

**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES
June 9, 2009**

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

Staff

Members: City Manager/Executive Director; Deputy City Manager/Deputy Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency Counsel; City Clerk/Agency Secretary; Assistant to the City Manager; Principal Planner; Public Works Director; Parks, Recreation & Arts Director; Finance Director; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Assistant Pastor, Reggie Williams - Lancaster Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Agency Director Mann

STUDENT SPEAKER

Chloe Soliz, 13 years old – eighth grader from Amargosa School – presented her speech on the lessons learned by the late Red Skelton regarding the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Commendation to Steve Fredericks, L.A County Sheriff's Department

Recognition of the 2008/2009 Youth Commission and Teen Spotlight Awards

Presented by: Bob Greene, Parks, Recreation & Arts Director

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

None

APPROVAL OF AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded Agency Director Sileo, 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.

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RCC 1. MINUTES

See CC 2 for the approval of the Regular Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes of May 26, 2009.

RCC 2. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Authorized a Professional Services Agreement with RBF Consulting to develop the Linda Verde Neighborhood Specific Area Vision Plan in an amount not to exceed \$56,015.00 for Phase I. The Linda Verde Neighborhood is bounded by Division Street to Challenger Way and from Avenue I to Lancaster Boulevard.

RCC 3. JOSHUA NEIGHBORHOOD MASTER VISION PLAN

Concurred with the vision plan and directed staff to commence with the planning, environmental and redevelopment processes necessary to implement the Joshua Neighborhood Master Vision Plan.

RCC 4. TAX ALLOCATION BONDS

A. Appropriated \$260,192.00 from the Housing Fund and \$1,035,613.00 from tax increment funds of the Agency for the purpose of defeasing the Central Business District Tax Allocation Bonds, Issue of 1994 and \$1,212,073.00 from the Housing Fund to defease a portion of the Amargosa Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Issue of 1999.

B. Authorized the Agency's Finance Team to obtain credit ratings from one or more nationally recognized credit rating firms, in anticipation of the issuance of the Agency's 2009 Tax Allocation Bonds (Housing Programs.)

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 8 and CC 22** 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 2. MINUTES

Approved the Redevelopment Agency / City Council Regular Meeting minutes of May 26, 2009.

CC 3. WARRANT REGISTER

Approved the Check and Wire Registers (May 10, 2009 through May 23, 2009) in the amount of \$4,928,372.33.

CC 4. REPORT OF INVESTMENTS

Accepted and approved the April 30, 2009 Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

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CC 5. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Approved Budget amendments as detailed on Attachment A of the Staff Report.

CC 6. ORDINANCE 918

Adopted **Ordinance No. 918**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California amending Section 12.24 of the Lancaster Municipal Code regarding Newsracks.

CC 7. ORDINANCE 921

Adopted **Ordinance No. 921**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, repealing and amending Sections 17.04.240, 17.08.050, 17.12.050, 17.12.060, 17.16.050, 17.20.180, and 17.20.190 of Title 17 of the Lancaster Municipal Code, to regulate the use of Cargo Containers.

CC 8. LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the appointment of Duke Bloom to the Lancaster Performing Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

CC 9. INTERIOR STREET TREES FOR MAINTENANCE

Accepted the interior street trees for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 060524, located on the east side of 60th Street West, approximately 300 feet south of Avenue K-8 (Phase 1), Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA; Tract No. 060811, located on the northeast corner of 60th Street West and Avenue K-12 (Phase 1), Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA; Tract No. 54286, located west of 25th Street West, between Avenue K-12 and Avenue K-14, Owner: Hill View Homes, Inc.; Tract No. 54369, located on the southwest corner of 70th Street West and Avenue L (Phase 1), Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA; and Tract No. 54370-01, located on the northeast corner of 72nd Street West and Hemlock Avenue (Phase 1), Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA.

CC 10. MONUMENTATION WORK

Approved the monumentation work for Tract No. 54201, located on the northeast corner of 35th Street West and Lancaster Boulevard, Owner: Pulte Homes Corporation; Tract No. 061225, located on the southeast corner of Lancaster Boulevard and 30th Street East, Owner: KB Home Greater Los Angeles, Inc., and Tract No. 061538, located on the southwest corner of Avenue L-4 and 35th Street East, Owner: Pinnacle Quartz Hill II, LLC.

CC 11. COMPLETED SEWER SYSTEM

Approved the completed sewer system installed by the developer of Tract No. 061078, located on the northwest corner of 15th Street East and Avenue K-8, Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA, Inc.

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CC 12. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for Tract No. 061225, located on the southeast corner of Lancaster Boulevard and 30th Street East, Owner: KB Home Greater Los Angeles, Inc.

CC 13. COMPLETED WATER SYSTEMS

Approved the completed water systems installed by the developer for Tract No. 060943, located on the northwest corner of Brianna Avenue and Carol Drive (Phase 1), Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA; Tract No. 060943, located on the southwest corner of Avenue K-8 and Carol Drive (Phase 2), Owner: Plum Canyon Investments, LLC; Tract No. 061905, located on the southeast corner of Avenue K-8 and 27th Street West, Owner: RCDR Construction VI, LLC; Tract No. 061033, located on the southwest corner of 30th Street West and Avenue M, Owner: Pinnacle Quartz Hill I, LLC; and Tract No. 061538, located on the southwest corner of 35th Street West and Avenue L-4, Owner: Pinnacle Quartz Hill II, LLC.

CC 14. ACCEPTANCE OF MAP AND DEDICATIONS

Approved the map and accepted the dedications as offered on the map for Parcel Map No. 70476, located 331.27 feet north of Avenue L-12, on the west side of 12th 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

CC 15. TAX SHARING RESOLUTION

Adopted the Tax Sharing Resolution for proposed Annexation No. 40-133 (4-197) into Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

CC 16. SEVERE FISCAL HARDSHIP

Adopted **Resolution No. 09-43**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, finding a severe fiscal hardship will exist if additional City property tax funds are seized and additional unfunded mandates are adopted by the State of California.

CC 17. PWCP 07-037

Rejected all bids for **Public Works Construction Project No. 07-037**, Maintenance Yard Improvements, and authorized staff to modify the plans to reduce the scope of work to meet the available budget and re-bid the modified project.

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CC 18. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

Adopted **Resolution No. 09-44**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, supporting requisition of a portion of the Bureau of Reclamation allocation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funds. The allocation is made available to local governments for the design, and construction of water/wastewater efficiency projects. If funds are received, apply the same to the Lancaster Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project and authorize the Deputy City Manager to sign all necessary documents to obtain the funding.

CC 19. AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Approved Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding from Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to continue additional Section 8 Investigative Services between the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles and the City of Lancaster for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

CC 20. LANCASTER VETERANS HOME CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Approved volunteer Kathleen M. Houts to fill one of the two current vacancies on the Lancaster Veterans Home Citizens Committee.

CC 21. PROJECT 09-005

Awarded **Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Department's Piute Neighborhood Pedestrian Linear Park Project No. 09-005** to FS Construction in the amount of \$243,762.00 (plus a 20% contingency) and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

CC 22. PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LEVY

Council Member Mann stated that he would need to recuse himself from this matter due to the fact that his son is the President of the Lancaster Old Town Site.

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

A. Adopted **Resolution No. 09-45**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, 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 2008-2009 Administrative Report and Financial Statements.

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JPH 1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET

Mayor Parris opened the Joint Public Hearing. The City Manager and the Finance Director presented the staff report regarding this matter. The discussion included but was not limited to: Budget Overview; Primary Priorities; Reductions and the Impact; Special Funds; Public Safety; Proactive Measures; Key Initiatives; Financial Highlights; Proposed Budget Summary; Efficiencies and Reductions; Proposed General Fund; Capital Improvement Program; meeting future challenges; future big issues.

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

Comments from the City Council/Redevelopment Agency included:

Thanked staff for all their hard work and efforts, outstanding job; very pleased that services will not be cut; employees are not being laid off; Lancaster is moving forward; hopefully, the State will stay out of the pockets of the City; the State could learn from the examples set by Lancaster; very impressed that the City is able to maintain the progress of the Sheriff's Department; presentation was very positive.

Mayor Parris stated that he is very proud to be the Mayor of Lancaster; the City has accomplished so much and has been able to reduce the numbers without reducing the services; the City is revolutionary with its technology and there is more to come; downtown revitalization project is remarkable; economic stimulus plan has exceeded expectations; the Leadership Academy is coming up and encouraged people to apply – this will be a model for the nation.

It was the consensus of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency to direct staff to schedule the Fiscal year 2009/2010 Budget for adoption at the meeting of June 23, 2009.

PH 1. EXTENSIONS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS AND SITE PLAN REVIEWS

Mayor Parris opened the Public Hearing. The Principal Planner presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Mayor Parris stated that the Architectural/Design Planning Commission is coming forward with a lot of changes and how development is going to occur and inquired as to how this interplays with projects that are given continuances.

The Principal Planner stated that the Commission would only put in place those projects that are ongoing, effective today and in the future, not previous plans.

The City Attorney stated that if someone comes in for an extension and there have been significant changes in the regulations that apply, the City could, as a condition to granting the extension, impose those additional requirements.

Mayor Parris stated that he did not want to see housing projects going up without the changes. How does the City ensure that this applies to everything that is not built as of today?

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PH 1. EXTENSIONS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS AND SITE PLAN REVIEWS (continued)

The City Attorney discussed adding language to the ordinance so that it applies or give policy direction regarding conditions on any approved tracts. A requirement for an extension may be a requirement to comply with the new conditions adopted by the Architectural/Design Commission and Council can give direction to staff to start that process.

Mayor Parris stated that he was not comfortable with a policy as it does not have the impact that an ordinance does; stated that he wants to ensure that all the work that has been done is going to be effectuated.

The City Attorney stated that the best way would be to enter this into the ordinance now or this matter can be continued to the next meeting, to give staff time to prepare the proper language within the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that it is not just the architectural/design standards; there is also a concern for how this affects the water conservation progress the City has already done.

The City Manager and City Attorney stated that this matter would come back to Council on June 23, 2009.

Mayor Parris stated that he would also like a status/update at the next meeting as to exactly what the Architectural/Design Planning Commission has accomplished to date, and when the Council can expect to see some substantial changes in the way that building takes place.

It was the consensus of the City Council to continue this Public Hearing to the meeting of June 23, 2009.

NB 1. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 08-044

Mayor Parris stated that he would need to recuse himself from this matter, as the project is close to his office property.

The Public Works Director presented the staff report regarding this matter.

Comments and concerns from the City Council included:

Clarification as to where the stream bed restoration crosses Avenue I; the cross-section.

The Public Works Director explained that it actually begins at Avenue J; explained streambed banking; planting native plants and installing temporary irrigation systems. The City is anticipating that it will be able to use recycled water as a result of Corp of Engineers contributions to the recycled water extension program.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that he was concerned with the standing water issue that comes out of the Mello Roos project just above Avenue J, crossing Avenue I.

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NB 1. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 08-044 (continued)

The Public Works Director further explained the process and issues with nuisance water.

Vice Mayor Smith gave a brief history of the project, explaining that it was approved in 2005, with many actions in-between and the action this evening was to award the contract.

The City Attorney stated that the beginning of the recommendation should also include a waiver of any bidding irregularities that may have occurred.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

Jeff Hale, representing JBH Structural Concrete, Inc. – stated that his company has handled several projects for the City; watched the presentation earlier in the evening regarding leadership and stated that with leadership comes integrity. The low bidder did not disclose essential information and basically lied – this falls back to integrity. He asked the Council to reconsider awarding this project to the low bidder.

Nowell Lantz, Legal Counsel for JBH Structural Concrete, Inc. – stated that the staff report is based on confusion; bid requirements were very clear; the apparent low bidder failed to properly address questions and omitted some very serious information; JBH submitted a protest and they were told that Cass Construction, Inc. would be denied, then later this determination was changed, without explanation. JBH believes that the City is seeking to swap low costs for fair bidding processes and the City will be awarding to a dishonest contractor.

The City Attorney stated that in his initial determination, Cass Construction was determined to be non-responsive, but on further evaluation it was concluded that a determination of whether a bid is non-responsive is based solely on the face of the bid documents; staff must take the bids at face value and they were determined to be a responsive bidder. The protest was provided to Cass Construction; information was asked of Cass Construction regarding various lawsuits they have been involved in and the response was that the lawsuits were outside the scope of the bid information requested. There is a difference between being a non-responsive bidder and being a responsible company. Since the City lacks any evidence to disqualify the bid, it is important to waive irregularities. He stated that he has been in touch with Legal Counsel for Cass Construction and he feels very comfortable in the decision that is before the City Council.

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NB 1. PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 08-044 (continued)

Comments and concerns from the City Council included:

Upset with being accused of not having the integrity to do the right thing; these are very serious charges that have been brought forth; Council relies on the staff and the City Attorney to research these issues and trusts their judgment; clarified with the Attorney that he feels comfortable with the recommendation; JBH has every right to seek remedy if they feel that they are faulted; very bothersome to have someone come before the Council and call a company a liar; does not appreciate that JBH baited the Council with integrity issues and telling Council they are breaking laws, stating that Council is doing this on purpose. This should not be stated publicly, this is not the forum for those concerns; it is unfortunate that JBH does not agree with this action, however this is an excellent project that needs to move forward and will be good for everyone concerned.

Jim Barletta – thanked everyone involved for designing this project; great for any water purveyor in the valley; maximum amount of runoff – could have taken something less expensive, but the City is planning ahead, this is all good and encouraged the Council to continue the progress.

On a motion by Council Member Sileo and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council **waived any bidding irregularities that may have occurred** and awarded **Public Works Construction Project No. 08-044 – Amargosa Creek Underground Conveyance**, to Cass Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$6,962,299.00, plus a 10% contingency, for the undergrounding of the Amargosa Creek from Avenue L north to 10th Street West; authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents; approved the use of Biological Impact Funds and General Funds for the habitat mitigation set by the Department of Fish and Game for the Amargosa Creek Underground Conveyance project; transferred \$1,506,000.00 from Account No. 101-17SD022-924 and appropriated \$1,506,000.00 in General Funds to Capital Improvements Budget Account No. 101-13EV001-924 and \$350,000.00 in Biological Impact Funds to Capital Improvements Budget Account No. 224-13EV001-924, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith; NOES: None; RECUSED: Parris; ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL AGENDA

None

CITY MANAGER'S / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager stated that the Deputy City Manager has done an excellent job to push the Downtown Revitalization along and he is to be commended.

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CITY MANAGER'S / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT (continued)

The City Manager asked the Fire Chief, Mike Metro, to give a brief update regarding the fund raising efforts for MDA.

The Fire Chief stated that with coordinating efforts from the City of Lancaster, donations increased by 348 percent over last year. The Firemen worked extremely hard for this cause collecting donations and it was a collective success.

CITY CLERK / AGENCY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Gerald Bigalk – commended the great job that is being done by the City Council; voiced his frustration with Verizon; he has friends that call information and they still give out his old phone number; they have his correct address, yet misspell his name; he was put on hold for 40 minutes; problems with the voice mail situation; he tried to get Time Warner but his number is incorrect, so he's blocked out and requested help from the City.

Mayor Parris requested that a video clip of Mr. Bigalk's concerns be sent to Verizon and directed staff to try and get some action on this matter.

Pacita Alarcon – stated that she is a member of the Senior Diversity of Antelope Valley; gave a brief history of the organization and invited the Council to a luncheon to taste the different cuisines that will be provided.

Orlando Fajardo – concerned about the lack of fencing in his area behind Carter Park; does not feel secure in his home; would like to see a fence or a brick wall built; also important to have some school signs.

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Director gave a brief update regarding fencing that will be placed in the area, as well as the addition of block walls. He stated that he will look into the school sign issue.

Mike Scott – stated his concerns regarding the proposed commercial development for 60th St. West and Avenue L; encourage Council to move the project one mile further away or in the area of the prison.

Cleo Goss – stated her concerns regarding the proposed commercial development for 60th St. West and Avenue L; discussed pollution; housing projects; crime; increase of traffic.

Mayor Parris requested clarification for how the EIR is noticed and how people will be notified. The City Manager stated that he will look into this and be in contact with Ms. Goss.

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

Scott Pelka – referenced a letter to the Council that he submitted on June 8, 2009 regarding possible Brown Act violations.

David Paul – stated that the City Council is doing a great job; more rough times ahead; applauds what the Council is doing.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Mann presented a report on the activities of the North County Transportation Coalition.

The following items took place during the May 2009 meeting:

- Daniel Tempelis, the project manager for the Los Angeles-Palmdale section of the California High Speed Rail Authority gave an update on recent Authority activities. The board of directors and staff are considering four alignment options between Union Station in downtown Los Angeles and Glendale and five alignment options between the San Fernando Valley and Palmdale. Currently, there are no financial models for any proposed alignments.
- A representative from the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) said their board recently adopted a 3% fare increase. Antelope Valley line ridership numbers have recently decreased the first dip since service began in 1992.
- Laurie Hunter, assistant to San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt gave the NCTC an update on the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDC) activities. This was the first update on the HDC given to an Antelope Valley transportation stakeholder group since the JPA formed in 2007.
- The NCTC voting members failed to take any action on the election of officers for 2009-2010. City of Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford will continue to be the chairman.

Vice Mayor Smith presented a report on the activities of the Board of Directors for the Antelope Valley Transit Authority. He also stated that he is the Chairman of the TDA Article 8 Hearing Committee and this committee decides if there are any unmet transportation needs and a recommendation will be made to the MTA Committee that Lancaster does not have any unmet transportation needs that cannot be paid for with Prop A or Prop C money, so the money that is there can go for such things as road repairs.

The following items took place during the May Board meeting:

- The Board ratified resolution 2009-003 which allows the Executive Director to execute all necessary documents related to a state Homeland Security grant AVTA was awarded for \$95,786. AVTA will use these funds in concert with Federal Transit Authority (FTA) 5307 formula allocation monies to construct the security components at the expanded AVTA facility.

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- The Board voted to extend the public comment period on proposed changes to commuter bus service. AVTA reports they've received a large number of public comments and the proposed changes have been relatively controversial. AVTA staff will bring the draft recommendation on commuter service to the June 23, 2009 Board meeting.
- Esmyrna Agustin-Jorge, AVTA's finance manager gave an update of the draft 2009/2010 budget. The three division managers gave the Board their goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The maintenance manager looks to increase safety, security, and fuel efficiency at AVTA. The administrative services manager seeks to secure a legislative language change for FTA 5307 funds, apply for new grants, and support the Board through agenda preparation. The customer services manager will expand the "communication presence" of AVTA such as getting the agency on Facebook and Twitter. The customer service division will also aggressively reach out to local schools in the Antelope Valley.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Council Member Sileo stated that he noticed on the next CJC Agenda there is an item to discuss changing the term limits of the Mayor from two years to four years and he is very interested in seeing the outcome of this and how this falls under the guidelines of this Commission.

Council Member Marquez stated that she was very pleased to see the Youth Commission and the Teen Spotlight recipients this evening as it is wonderful to recognize these young people.

Council Member Marquez stated that she had the honor of attending the ALADS Banquet, which honored Sharon Runner for all of her work in the community and her support of ALADS; several others were honored. These deputies are so proud, they put their lives on the line every day and it is important to recognize them. She referred to a Deputy Sheriff in Long Beach who was killed while attempting to defend herself and the tremendous efforts to bring these cop killers to justice.

Council Member Marquez stated that a Press Conference was held today regarding WE TIP; this is very exciting and is another tool for citizens to use.

Council Member Marquez stated that she appreciates all the hard work from the Finance Director and her assistance with the AVTA budget as well.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)

RECESS

Mayor Parris recessed the City Council meeting at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of a Closed Session regarding the aforementioned matter.

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RECONVENE

Mayor Parris reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. and the City Attorney announced that Council met in Closed Session regarding the aforementioned matter and gave direction to Legal Counsel.

Mayor Parris requested that the City Attorney explain what took place in Closed Session.

The City Attorney stated that Lancaster will be joining a lawsuit with the other contract cities to sue the County for an unauthorized withdrawal from the litigation/liability fund of \$5.6 million. They used the money to settle lawsuits involving criminal acts of one, possibly two L.A. County Sheriff's Deputies.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. in memory of United States Air Force Pilot, Captain Mark P. Graziano who died while on a training mission in May, while flying a T-38 Talon.

Mayor Parris announced that the next regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency would take place on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 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 _____, _____.

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