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**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 27, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**Staff**

Members: City Manager/Executive Director, Interim Assistant City Manager/Interim Assistant Executive Director, City Attorney/Agency Counsel, City Clerk/Agency Secretary, Planning Director, Utility Services Manager, Parks, Recreation & Arts Director, Finance Director, Economic Development Director, Housing Director, Sr. Management Analyst

**INVOCATION** – Reverend Hauk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith

**PRESENTATIONS**

Recognition of students involved in “Pride of the Armed Forces” Day

**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED**

None

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**APPROVAL OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Agency Consent Calendar, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**RCC 1. MINUTES**

See CC 2 for the approval of the Regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of April 22, 2008.

**RCC 2. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Approved the Agreement of Acquisition of Real Property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage for property located at 45510 Sancroft Avenue.

**RCC 3. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Approved the Agreement of Acquisition of Real Property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital Inc. Trust 2006-HE3 for property located at 45540 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East.

**RCC 4. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Approved Agreement for Acquisition of Real Property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Argent Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W3 for property located at 45546 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. CC 2 which was pulled for separate discussion and action, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, 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. MINUTES**

Council Member Mann requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect comments regarding wind energy rather than solar energy on Item No. CA 5.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Parris, the City Council approved the Redevelopment Agency / City Council Regular Meeting minutes of May 13, 2008 as amended, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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**CC 3. WARRANT REGISTER**

Approved the Check and Wire Registers (April 27, 2008 through May 10, 2008) in the amount of \$3,966,651.81.

**CC 4. ORDINANCE NO. 899**

Adopted **Ordinance No. 899**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Chapter 2.24 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to the Planning Commission.

**CC 5. RESOLUTION NO. 08-36**

Adopted **Resolution No. 08-36**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, authorizing the destruction of certain records (Plans and Plan checks.)

**CC 6. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND MATERIALS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 05-03**

Approved and accepted for maintenance the work and materials for the drainage improvements for Drainage Maintenance District Annexation No. 06-01, installed for Site Plan Review No. 05-03, located on the southeast corner of Avenue L and 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: SE10W & L, LLC.

**CC 7. ACCEPTANCE OF INTERIOR STREET TREES FOR MAINTENANCE – TRACT NOS. 54203; 61123**

Accepted the interior street trees for maintenance by the City for: Tract No. 54203, located on the southeast corner of 40<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue M-8, Owner: Pulte Homes Corporation; and Tract No. 61123, located on the southwest corner of 35<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue M-8, Owner: Pulte Homes Corporation.

**CC 8. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND MATERIALS FOR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS – TRACT NOS. 062326; 54401**

Approved and accepted for maintenance the work and materials for the landscape improvements for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, Annexation No. 328, installed for Tract No. 062326, located on the south side of Avenue K-8, approximately 530 feet east of 30<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owner: AV Housing Corporation; Annexation No. 238, installed for Tract No. 54401, located on the northeast corner of Avenue K and 60<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc.

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**CC 9. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE – PARCEL MAP NO. 060916-01; SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 05-03; TRACT NOS. 060434; 60450-03**

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for: Parcel Map No. 060916-01, located on the northwest corner of Avenue G and 45<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: Fox Field Industrial Park L.P.; Site Plan Review No. 05-03, located on the southeast corner of Avenue L and 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: SE10W & L, LLC; Tract No. 060434, located on the north side of Avenue K, approximately 651 feet east of 50<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: Trimark Pacific-Lancaster 161, LLC; and Tract No. 60450-03, located on the northwest corner of 60<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue K-8, Owner: Pinnacle Northwood 78, LLC.

**CC 10. APPROVAL OF COMPLETED WATER SYSTEMS – PARCEL MAP NO. 61707; SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 05-03; TRACT NOS. 060434; 061756**

Approved the completed water systems installed by the developers of Parcel Map No. 61707, located on the northwest corner of 50<sup>th</sup> Street West and Avenue J-8, Owner: STG Regency, LLC; Site Plan Review No. 05-03, located on the southeast corner of Avenue L and 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: SE10W & L, LLC; Tract No. 060434, located on the north side of Avenue K, approximately 651 feet east of 50<sup>th</sup> Street West, Owner: Trimark Pacific-Lancaster 161, LLC; and Tract No. 061756, located on the south side of Avenue H-8, approximately 120 feet west of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East, Owner: Larwin Company.

**CC 11. TAX SHARING RESOLUTION – WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40**

Adopted the Tax Sharing Resolution for proposed Annexation No. 40-37 (4-112) into Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

**CC 12. TAX SHARING RESOLUTIONS – SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14**

Adopted the Tax Sharing Resolutions for proposed Annexation Nos. 350, 363 and 367 that are requesting sewer service for their properties into Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14.

**CC 13. RESOLUTION NO. 08-37**

Adopted **Resolution No. 08-37**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, declaring its intention to vacate existing road right-of-way on Beech Avenue, located west of Sierra Highway and 150 feet north of Avenue H-8.

**CC 14. RESOLUTION NO. 08-38**

Adopted **Resolution No. 08-38**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, declaring its intention to vacate existing road right-of-way located on the northeast corner of Lancaster Boulevard and Yucca Avenue.

**PH 1. CUP NO. 07-09 – HOLIDAY SKATING RINK**

Appeal of Planning Commission Action on Conditional Use Permit No. 07-09 (Holiday Skating Rink.)

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing and continued this matter to June 24, 2008.

The Public Hearing regarding the appeal of the Planning Commission action on Conditional Use Permit No. 07-09 (Holiday Skating Rink) was continued to the meeting of Tuesday, June 24, 2008, by request of the appellant, Pedro Arevalo.

**PH 2. MOBILE HOME PARK OVERLAY ORDINANCE**

Mayor Parris opened the public hearing. The Planning Director presented the staff report regarding the Mobile Home Park Overlay Ordinance.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Ray Chavira – Approves of the ordinance; shared his concerns regarding Propositions 98 and 99; concerns regarding senior mobilehome parks being turned into family parks.

William Crawford – Mobilehome parks that are designated as senior parks should remain senior parks; more police enforcement is needed in the mobilehome parks; importance of having as many senior parks as possible.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Parris closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Mann stated that he has been a proponent of maintaining affordable senior housing in the City in any way it can be accomplished.

Council Member Sileo requested clarification regarding tenants that are 55 years of age or older and the process that is necessary in the event that a tenant passes away, in order to preserve the integrity of the senior mobile home park.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 900**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Chapter 17.08 of the Lancaster Municipal Code establishing requirements and standards related to the establishment and conversion of senior-occupied mobile home parks, and making related amendments to other portions Title 17 of the Lancaster Municipal Code related to the designation of senior mobile home parks, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**NB 1. APPROVAL OF CITY MANAGER CONTRACT**

Mayor Parris presented the staff report regarding the approval of the City Manager Contract

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved the City Manager's contract, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**NB 2. PROPOSED AMBULANCE ORDINANCE**

The Management Analyst for the Finance Department presented the staff report regarding the proposed ambulance ordinance.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Douglas Cain representing Antelope Ambulance stated that he was available if there were any questions that needed to be answered.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 901**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Title 5 of the Lancaster Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 5.48 relating to ambulances, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**NB 3. PURCHASE OF CONSERVATION PROPERTY**

The Planning Director presented the staff report regarding the purchase of conservation property.

Concerns and comments from the City Council included: clarification regarding the expenditure; importance of protection of the desert area; this is an excellent step to preserving the habitat of the City; good example of partnership between the developers and the City; good example of people coming together for the good of the City; project began many years ago and this is a magnificent plan; importance of securing an agreement regarding this matter.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Sileo, the City Council authorized the purchase of 135 acres of conservation property with funds from the Biological Impact Fee account to be turned over to the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority/Desert Mountain Conservation Authority (MRCA/DMCA), by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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**CA 1. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS**

Mayor Parris requested consideration for selected appointees to the Lancaster Planning Commission.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Scott Pelka – Stated that he does not approve of the selections to the Commission; feels there are conflicts and improprieties of the appointees.

Council Member Mann stated that he did not have a chance to talk with all the appointees; appreciates the work of Mayor Parris on this; requested that consideration of each appointee be taken one at a time.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that the original plan was to approve these seven individuals as a group

Council Member Marquez stated that it was her understanding as well, to approve the seven appointees as a group.

Council Member Mann stated that if the vote is done on a wholesale base he will abstain.

Council Member Sileo stated that he too would have to abstain, not because of the people but because of the process.

On a motion by Council Member Mann and seconded by Council Member Sileo, a motion was made to separate the vote of each appointee, by the following vote: 2-3-0-0; AYES: Mann, Sileo; NOES: Marquez, Smith, Parris; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Motion failed.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Parris, the City Council approved the appointments of Larry Burkey, Johnathon Ervin, Dana Haycock, Rajprabhjot (Raj) Malhi, Daniel Jacobs, Sandy Smith and James Vose as Planning Commissioners, by the following vote: 3-0-2-0; AYES: Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Mann, Sileo; ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

**CA 2. WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP**

Vice Mayor Smith requested consideration of an Ad Hoc Committee to address water issues and possible dates for a water workshop. He briefly discussed the plan for an Ad Hoc Committee and stated that the City of Palmdale is also interested in this endeavor.

Council Member Marquez stated that she had a conversation with some citizens earlier and they had inquired as to why such items as maintenance of interior street trees and landscape maintenance continue to be approved by the City Council. She explained that these particular items are tied into an existing project and must be approved to move forward. She clarified that the work that will be done through the workshop will be for the future planning needs of Lancaster.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that dates will be set for a workshop; people will sit down and look at all information; there are a number of things that the City can move forward on right away and there are also some long term issues that need to be addressed.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Council Member Sileo, the City Council approved the appointment of Vice Mayor Smith as the Chairman of the Water Conservation Committee by the following vote: 5-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**CA 3. MEETING TIMES OF LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS**

Mayor Parris requested consideration of a new meeting time for the Lancaster City Council/Redevelopment Agency meetings and offered several options.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Eugene Hernandez – Mayor needs to follow the Brown Act; allow decision making in public; Council is acting in secret; violation of free speech; has requested that the District Attorney investigate; appreciates the Council's opposition to Proposition 98.

Scott Pelka – Opposed to moving the meeting times; too many commuters – they cannot attend the meetings any earlier.

Natalie Hernandez – Does not like what is going on; Mayor should not have meetings at his home; clear violation of the law.

Cleo Goss – Stated that she cannot attend earlier meetings; her only way to find out what is on the agenda is to come to the meetings; she cannot leave work early; friends cannot get to the meetings earlier; the AV Press probably does not want the meetings to begin earlier.

**CA 3. MEETING TIMES OF LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS (continued)**

Merrilyn Hilton – Evening meetings are much more accessible; she cannot get time off during the day; meetings need to be held when people can attend; keep meetings at 6 p.m. so the majority of the citizens can attend and nothing is hidden.

Mayor Parris stated that he is not concerned about public criticism; people need to treat each other with respect; behavior at past Council meetings has been deplorable; citizens should not question the Council at the meetings; Council is available to meet with citizens privately. He stated that he is more than willing to discuss matters any time with citizens but that it is inappropriate to have citizens accusing and questioning Council; will not tolerate behavior of past meetings; defended his right to have a barbeque at his home and that it was not a meeting. He explained the reason behind his selections for the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Parris to have the meeting time moved to 3 p.m.

Council Member Marquez stated that she has reviewed the information from other cities regarding meeting times. Some cities delay the public hearings until later in the evening to allow for as much public input as possible. Consider placing something on the website that states that certain items will be taken into consideration at a later time in the evening.

Mayor Parris stated that one advantage to having the meetings earlier is due to the decision making process of the public officials; concerned with decisions being made when not only the City Council but the staff are fatigued as well.

Council Member Mann stated that he has reviewed the information; large majority of citizens commute; importance of having a two-way exchange; importance of working in harmony; based on his work schedule he is concerned with having meetings earlier. Many cities begin their meetings at 5 or 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Sileo stated that he has work commitments; midday meetings are difficult; he can attend any time before 2 p.m.; consider setting a maximum time for meetings; consider a third meeting in the month.

Mayor Parris stated that he had a private conversation with Council Member Sileo and that Council Member Sileo stated that he did not have a problem with changing the meeting times.

Council Member Sileo stated again that he had work commitments.

Vice Mayor Smith requested that his earlier motion be removed from the table.

**CA 3. MEETING TIMES OF LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS (continued)**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Parris, the City Council approved a change of City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting times to 5:00 p.m. once a resolution has been adopted, by the following vote: 4-1-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: Sileo; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**CA 4. MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER CHARITABLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Mayor Parris requested that a scholarship fund be set up for any compensation; reimbursement or financial funding he receives from the City.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council directed staff to research this matter and bring an item back to the Council for consideration regarding a Scholarship Fund, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**ADDENDUMS**

**CA 101. DONATIONS TO NATIONAL MOTTO DISPLAY**

Council Member Marquez requested consideration of establishing a policy for citizens to donate to the National motto display in the Council Chambers and to direct staff to take such actions required to implement such policy. She requested that something be placed on the website to inform citizens where they can make the donations. If there is excess money, consider having lapel pins designed to be given out as gifts.

Addressing the City Council on this matter;

Denise Josephson – In support of this endeavor; Council Chambers needs something on the back wall; presented a brief overview of the history of the words: In God We Trust.

Debbie Phillips – Requested the Council rescind this order; suggested different slogans; importance of promoting goodwill to the citizens; motto does not belong in the Chambers.

Diana Williams - Defended the decision; nothing wrong with the motto, it is on everything; shows unity; be sensitive to the pain and hardship that the community has gone through in the past.

**CA 101. DONATIONS TO NATIONAL MOTTO DISPLAY (continued)**

Jason Smith – Agreed that In God We Trust is the national motto; congressional act did not remove prior motto which is E Pluribus Unum; consider this on the back wall; In God We Trust is not appropriate for the Council Chambers.

Shannon Moore – Consider having photos of the City on the back wall.

Fernando Mendivil – Stated that he is proud of Council Member Marquez for taking this action; he has heard good things about Mayor Parris; take a stand for what is right; stand for what you believe.

Council Member Marquez stated that she defends this action; believes everyone has their own rights; believes in religious freedom in this country; this is the United States of America; In God We Trust is the national motto; she has received a huge amount of support for this endeavor and the motto should have been on the wall years ago; there needs to be respect for the people at the podium and respect for the City Council.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved establishing a policy for citizens to donate to the National motto display in the Council Chambers and to direct staff to take such actions required to implement such policy, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**CA 102. REQUEST ACTION ON THE PART OF GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER TO FILL EXISTING JUDICIAL VACANCIES ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

Mayor Parris stated that the Antelope Valley Courthouse is one of the busiest in the County; no longer allowed to do civil trials longer than 4 days long; criminal cases are also being sent to Los Angeles; there are positions open; the City must write the Governor and fill these vacancies.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council approved writing to Governor Schwarzenegger and encouraging him to fill existing Judicial vacancies on the Los Angeles County Superior Court, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

**CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**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 – Stated that he rejoices in coming to Council meetings no matter what time they are held; there is no greater joy in life but to respect the law and God is the law; be committed to the process; decisions made at City Hall affect everyone.

Fernando Mendivil – Stated that he is the host of a health and fitness program; related his experience; concerned with issues in the Antelope Valley; quoted verses from the bible and how it relates to current affairs in the Antelope Valley.

Cleo Goss – Concerns regarding a potential shopping development in the area of 60<sup>th</sup> St. West and Avenue L.

Tom Lacey – Encouraged the City to organize an event called Railroad Days, it is a Federal event; City of Palmdale is in favor; requested a proposal be given to Council; well attended event in Fullerton; this is a railroad town; there should be an event to honor the history of railroad here in the Antelope Valley.

**CR 1. ICSC SPRING CONVENTION REPORT**

The Economic Development Director stated that on May 19 – 21, 2008, representatives from the City of Lancaster attended the annual International Council of Shopping Centers (“ICSC”) Spring Convention in Las Vegas, NV. (In attendance were Council Member Ed Sileo, Council Member Ken Mann, Mark Bozigian, Brian Ludicke, Vern Lawson and Kelvin Tainatongo.) The convention allows City representatives to meet with many retailers and their developers under one roof to promote retail opportunities in our community. In spite of the predicted national recession which has substantially curtailed residential expansion and the record setting gas prices which have negatively impacted discretionary spending, the City was able to position the City of Lancaster as a business friendly city with a positive future poised for retail expansion.

The ICSC Spring Convention is one venue where a city can make a significant impact on retail development for its community. It is considered the largest gathering of retail real estate professions. Over 50,000 industry professionals attend the convention including shopping center developers (42%) and retailers (32%). ICSC estimates that nearly 50% of retail leases are signed or conceived during the Convention.

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**CR 1. ICSC SPRING CONVENTION REPORT (continued)**

The retail strategy is to aggressively market City and Agency owned commercial properties for sale or lease to retailers and restaurant operators. We have done this successfully with the Fresco II Restaurant and auto dealer expansions for Toyota and Honda. More importantly, we must develop strong relationships with our partners in the retail development and commercial brokerage communities. It is this group that we must defer to for their direct relationships with the retail and restaurant owners.

In this instance, the City must be proactive in promoting the benefits of the trade area, showcasing available retail sites, connecting landlords and brokers with the prospective retailers, and showing strong commitment to facilitating development entitlements. Retailers need to be able to depend on our representations that we can deliver a site by their scheduled openings.

Council Member Sileo – stated that the convention is ground zero of shopping center research and tenants; staff did an excellent job of arranging meetings with potential tenants; information was presented with a mix of staff and elected official help; excellent presentations; this put the City at a great advantage.

Council Member Mann – stated that he split up with Council Member Sileo and divided in to two teams; it was interesting to hear different takes on the signage issues; clear conversations; reviewed both days – seeking out and looking at retail and restaurant chains; staff did a great job; came away impressed; we are in a down market; foreclosures; it was a breath of fresh air to see retailers and restaurant chains complementing Lancaster for what we are; they want to work with Lancaster; amazed at how much is developed because of this particular conference.

**COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

G.C. SECTION: 54957 (b)  
Employment of City Manager

Due to action taken earlier in the evening, it was determined that a Closed Session would not be necessary.

The City Attorney announced that the first meeting of the City Council at the new time would take place once the resolution has been adopted.

***Note: Date of new meeting times to begin on June 24, 2008.***

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Mayor Parris adjourned the Council/Agency meeting at 8:12 p.m. and announced the next regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency would take place on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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