wanted to understand clearly that there is no way to constitutionally limit expenditures, just contributions.

The City Attorney stated that this is correct. A limit cannot be imposed on expenditures of a campaign. A candidate can spend as much of their own money as they chose, for their own campaign.

Council Member Sileo stated that some of the Council members have implied that this would apply to this election cycle and even if this was pushed at the fastest possible pace, it would not become effective until March 13, 2008. Functionally, it would not have an effect on this election cycle; therefore, he would like to see it applied to every election cycle after the April 8, 2008 election. The perception that there are bad things going on is a valid concern for the Council. Candidates should not be restricted in such a way that they cannot get their message out to the voter. There needs to be an appropriate middle-ground regarding contributions and looking at the data that has been presented, there are a few contributions that fall out of the normal range.

Council Member Sileo suggested that Council pick a number that knocks just a few of the large contributions off. He made a motion to limit contributions to \$1,000.00 for an individual donor, to be effective following the April 8, 2008 election.

Mayor Hearn stated that he will not support the motion. He announced earlier in the day that he would not seek another term in office as Mayor, however, what comes into play is a person's own personal character and if a law is set, all it does is cause that person to find another way to do it.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Vice Mayor Visokey inquired - if family members wanted to give a large contribution, would they fall within those limits as well and the City Attorney stated that they would.

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Council Member Smith suggested that the City consider doing what Palmdale has done. He stated the importance of transparency in government and having a valid reporting system set up. Possibly a limit of \$250 reporting within the late contribution filing deadline of an election. He also stated that electronic posting should be considered so that all citizens would be able to see what is being contributed and there needs to be more investigation on how this could happen. He requested consensus from the Council to give direction to staff to look into this.

Council Member Sileo stated that he agreed completely with Council Member Smith in regards to placing the campaign filings on the internet.

Council Member Sileo made a motion to amend the late contribution limit from \$1,000.00 to \$250.00 and that it would apply to the election of April 8, 2008.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Smith requested that this suggestion/motion be considered in the entire package that the City Attorney would research and bring back to Council.

Vice Mayor Visokey stated that he does not have a problem with the motion, however, it should come back to Council after the City Attorney has had time to research this matter.

Mayor Hearn stated that there are already people running their campaigns and that it would not be fair to tamper with this election cycle.

It was the consensus of the Council to have staff look into electronic filing of campaign documents and lowering the limits of Form 497 and that it will have nothing to do with the election cycle of April 8, 2008.

The City Attorney stated that he would work on this and bring it back to Council as soon as staff can prepare the analysis of the costs of electronic filings.

Council Member Smith clarified that he does not mean the onus of electronic filings that state that officials have a \$50,000.00 limit. He clarified that candidates could still file with paper, handwritten out or electronically. Staff can scan the documents and have them posted electronically for the public.

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<p><b>CA 1.</b>  <b>INTRODUCTION</b>  <b>OF A.V. BLACK</b>  <b>CHAMBER OF</b>  <b>COMMERCE</b></p>	<p>Mayor Hearn introduced organizers of the A.V. Black Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Perry Watkins, Jr. and Mr. Kevin Hooks presented a power point presentation on the A.V. Black Chamber of Commerce. They presented their vision; mission; history; introduced the Founders of the Chamber/Board as well as additional members. They presented the purpose behind the Chamber; their objectives; benefits to the community; services; keys to success; accomplishments and their funding forecast.</p>
<p><b>CA 2.</b>  <b>SENIOR CITIZEN</b>  <b>OMBUDSMEN</b>  <b>SELECTION</b></p>	<p>Council Member Smith stated that this matter has been discussed before regarding the appointment of a Senior Citizen Ombudsmen for the Council who would report to the Mayor and the Vice Mayor. This person would be the conduit to keep the Council in touch with the senior citizens of Lancaster.</p> <p>On a motion by Council Member Smith and seconded by Vice Mayor Visokey, Council approved the removal of the previous approval of a cell phone for this person as well as the \$100.00 stipend and have this become a two year term, nominating Mayor Hearn as the Ombudsmen, becoming affective on April 22, 2008, by the following vote: 3-0-1-1: AYES: Sileo, Smith, Visokey; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Hearn; ABSENT: Jeffra</p>
<p><b>CITY MANAGER</b>  <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p>	<p>The Public Works Director, Randy Williams gave an update on the upcoming Water Workshop, scheduled on January 29, 2008 at 5 p.m. Speakers will be on hand from five different agencies to make presentations and there is a benefit to having the Planning Commission participate in the workshop with the concurrence of the City Council.</p> <p>Council Member Sileo stated that one of the things he would like to see discussed is - if there is not enough water, potential ways to deal with new development.</p>
<p><b>CITY CLERK</b>  <b>ANNOUNCEMENT</b></p>	<p>The City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding non-agendized items.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC BUSINESS</b>  <b>FROM THE FLOOR</b>  <b>NON-AGENDIZED</b></p>	<p>Addressing the Council at this time:</p> <p>David Paul – interested in attending the water meeting on January 29, 2008; desire to remove the ugliness from the political level of cities; will not speak as a candidate in favor of the recall.</p> <p>Cleo Goss – concerns regarding traffic air pollution safety; concerns regarding development in the area of 60<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue L.</p>

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<p>PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR NON-AGENDIZED (continued)</p>	<p>The City Attorney cautioned the City Council that this matter is a project that is being processed by the City and the property owners have due process rights, so their matter will be heard first by the Planning Commission then by the City Council. What is said tonight is not part of the public record and is not part of anything Council can consider in connection with the approval or denial of this matter.</p>
<p>COUNCIL COMMENTS</p>	<p>Nicole Parsons – concerns regarding the approval of the Groundwater Management Plan; stated that she is against the recall; it should stop because Council Member Smith is the smartest man on the Council and does what is good for the community.</p>
	<p>Gary Burgess – encouraged staff and Council to look very closely at the water restriction ordinances before final approval; look at facts; there are more serious concerns in the City.</p>
	<p>Council Member Sileo requested clarification of the deadline for mayoral candidates since Mayor Hearn is not running for another term in office.</p>
	<p>The City Clerk stated that the deadline would be extended to January 16, 2008 for non-incumbents only.</p>
	<p>Council Member Smith discussed the gang problem in the valley and discussed ways to reduce this problem. Many times when someone is convicted of a crime, in many cases there is a plea bargain with that person, i.e. jail time, probation. Many times the onus on them is to do some type of community service, such as with Caltrans and giving so many hours of community service. His proposal is that the City look into forming a community service program for these people that cause problems and trash this community and make them give back. It would be a community service program wherein the judge could order a person to complete 250 hours to the Antelope Valley Community Service program, possibly partnering with Palmdale and the County of Los Angeles and make these people clean up this town. Make them pick up trash; clean graffiti and that way the citizens will see the people that have been causing fear and problems in this area. He received consensus of the Council to direct staff to look into this matter.</p>
	<p>The Interim City Manager stated that he has discussed this issue with Council Member Smith, introduced James Kobalt, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst for the City of Lancaster and stated that staff will research this matter.</p>

