

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Parris called the regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 6:00 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, City Attorney/Agency Counsel, City Clerk/Agency Secretary, Principal Planner, Public Works Director, Parks, Recreation & Arts Director, Finance Director, Senior Redev. Project Coordinator, Housing Director, Human Resources Director

INVOCATION – Pastor Pickens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to former Mayor Henry W. Hearn

Recognition of the 2007/2008 Youth Commission and Teen Spotlight Award

Presentation to Communications Manager Anne Aldrich

United States Army Week Proclamation

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 Agency Director Marquez, 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 May 13, 2008.

RCC 2. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTIES

Approved Agreements for Acquisition of Real Properties between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and various agencies as part of the approved Neighborhood Foreclosure Preservation Homeownership Program.

JPH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 BUDGET

The Joint Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget was heard during the Joint City Council/ Redevelopment Agency portion of the meeting.

RNB 1. CONSIDERATION OF TIME CHANGE FOR LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS

Vice Chairman Smith requested that discussion of this item be taken at the same time as discussion for NB 3 on the Council agenda, regarding the same matter.

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 Nos. CC 5 and CC 9, which were 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 2A. MINUTES

Approved the Redevelopment Agency / City Council Regular Meeting minutes of May 27, 2008.

CC 2B. BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

Approved the Redevelopment Agency / City Council Budget Workshop minutes of June 3, 2008.

CC 3. WARRANT REGISTER

Approved the Check and Wire Registers (May 11, 2008 through May 24, 2008) in the amount of \$2,679,790.12.

CC 4. MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS

Accepted and approved the April 30, 2008 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

CC 5. ORDINANCE NO. 900

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Ordinance No. 900**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending provisions of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to the conversion of any mobile home park currently existing in the City from a park occupied primarily or exclusively by residents over the age of fifty-five (55) years (senior residents) to a mobile home park allowing residents of all ages, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Ray Chavira – thanked the Council for their work on this matter and adoption of the ordinance.

CC 6. ORDINANCE NO. 901

Adopted **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.

**CC 7. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE –
CUP NOS. 03-01; 03-10**

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for: Conditional Use Permit No. 03-01, located at 45114 Beech Avenue, Owner: Jamboree Housing Corporation; and Conditional Use Permit No. 03-10, located on the northeast corner of Avenue I and 10th Street East, Owner: Desert Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

**CC 8. AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATING AGREEMENT
WITH LACDPW**

Approved an amendment to the construction and operating agreement with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), City of Palmdale, and Waste Management of the Antelope Valley (WM) and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract documents for the continued operation of the permanent household hazardous waste collection facility, known as the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC.)

CC 9. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PBID) LEVY IN THE LANCASTER OLD TOWN SITE AREA

Council Member Mann stated that he would need to abstain from voting on this matter due to the fact that his son is the President of PBID.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council adopted the following items by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Mann; ABSENT: None.

(A) Adopted **Resolution No. 08-39**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, declaring the intention to continue a Parking and Business Improvement District (PBID) also known as the Downtown Lancaster Business Improvement Area and set a public hearing to consider the continuation of the District.

(B) Approved the District's FY 2007-2008 Administrative Report and Financial Statements.

CC 10. LANCASTER DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009

(A) Adopted **Resolution No. 08-40**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and ordering the City Engineer to prepare and file a report for Lancaster Drainage Benefit Assessment District.

(B) Adopted **Resolution No. 08-41**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, fixing time and place for public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessment and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within Lancaster Drainage Benefit Assessment District.

CC 11. LANCASTER LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT – ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009

(A) Adopted **Resolution No. 08-42**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and ordering the City Engineer to prepare and file a report for Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District, pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

(B) Adopted **Resolution No. 08-43**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, fixing time and place for public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessment and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within Lancaster Lighting Maintenance District, pursuant to Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

CC 12. LANCASTER LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 – ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009

(A) Adopted **Resolution No. 08-44**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and ordering the City Engineer to prepare and file a report for Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

(B) Adopted **Resolution No. 08-45**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report, fixing time and place for public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessment and declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, pursuant to Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

JPH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 BUDGET

Mayor/Chairman Parris opened the Joint Public Hearing.

The City Manager presented the staff report regarding the FY 2008/2009 Budget. He reviewed primary priorities; management of resources; proper management of departments; stated that the budget is in balance; no layoffs are expected; public safety is a priority; presented details regarding different programs in conjunction with the Lancaster Sheriff's Station; discussed the future creation of the Criminal Justice Commission; importance of citizen involvement; Lancaster is at the forefront of all California Contract Cities in regards to crime analysis. He further discussed Capital Improvement Projects; water conservation measures; community building efforts; housing rehabilitation programs.

The Finance Director presented an overview of the budget numbers; redevelopment tax increments; pass through agreements; stable numbers which are relatively similar to the budget of FY 07/08; details regarding department budgets; general fund; operating expenditures; reduction of professional contractual services; travel expenses; infrastructure improvements; parks projects; annual streets and pavement program.

The City Manager stated that LOTS would be holding an event in downtown Lancaster; touched on future issues such as the ongoing economic conditions; water availability; property tax lag; Animal Control contract increase and looking at local control with the City of Palmdale.

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JPH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 BUDGET (continued)

Captain Anderson of the Lancaster Sheriff's Department presented an overview of patrol operations; continuing the endeavor to drive Part One crime rate down; special teams such as LANCAP; TOP; OSS. Excellent deputies on staff; very productive; focus needs to be on patrol staff, they are young, loyal and enthusiastic. Emphasis needs to be on training and developing their craft and developing their communication skills. The deputies feel that they are supported by the City Council and the citizens of Lancaster.

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

Comments and concerns from the City Council/Redevelopment Agency included:

Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Smith - Commended the City Manager and the staff for an amazing budget in these difficult times; ability to decrease the budget and at the same time find new funding for public safety needs; each department researched and dug deep down to come up with conservative budget cuts.

Council Member/Agency Director Sileo – Importance of enforcement of Section 8 program; funding an additional investigator; hopes that the County is serious about sharing the responsibility of this additional investigator.

The City Manager stated that the City has been very aggressive in this endeavor and working with the County on this matter.

Mayor/Chairman Parris – Requested that Council Member Marquez be appointed as the Chair of an Ad Hoc Committee to appoint a Section 8 Commission. There would be three elements to this. (1) Regionally – look at a Joint Powers Agreement to take over the Section 8 for the Antelope Valley; (2) A component to look into the enforcement of Section 8 in a much more aggressive manner; (3) look into drafting an ordinance that would limit the number of business licenses for Section 8 housing, to only receive the fair share of Section 8 units within the housing authority.

Mayor/Chairman Parris - Look into a means for making it very easy for neighbors to file nuisance lawsuits with the assistance of the City against group homes and Section 8 housing that becomes a nuisance and where the owners of the property fail to protect the neighbors. This will be very involved and will mean involvement with the City of Palmdale and with the County. The Section 8 housing issue needs to be dealt with on a local level in an aggressive manner rather than becoming a dumping ground for Section 8 into the community. He stated that six months from now, he hopes to see a much different approach to Section 8 in the Antelope Valley.

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JPH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 BUDGET (continued)

Mayor Parris requested that this matter be placed on the next agenda and on every meeting until Lancaster is in full force in regards to the Section 8 Commission. He stated that it would be the responsibility of Council Member Marquez to make the appointment recommendations of the Commission to the Council. Important to have people who are aggressive and have a no-nonsense type of style.

Council Member/Agency Director Sileo – Consider expanding this beyond Section 8. There is HUD and a few other programs and expand the nuisance lawsuits to include problem rental properties to avoid any accusations of discrimination. This should be enforcement of problems regarding Section 8; HUD and all rental properties.

Council Member/Agency Director Mann – With the downturn of the housing market there are a lot of unknowns that could be impacting the neighborhoods. He supports the enthusiasm in which the Mayor is going after Section 8 when it is specifically from the abuse of Section 8. He hopes that the Commission that is appointed will include some non-profits. The issue with Section 8 are the abusers not the non-profits that are involved with certificate holders and clearly, the City needs to go after those abusers.

Mayor/Chairman Parris – Make no mistake, this City wants to limit the number of Section 8 units that are placed in this community. The Antelope Valley has far more than their fair share of these units. This matter is overburdening the community and law enforcement and this must be limited to the fair share. He stated that he has no intention of being soft on this matter, it is a problem that is crushing the community.

Council Member/Agency Director Sileo – The Antelope Valley has about 3 percent of the L.A. County population and somewhere in the number of 17 percent of the Section 8 housing, so it is not that the Antelope Valley is just a little bit over, it is a magnitude over.

Mayor/Chairman Parris – Stated that the numbers are much more than that and they have been dumping Section 8 here in a much more rapid rate in the last few months. They have totally ignored the plight of the Antelope Valley and it is time to go to war.

Council Member/Agency Director Marquez – Stated how pleased she was at the addition of more deputies and all the information that was presented to her each time she sat in on the budget briefings or with Captain Anderson. The staff went above and beyond in the preparation of this budget; she is very impressed and thanked the staff and City Manager for all of their efforts.

It was the consensus of the Council to receive the budget presentation and schedule the budget for adoption on June 24, 2008.

PH 1. TEFRA HEARING/APPROVAL OF MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR POPPYFIELD ESTATES

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing. The Housing Director presented the staff report regarding revenue bonds for Poppyfield Estates.

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Sileo, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 08-46**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, approving the issuance of Multi-family Housing Revenue Bonds by California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 to assist in the financing of the construction of Poppyfield Estates in the City of Lancaster, by the following vote:

5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

PH 2. TEFRA HEARING/APPROVAL OF TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE BONDS FOR PENNY LANE CENTERS

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing. The Housing Director presented the staff report regarding tax-exempt revenue bonds for Penny Lane Centers.

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 08-47**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, approving the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds by California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11 million, to assist the Penny Lane Centers to financing of the construction of a new facility in the City of Lancaster, by the following vote:

5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

NB 1. AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 665 WEST LANCASTER BLVD.

The Housing Director presented the staff report regarding the purchase of Real Property.

Mayor Parris inquired as to artist renditions of the downtown area.

The Housing Director stated that renditions would be coming to the Council in the future and the City Manager stated that the Downtown Specific Plan which includes some drawings is currently on the City's website.

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NB 1. AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 665 WEST LANCASTER BLVD. (continued)

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Parris, the City Council approved an amendment to the Lease Agreement with option to purchase Real Property between the City of Lancaster and North Downtown Renewal Limited Partnership for commercial property located at 665 West Lancaster Blvd. by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

NB 2. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING A SECTION PERTAINING TO THE ARCHITECTURAL/DESIGN PLANNING COMMISSION

The City Attorney presented the staff report regarding an amendment to the Lancaster Municipal Code pertaining to the creation of the Architectural/Design Planning Commission.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 902**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, adding Chapter 2.26 to the Lancaster Municipal Code establishing the Architectural and Design Planning Commission, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

NB 3. RESOLUTION NO. 08-48 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 86-175, PERTAINING TO CHANGING THE MEETING TIMES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

RNB 1. CONSIDERATION OF TIME CHANGE FOR LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS

The City Attorney presented the staff report regarding consideration of a time change for the Lancaster City Council Meetings and the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency meetings.

Addressing the Council/Agency on this matter:

Paul Jennings – Opposed to an earlier time and requested consideration of 7:00 p.m. as the meeting time.

Amelia Jennings - Opposed to an earlier time and requested consideration of 7:00 p.m. as the meeting time.

Mayor/Chairman Parris stated that the new time of 5:00 p.m. should be given a chance for a few months and requested that after 90 days, Council discuss the new time again and reexamine if it is working.

Council Member/Agency Director Mann – Stated that he appreciates the flexibility of the Mayor’s consideration to review this matter in 90 days.

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NB 3. & –MEETING TIME (continued)

RNB 1. Council Member/Agency Director Sileo – Stated that he is opposed to any time earlier than 5:30 p.m.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Chairman Parris, the Redevelopment Agency adopted **Resolution No. 03-08**, a Resolution of the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, setting the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency meeting time at 5:00 p.m., effective on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, by the following vote: 4-1-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: Sileo; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Parris, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 08-48** amending Resolution No. 86-175, pertaining to changing the meeting times of City Council Meetings to 5:00 p.m., effective on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, by the following vote: 4-1-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Smith, Parris; NOES: Sileo; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL AGENDA

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.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the City Council/Agency at this time:

Cleo Goss – Opposed to the change of meeting times; opposed to a future development in the area of 60th St. West and Avenue L.

Scott Pelka – Stated that the money that is being donated to the motto in the Council Chambers should go to local shelters; opposed to having the motto on the wall of the Council Chambers.

Mayor Parris and Mr. Pelka debated the pros/cons of this matter.

Jason Zink – Congratulated the Mayor and Council on their recent election; thanked past Council members for their dedicated service to the community. Stated that he is worried about what is happening in community regarding oil/gas prices; destroying families; lack of leadership from the President of the United States and Congress; this is hurting local communities; bringing a lower standard of living to people; importance of real leadership is needed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (continued)

Mayor Parris stated that the oil/gas crisis is the biggest threat facing everyone; he is open to suggestions; causes a migration of people to Los Angeles and a migration of people from Los Angeles to the Antelope Valley because people need to live where they work.

Terry Wilburn – Discussed law enforcement; bringing in new business; suggestions for downtown area; more colleges in future.

David Paul – Success of traffic cameras; people need to abide by laws; had the honor of being part of a ride along with the Sheriff’s Department and would like to get involved and do this again; City is going in right direction.

Joseph Vara – Discussed water issues.

CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Council Member Marquez presented the report on the Meeting of May 27, 2008. The Antelope Valley Transit Authority is a distinct government entity created under a joint powers authority agreement between the City of Lancaster, the City of Palmdale, and Los Angeles County. Each member agency provides two AVTA Board members.

The Board adopted the following significant consent calendar items:

- Authorized the Executive Director to contract with Iteris for construction management services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. In 2004, AVTA completed phase I construction of its current office and bus yard facilities. Iteris will implement the development of phase II of the construction plan including design, environmental document preparation, and construction inspection services.
- Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract amendment with RNR Consulting for the Trapeze Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) implementation for \$215,600. AVTA hired RNR to act as an extension of staff with the necessary expertise to implement ITS. Trapeze requires more time to complete their implementation of services.
- Authorized a contract extension with CPS Human Resource Services for six months for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. As AVTA has no in-house human resources staff, CPS provides many of the personnel services such as employee training sessions.

CR 2. REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE MAY 20, 2008 ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Vice Mayor Smith presented the report on the Board Meeting. Mandated by state and federal laws, the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) regulates stationary sources of air pollution, and is overseen by a Governing Board comprised of two appointees from the City of Lancaster, two from the City of Palmdale, two from Los Angeles County's Fifth Supervisorial District, and one Public Member appointed by the balance of the Board.

The Governing Board adopted the following significant recommendations of the AVAQMD's staff:

- Councilwoman Sherry Marquez was sworn in as a new Board Member representing the City of Lancaster.
- The Financial Report was received and filed. Board Members asked that Staff provide information regarding the following: (1) Comparison study of Budgets for other similar size air districts; (2) Explanation of downturns in the economy on the payment of annual fees, receipt of AB2766 fees, and amendments of future annual permit fee structure; (3) Uncommitted Carl Moyer funds. Staff will report back to the Board at the next meeting. Chairman Smith continued this item to the next meeting of June 17, 2008.
- The Board made a determination that CEQA Categorical Exemption applies to the AVAQMD Federal 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan (Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area), and adopted a resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, adopting the 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan and directing staff actions.

CR 3. REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE MAY 15, 2008 EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Council Member Sileo presented the report on the Edwards Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) which consists of community or public representatives, representatives from federal and state environmental regulatory agencies, the 95th Air Base Wing Vice Commander, and the base remedial project manager. RAB meetings at Edwards are held quarterly and are open to the public, allowing members of the public an opportunity to bring concerns or questions to the attention of their community representatives.

CR 3. REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE MAY 15, 2008 EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (continued)

- Results and Conclusions of the Site 18 In Situ Chemical Oxidation (Persulfate) Treatability Study. Tara MacHarg of Earth Tech provided an overview of the project, detailing scope and objectives. The source of Site 18 contamination was wastewater containing fuels and solvents disposed of into a storm drain. Historical concentrations of Trichloroethene (TCE) in the source area exceed 100,000 parts per billion and are within a 4,800 foot long groundwater plume. In situ chemical oxidation included injection of an oxidizer (such as persulfate) to react with contaminants and produce innocuous compounds. This ten month project assessed effectiveness of persulfate in reducing concentrations of both TCE and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCA) by evaluating: (1) geochemistry induced by injection; (2) longevity of persulfate in the aquifer and area of injection; and (3) information supporting application at similar sites on base. The project concluded injectant effectively reduced concentrations of TCE; however, persulfate was not highly effective in reducing DCA and was found to temporarily increase acetone and metal concentrations in sampled groundwater.

CR 4. REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE MAY 28, 2008 DISTRICT NO. 14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Council Member Sileo presented the report on District No. 14 of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. District No. 14 is organized to receive through their trunk sewers the wastewater from all of the City of Lancaster, a small region of the westerly portion of the City of Palmdale, and a smaller region of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles. A Board of Directors comprised of a representative from each City and the County generally meets monthly to review and decide upon the business of the District.

- Filed certificate of Mr. R. Rex Parris as the Presiding Officer of the City of Lancaster. Authorized advertising and receipt of bids for Maintenance of Tree Barriers at Effluent Recycling Areas for Lancaster and Palmdale Water Reclamation plants.
- Approved plans and call for bids for construction of a 66/12 kV Power Service Substation at the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant. Authorized advertising and receipt of bids for transformers at the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant and authorized \$300,000 Purchase Order to SCE for installation of Underground Substation Facilities.
- Held a public hearing regarding proposed eminent domain actions to acquire lands to implement the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant 2020 Plan. Prior to the public hearing Chief Engineer, Steve Maguin, provided a brief overview of the properties purchased so far and those pending eminent domain actions due to inability to negotiate a settlement. Two individuals spoke regarding their properties at the public hearing. After a brief recess the Board approved moving forward with the eminent domain action as recommended by staff.

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COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Smith - Moving forward with the Water Ad Hoc committee; City of Palmdale is working toward this; look at consideration of an emergency ordinance for water conservation that would be participation driven, not enforcement driven. It would include restrictions on watering lawns; washing cars and this is a regional problem. He stated that he would like consensus from the City Council to consider such an aggressive ordinance.

Mayor Parris requested that someone investigate the water fountain at the Metrolink Station, as he has been told that the water fountain is running 24/7.

Council Member Marquez – Stated that \$905.00 has been donated so far for the “In God We Trust” motto and those people who have donated will be recognized in some manner. She stated that when the Daily News told her about the graffiti on Ms. Phillips home, she called Ms. Phillips and stated that she was sorry this had happened and that in no way is this kind of behavior condoned and was relieved that there was no real permanent damage to her property. Ms. Phillips has as much right to her opinion as she does to her own.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the Council/Agency meeting at 8:01p.m. and announced the next regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency would take place on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. (*NEW TIME*)

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)
