

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Hearn called the regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members/Agency Directors: Sileo, Smith; Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Visokey; Mayor/Chairman Hearn

Absent: Council Member/Agency Director: Jeffra

Staff

Members: Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director, Interim Assistant City Manager/Interim Executive Director, City Attorney/Agency Counsel, City Clerk/Agency Secretary, Planning Director, Public Works Director, Parks, Recreation & Arts Director, Finance Director, Economic Development Director, Housing Director, Human Resources Director

ANNOUNCEMENT – The City Clerk explained the improvements to the sound system and the timing system.

INVOCATION - Rabbi David Hoffman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Vice Mayor Visokey

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

The following organizations made presentations to Mayor Hearn and the outgoing Council Members: City of Palmdale; Office of Supervisor Antonovich; Office of Assemblywoman Runner; Office of Senator Runner; Trustee of Antelope Valley High School District; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Antelope Valley Republican Assembly; Reverend Odene Lawrence; Antelope Valley Human Relations Task Force.

PRESENTATION FROM MAYOR HEARN

Mayor Hearn stated that the City has grown and the City Council has grown in the process; reflected on the qualities of Vice Mayor Visokey and the entire Council. Vice Mayor Visokey is very sensitive to the concerns of the citizens and truly cares about what the citizens are thinking. He is a tax fighter; committed to the City; a personal friend. Council Member Jeffra is never afraid to say exactly what he thinks; he is a good friend and feels fortunate to have known Council Member Jeffra for so many years. Council Member Sileo is very analytical; thinks everything through, he is very thorough in his presentations and thanked him for his hard work and dedication. Council Member Smith holds the City at its highest point; worked tirelessly to get more law enforcement on the street; has his heart in the City; dedicated and he stated that he cherishes and appreciates his friendship.

COMMENTS FROM ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Sileo stated that it is an interesting experience to sit in a Council seat; there are many things to learn; opinions are formed; Council may disagree on issues but not personal issues; he is confident that he and Council Member Smith will work through issues for the betterment of the community. Many, many hours, weeks and years are dedicated to serving the citizens of the community; the City has moved forward and each Council Member should be proud of all of the accomplishments.

Council Member Smith stated that Council Member Jeffra served this country and this community very well and with complete dedication. Vice Mayor Visokey has a strong conservative heart and has done a great job representing the City. Mayor Hearn has done more than anyone he knows for the community and works with his whole heart and common sense, stating that there is no one stronger than Mayor Hearn.

Mayor Hearn made a presentation to Vice Mayor Visokey for his dedication to the City and for his years of committed service.

Vice Mayor Visokey thanked the community; stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to sit in an elected seat and serve the community. He stated that he may serve again in the future; he leaves with his head held high. The City is on the right track in the area of law enforcement; industrial development. The City is fiscally sound and the staff has tremendous support for the Council. He stated that he has made many new friends while holding office; enjoyed serving with Mayor Frank Roberts and that Mayor Hearn is also a great spiritual leader. He is grateful for the friendship he shares with Mayor Hearn. He appreciates the time he spent serving with former Council Member Idelman and with Council Member Sileo. He stated that even during times of disagreement, he and Council Member Sileo could still shake hands and call each other friends. He stated that Council Member Jeffra is a great friend and a great leader. He has served in many capacities with Council Member Smith and appreciates his friendship. He will miss working for the City and he hopes that the new City Council will consider Mark Bozigian as the new City Manager. He is looking forward to spending more time with his wife and family; and thanked his family for their support and encouragement.

Interim City Manager, Mark Bozigian, made a presentation to Mayor Hearn and stated that every group needs a conscience and Mayor Hearn has been that person. It didn't matter what the position or title was, or what kind of red tape had to be cut. What mattered was if the decisions that were made were for the good of the City. Mayor Hearn cares about the City and he stated that he will always appreciate his friendship and leadership.

Mayor Hearn reflected on his years of service; raising a family in Lancaster; his wishes for the future Council and the accomplishments that he has seen over the years. Accomplishments such as the financial stability of the City; excellent City staff; improvements in local transportation; Metrolink; positive growth; street improvements; road widening; traffic controls; advancement in water systems; education; Antelope Valley Fairgrounds; JetHawks Stadium; Aerospace Walk of Honor; Celebrating Downtown events; pro-active code enforcement; Lancaster Sheriff Station; establishment of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and many other accomplishments.

PRESENTATION TO THE CITY

The City Clerk presented the official canvass of the April 8, 2008 General Municipal Election.

On a motion by Council Member Smith and seconded by Vice Mayor Visokey, the City Council adopted Resolution **No. 08-33**, reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law regarding the election of Mayor and two Council Members by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Sileo, Smith, Visokey, Hearn; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra.

On a motion by Council Member Smith and seconded by Vice Mayor Visokey, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 08-34**, reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law regarding the Measures on the ballot, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Sileo, Smith, Visokey, Hearn; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

None

APPROVAL OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Council Member Smith and seconded by Vice Mayor Visokey, the Redevelopment Agency/City Council approved Item Nos. RCC 1; CC 1; CC 2, by the following vote: 4-0-0-1; AYES: Sileo, Smith, Visokey, Hearn; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jeffra.

RCC 1. MINUTES

See CC 2 for the approval of the Regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of March 25, 2008.

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 Redevelopment Agency / City Council Regular Meeting minutes of March 25, 2008.

Mayor Hearn requested that the meeting this evening be adjourned in memory of Sylvia McEwen, wife of City Attorney, David McEwen.

RECESS

Mayor/Chairman Hearn recessed the meeting at 7: 55 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor/Chairman Hearn reconvened the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW MAYOR ELECT

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to R. Rex Parris, Mayor Elect for a two-year term of office.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBER ELECT

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Sherry Marquez, Council Member Elect for a four-year term.

Council Member Elect Ken Mann was not present for the meeting.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council appointed Council Member Smith as Vice Mayor, by the following vote: 4-0-0-0; AYES: Marquez; Sileo; Smith; Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

ROLL CALL – NEWLY SEATED COUNCIL

Present: Council Members/Agency Directors: Marquez, Sileo; Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith; Mayor/Chairman Parris

Absent: None.

INVOCATION – Former Mayor/Bishop Hearn.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

None

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Council Member Sileo and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the Council Consent Calendar, by the following vote: 4-0-0-0; AYES: Marquez, Sileo, Smith, 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. Number not used.

CC 3. WARRANT REGISTER

Approved the Check and Wire Registers (March 9, 2008 through April 5, 2008) in the amount of \$10,482,470.51.

CC 4. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS

Accepted and approved the February 29, 2008 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 5. AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Awarded the three year Professional Services Agreement for Audit Services to Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP for \$66,000.00 in FY 08-09, \$69,300 in FY 09-10, and \$72,770 in FY 10-11 with an optional two-year extension and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute such agreement.

CC 6. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND MATERIALS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – TRACT NOS. 47775; 54203

Approved and accepted for maintenance the work and materials for the drainage improvements for Drainage Maintenance District Annexation Nos. 01-05 and 04-87, installed for: Tract No. 47775, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J-8 and 42nd Street West, Owner: Lancaster Palms, LLC; and Tract No. 54203, located on the southeast corner of 40th Street West and Avenue M-8, Owner: Pulte Home Corporation.

CC 7. ACCEPTANCE OF INTERIOR STREET TREES FOR MAINTENANCE – TRACT NOS. 060003; 060331; 060336; 060434; 060502; 47609; 54285; 54400

Accepted the interior street trees for maintenance by the City for: Tract No. 060003, located on the southwest corner of 60th Street West and Avenue J-8, Owner: Beazer Homes Holdings Corporation; Tract No. 060331, located at Avenue J and 38th Street West, Owner: Lennar Homes of California, Inc.; Tract No. 060336, located at Avenue J and 36th Street West, Owner: Lennar Homes of California, Inc.; Tract No. 060434, located on the north side of Avenue K, approximately 650 feet east of 50th Street West; Tract No. 060502, located on the northwest corner of Avenue K and 62nd Street West, Owner: Beazer Homes Holdings Corporation; Tract No. 47609, located on the north side of Avenue K, approximately 976 feet east of 50th Street West, Owner: Trimark Pacific – Lancaster 82, LLC; Tract No. 54285, located on the northeast corner of West Avenue J and Palo Verde Street, Owner: Lennar Homes of California, Inc.; and Tract No. 54400, located on the southeast corner of Avenue J-8 and 35th Street West, Owner: Trimark Pacific – Lancaster 82, LLC.

CC 8. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND MATERIALS FOR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS – TRACT NOS. 061123; 54203

Approved and accepted for maintenance the work and materials for the landscape improvements for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, Annexation No. 299, installed for: Tract No. 061123, located on the southwest corner of 35th Street West and Avenue M-8; Owner: Pulte Home Corporation; and Annexation No. 275, installed for: Tract No. 54203, located on the southeast corner of 40th Street West and Avenue M-8, Owner: Pulte Home Corporation.

CC 9. MONUMENTATION WORK – TRACT NOS. 060126; 060450-02

Approved the monumentation work for: Tract No. 060126, located between 46th Street West and 47th Street West, approximately 660 feet north of Avenue J-8, Owner: Lancaster Crown Ridge, G.P.; Tract No. 060450-02, located on the west side of 60th Street West, approximately 1,324 feet south of Avenue K, Owner: Richmond American Homes of California.

CC 10. APPROVAL OF COMPLETED SEWER SYSTEMS – SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 00-03; TRACT NO. 060428

Approved the completed sewer systems installed by the developer for: Site Plan Review No. 00-03, located at 2443 West Avenue I, Owner: Lewis B. Young; Tract No. 060428, located on the southwest corner of Avenue J-6 and 40th Street West, Owner: American Premiere Homes, Inc.

CC 11. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE – SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 04-04; TRACT NOS. 060003; 060126; 060502

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for: Site Plan Review No. 04-04, located at the northeast corner of Avenue M and 3rd Street East, Owner: 4th Street Investors; Tract No. 060003, located at the southwest corner of 60th Street West and Avenue J-8, Owner: Beazer Homes Holdings Corporation; Tract No. 060126, located between 46th Street West and 47th Street West, Owner: Lancaster Crown Ridge, G.P.; Tract No. 060502, located at the northwest corner of Avenue K and 62nd Street West, Owner: Beazer Homes Holdings Corporation.

CC 12. APPROVAL OF COMPLETED WATER SYSTEMS – TRACT NO. 060126; PARCEL MAP NO. 060916-01

Approved the completed water systems installed by the developer for: Tract No. 060126, located between 46th Street West and 47th Street West, approximately 660 feet north of Avenue J-8, Owner: Lancaster Crown Ridge, G.P.; Parcel Map No. 060916-01, located on the northwest corner of Avenue G and 45th Street West, Owner: Fox Field Industrial Park L.P.

CC 13. PWCP NO. 05-012

Accepted the work constructed by Granite Construction Company for the acceptance of **Public Works Construction Project No. 05-012**, 3rd Street East Realignment; 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.

CC 14. PWCP NO. 05-016

Accepted the work constructed by Southland Construction for the acceptance of **Public Works Construction Project No. 05-016**, Lancaster Maintenance District Wall located at Challenger Way and Lancaster Boulevard; 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.

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CC 15. PWCP NO. 07-024

Accepted the work constructed by Sierra Cascade Construction, Inc. for the acceptance of **Public Works Construction Project No. 07-024**, 57th Street West Drainage Improvements; 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.

CC 16. PWCP NO. 07-030

Accepted the work constructed by Radich Construction, Inc. for the acceptance of **Public Works Construction Project No. 07-030**, 35th Street West Storm Drain, located between Avenue K and Avenue J-12; 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.

CC 17. PWCP NO. 07-033

Accepted the work constructed by Sierra Cascade Construction, Inc. for the acceptance of **Public Works Construction Project No. 07-033**, Challenger Way/Avenue I Drainage Improvements; 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.

CC 18. PWCP NO. 08-017

Awarded **Public Works Construction Project No. 08-017**, ADA Improvements Avenue K-8 West, to JMR General Engineering, in the amount of \$90,710.00 (plus a 10% contingency) and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. The project will modify existing sidewalk, and construct masonry retaining walls and curb ramp improvements from 15th Street West to Drivers Way along the south side of Avenue K-8, west and east of Caltrans' State Route 14 bridge structure.

CC 19. EXTENSION OF UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

Extended the Undertaking Agreement and Improvement Securities for: Tract Map No. 061042, located on the northeast corner of 60th Street West and Avenue K-4, to July 21, 2008. Developer: KB Home Greater Los Angeles, Inc.

NB 1. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Interim City Manager presented the staff report regarding the Council Member Committee Assignments.

Mayor Parris requested that appointments be made to the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District; Antelope Valley Transit Authority; Sanitation District #14. All other committee assignments will be continued to the next City Council meeting for consideration by a full Council which will then include Council Member Elect Ken Mann.

NB 1. (continued)

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved the following appointments by the following vote: 4-0-0-0; AYES: Marquez; Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

Appointments to the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVQMD) will be: Vice Mayor Smith and Council Member Marquez.

Appointments to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) will be: Vice Mayor Smith and Council Member Marquez.

Appointments to Sanitation District #14 will be: Mayor Parris; Council Member Sileo and Council Member Elect Mann.

CA 1. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS/ APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES AND TERMS

The Deputy City Attorney briefly stated that there is a certain methodology and preparation for the appointment process of planning commissioners. She stated that she does concur with the opinion of the Attorney General of the State of California regarding the appointment of Planning Commissioners. While many General Law cities with elected mayors have historically used other methods to select their Planning Commissioners, the 2006 opinion of the Attorney General makes clear that Planning Commissioners should be appointed by the elected Mayor, subject to ratification by the full City Council. Regardless of the criteria used by the mayor to select new Planning Commissioners for approval by the full City Council, it will be important to revise the City's Municipal Code to reflect the appointment methodology described in the opinion.

Mayor Parris stated that past practices are no longer valid, agrees with the decision by the Attorney General. He would like to see an application process and encouraged citizens who reside in Lancaster to apply for the positions with a deadline of May 6, 2008 to submit applications to the City Clerk. The term of the commissioners would be for two years.

Vice Mayor Smith suggested that the current appointment of Planning Commissioners be continued for 30 days and to direct staff to come back with a clear ordinance.

Council Member Sileo requested clarification regarding the Attorney General opinion and validity of past decisions made by the current Planning Commission.

The Deputy City Attorney stated that decisions by the Planning Commissioners are valid, as the appointment of those commissioners was by approval of the entire City Council.

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CA 1. (continued)

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Greg Morgan – in favor of the proposal, feels that it is a good idea.

James Shanbron – in favor of the proposal; excellent example of transparency in government; encourages the public to become more involved.

Sandy Smith – in favor of the proposal; there are many qualified citizens that would like to be involved.

Diana Beard-Williams – in favor of the proposal.

Gene Gaynor – in favor of the proposal – supports the concept.

Jeff Moffatt – in favor of the proposal; new commission will be essential to the process.

Jeannette Buteyn – in favor of the proposal; gives a fresh positive start.

Bruce MacPherson – congratulated Mayor Parris and Council Member Marquez for being elected. He appreciates the approach; there is no arguing with state law; his position is at the will of the City Council and he will abide faithfully.

Darren Parker – in favor of the proposal; a new beginning; City has taken baby steps and it is now time to take adult steps.

Richard Hecker – stated that Council must follow state law; process needs to be adjusted; the current Planning Commission has done a great job.

At the request of Council Member Elect Mann, Mayor Parris read a letter from Mr. Mann that stated that since he was unable to attend the meeting, he would like Council Agenda Item Nos. CA 1; CA 2 and CA 3 continued until he can be present to participate in the discussion.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Parris, the City Council approved an application process, continue making appointments for thirty days, set the deadline for May 6, 2008 to submit applications to the City Clerk; directed staff to come back with a clear ordinance and encouraged citizens who reside in Lancaster to apply for the two-year term positions, by the following vote: 4-0-0-0; AYES: Marquez; Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

CA 2. REMOVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Reflective of the discussion pertaining to CA 1, Mayor Parris requested that Commissioners Faux and MacPherson step down from their appointments as Planning Commissioners and encouraged them to re-apply through the new process.

Council Member Sileo appealed to the former commissioners that are now on the City Council, stating that it takes time to get up to speed on projects and that it is important to plan for the goals the City has set forth. He had concerns regarding the General Plan; Specific Plan and felt that it was not necessary to remove the current commissioners – they are experienced and should remain on the commission.

Mayor Parris agreed with the reasoning of Council Member Sileo, stating that he has no argument with that. He will consider all applications and encouraged the current commissioners to re-apply if they so desire, then Council can accept or reject. It is time for the Planning Commission and the City Council to work together; encouraged everyone to get an application; time to remove the toxicity from the office to excel and accomplish wonderful things for this City.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the removal of the commissioners from the Planning Commission by the following vote: 3-1-0-0; AYES: Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: Sileo; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

CA 3. CREATION OF A MAYOR EMERITUS ROLE

Mayor Parris stated that there are many demands from different avenues of the City where it is important that Lancaster is well represented, particularly during ceremonial events. He stated that he would like to have Mayors Roberts and Hearn selected as Mayor Emeriti/Honorary Mayors for a term of two years, to assist Lancaster with some of these events, in the event that the Mayor, Vice Mayor or the Council could not attend.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that Mayor Roberts and Mayor Hearn would be wonderful representatives for Lancaster; no one can fill their shoes and the City will be well represented.

Council Member Sileo requested clarification from the Deputy City Attorney on any policy that is in place.

The Deputy City Attorney stated that the duties are stated in the Municipal Code; set forth by the order of the City Council and since these positions would be honorary and with no authority behind them, it meets the specifications in the Code.

CA 3. (continued)

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Former Mayor, Henry Hearn – Stated that he looks forward to the commitment and will support the current Mayor; he will be happy to do this.

Former Mayor, Frank Roberts – Stated that Lancaster is a great City; he feels that people will appreciate this kind of service; he will commit and support this appointment.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the two-year appointments of former Mayor Roberts and former Mayor Hearn as Mayor Emeriti/Honorary Mayors, by the following vote: 4-0-0-0; AYES: Marquez; Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Parris introduced Jon Sisson, Jason Shuler and Noah Lomax from Lancaster Baptist. He stated that these three young men worked diligently on his campaign and that he was proud to state that they are his only power brokers and thanked them for all of their hard work.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER/INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Interim City Manager, Mark Bozigian, thanked several staff members for their hard work and diligence in preparation of the reception and pulling the City Council meeting together. Additionally, he thanked Deputy City Attorneys Joe Adams and Allison Burns for taking on all the demands of the City.

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Director gave a brief presentation regarding the 17th Annual Poppy Festival, stating that staff did a great job; 41,000 attendance; overcame the weather; introduced Laurie Butts, the Special Events Manager; this was a collective event and she made sure everything was taken care of.

CITY CLERK /AGENCY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the City Council regarding non-agendized items.

Addressing the City Council/Agency at this time:

David Paul – congratulated Mayor Parris and Council Member Marquez; pleased with the decision regarding Planning Commission appointments and requesting community involvement.

Cleo Goss – congratulated Mayor Parris and Council Member Marquez; likes idea of the walk with the Mayor; encouraged him to walk at the location of 60th Street West and Avenue L during school days; problems regarding development at this site; criminal element that will be attracted to this area; changing the zone will bring in crime.

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Gary Burgess – congratulated Mayor Parris and Council Member Marquez; thanked Mayor Hearn; Vice Mayor Visokey and Council Member Jeffra for their relationship in improving the community; entire Council shows that they care; great City staff to support the Council; consider Mark Bozigian for the position of City Manager. Encouraged citizens to get involved - one person can make a difference; step forward, be involved, be that person.

Heather Brown – stated that her vehicle was taken by the City in 2007; requested help from the City in getting her property back.

Diana Beard-Williams – congratulated Mayor Parris and Council Member Marquez; she worked for Mayor Parris on his campaign; spoke to the character of Mayor Parris; money was spent to get his message out, not to do anything underhanded; Mayor Parris is very approachable; believes that Mayor Parris will work for the betterment of the community.

COUNCIL/AGENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Parris stated some of the things that are coming in the future:

Law Day and a proposal of a task force initiative which will have a huge impact on pushing gangs back; different commissions such as a criminal justice commission. He requested that Vice Mayor Smith work with him and City staff to formalize this and requested that Council Member Marquez become involved as well.

Mayor Parris stated that he wanted to discuss the possibility of changing the Council meeting times and encouraged citizens to give their input on this.

Council Member Marquez proposed that the national motto be placed on the wall behind the City Council – something inspiring and requested that staff look into this.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the Council/Agency meeting in memory of Sylvia McEwen, wife of City Attorney David R. McEwen, at 9:30 p.m. and announced the next regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency would take place on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

GERI K. BRYAN, CMC
CITY CLERK/AGENCY SECRETARY
Lancaster, CA

R. REX PARRIS
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN
Lancaster, CA

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original City Council/Redevelopment Agency 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 _____, _____.

(seal)
