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**LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES
July 28, 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; Planning Director; Acting Public Works Director; Parks, Recreation & Arts Director; Management Analyst; Economic Development Director; Housing Director; Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Assistant Pastor, Al Andrews – Antelope Valley Christian Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Agency Director Marquez

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Athlete of the Month – Steven Sims – Eastside High School

Presenter: Mayor Parris

Neighborhood Courage Award – Manuela & Maurice Patton

Presenter: Mayor Parris

National Night Out - August 4th

Presenter: Shelli Henson

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

None

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APPROVAL OF AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agency Director Mann stated that he would need to recuse himself from Item No. RCC 4, due to the proximity of the project to property that he owns.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Mann, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Agency Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item No. RCC 4, 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 July 14, 2009.

RCC 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF YUCCA NEIGHBORHOOD MASTER VISION PLAN

Concurred with and directed staff to commence with the implementation of the Yucca Neighborhood Master Vision Plan.

RCC 3. RESOLUTION NO. 12-09 AND ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

- A. Approved agreements for the Acquisition of Real Property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Trust 2006-WF3 for property located at 44923 Trevor Avenue, Lancaster, California.
- B. Adopted Agency **Resolution No. 12-09**, regarding its intention to issue tax exempt obligation.

RCC 4. RESOLUTION NO. 13-09 AND ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

At this time Agency Director Mann recused himself from this item and left the dais.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Marquez, the Redevelopment Agency approved the agreement for Acquisition of Real Property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and I.B. Property Holdings, LLC for property located at 44318 Beech Avenue, Lancaster, California and adopted Agency **Resolution No. 13-09**, regarding its intention to issue tax exempt obligation, by the following vote: 4-0-1-0; AYES: Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; RECUSED: Mann; ABSENT: None.

At this time, Agency Director Mann returned to the dais.

RCC 5. ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTIES

Approved the Agreement for Acquisition of Real Properties between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 2005, GSAMP Trust 2005-WMCI as part of the approved Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

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RCC 6. LIST OF QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS

Approved the "List of Qualified Contractors and Sub-contractors" for Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization 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, 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 July 14, 2009.

CC 3. WARRANT REGISTER

Approved the Check and Wire Registers June 28, 2009 through July 11, 2009 in the amount of \$4,900,827.84.

CC 4. RESOLUTION NO. 09-66

Adopted **Resolution No. 09-66**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 89-1, a District established to finance the acquisition and construction of regional water system improvements in various locations in the City.

CC 5. RESOLUTION NO. 09-67

Adopted **Resolution No. 09-67**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 90-1, a District established to finance the construction of regional street and storm drain improvements in the area of Lancaster Boulevard and 25th Street West.

CC 6. RESOLUTION NO. 09-68

Adopted **Resolution No. 09-68**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 91-1, a District established to finance the construction of regional water and sewer improvements for Quartz Hill II & III.

CC 7. RESOLUTION NO. 09-69

Adopted **Resolution No. 09-69**, authorizing and providing for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 levy of a special tax within Community Facilities District No. 91-2, a District established to finance the construction of regional street, sewer and storm drain improvements in the Lancaster Business Park Phase III.

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CC 8. ORDINANCE NO. 928

Adopted **Ordinance No. 928**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 8.50, Landscaping Installation and Maintenance, in order to modify applicability of water efficient landscaping requirements to projects greater than 2,500 square feet and bring the Municipal Code into conformity with the latest version of the updated State Model Landscape Ordinance as required by State Assembly Bill 1881 (Laird).

CC 9. ORDINANCE NO. 929

Adopted **Ordinance No. 929**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Section 5.08.140 of the Lancaster Municipal Code pertaining to Bingo Prize Values.

CC 10. ACCEPTANCE OF INTERIOR STREET TREES FOR MAINTENANCE

Accepted the interior street trees for maintenance by the City for: 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 or 35th Street West and Avenue L-4, Owner: Pinnacle Quartz Hill II, LLC.

CC 11. ACCEPTANCE OF LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE

Approved and accepted for maintenance the work and materials for the landscape improvements for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, Annexation No. 338, installed for Tract No. 061819, located on the northwest corner of 20th Street East and Avenue H-8, Owner: Falcon Pointe, LLC.

CC 12. MONUMENTATION WORK

Approved the monumentation work for Parcel Map No. 67571, located on the northeast corner of 20th Street West and Avenue I, Owner: Vallarta Properties, LLC.

CC 13. ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS FOR MAINTENANCE

Approved the developer constructed streets and accepted the streets for maintenance by the City for: Tract No. 53297, located on the southwest corner of Avenue K and 20th Street East, Owner: K. Hovnanian Forecast Homes, Inc.; Tract No. 54369, located on the southwest corner of 70th Street West and Avenue L, Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA, Inc.; Tract No. 54370-01, located on the southwest corner of 71st Street West and Avenue L-2, Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA, Inc; Tract No. 060943, located on the southwest corner of Avenue K-8 and Carol Drive, Owner: Richmond American Homes of CA, Inc; 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 or 35th Street West and Avenue L-4, Owner: Pinnacle Quartz Hill II, LLC.

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CC 14. ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Approved and accepted the Maintenance Agreement and Security submitted by RCDR VI, LLC (“Subdivider”) for Tract Map No. 061905, located on the southeast corner of Avenue K-8 and 27th Street West.

CC 15. GRANTS OF EASEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND COMMUNICATION AND GAS SYSTEMS

Approved the Grants of Easement for underground communication and gas systems, appurtenant fixtures and other equipment necessary, including ingress/egress purposes to Southern California Gas Company and Verizon California Incorporated across the property identified as the alley way of Block 13 between Jackman Street and Kettering Street and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

CC 16. RESOLUTION NO. 09-72

Adopted **Resolution 09-72**, amending Resolution 06-231 establishing a compensation and salary schedule for the various classifications.

JPH 1. CONSIDERATION OF A DISPOSITION STRATEGY FOR PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY THE LANCASTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNDER THE PIUTE MASTER VISION PLAN.

Mayor/Chairman Parris opened the Joint Public Hearing. It was the consensus of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency to waive the reading of the staff report.

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-70**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, approving a disposition strategy for the sale of single-family residences acquired in the Piute Master Vision Plan area, by the following vote:

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

On a motion by Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Agency Director Mann, the Redevelopment Agency adopted **Resolution No. 14-09**, a resolution of the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, Lancaster, California, approving a disposition strategy for the sale of single-family residences acquired in the Piute Master Vision Plan area, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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PH 1. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND 2009 CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT (LDR).

Mayor Parris opened the public hearing. It was the consensus of the City Council to waive the reading of the staff report.

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

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 09-71**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, finding the City to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and adopting the 2009 CMP Local Development Report (LDR), in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

NB 1. AMENDING CHAPTER 11.08 TO THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MOBILEHOME PARK RENT STABILIZATION

The Housing Director presented the staff report regarding an amendment to Chapter 11.08 of the Lancaster Municipal Code.

City Council comments included:

Clarification of the process; praise for Ms. Brubaker and her staff, as City facilitated arbitration brings the Mobilehome park tenants together with the owners and with this kind of leadership and communication, things will move forward.

Addressing the City Council on this matter:

David Evans – representing the Western Manufacturers Community Association, which is a statewide Mobilehome Association; in favor of abolishing the Rent Arbitration Board; in favor of the Housing Director taking the lead on this; better decisions will be made and there will be no hidden agendas; opposed to appealing to the City Council; out-of-town landlords do not stack up well against the park tenants; it is important for the Council to see the point of view of the owners; residents turn out in force when an unpopular decision is made, owners are not seen as fair; it is not a pleasant experience; please have confidence in the decisions of the Housing Director.

Mayor Parris stated that he appreciates the fact that there are a lot of people in elected office who will roll over the minute they start counting votes. However, that is not the case with this Council; this Council has tried very hard to do what is right. It would disturb him a great deal to do away with an appeals board and turn it over to bureaucrats; this is a democracy and people do have a right to appeal.

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NB 1. AMENDING CHAPTER 11.08 TO THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MOBILEHOME PARK RENT STABILIZATION (continued)

David Evans – There are many cities who do not have an appeals process when the Director makes a decision. It is not a novel idea to not have an appeals process, keeping it de-politicized is important and he simply wanted to express the concerns from the Park owner’s point of view.

Mayor Parris suggested that the Park owners figure out a different way to handle this process; he is concerned with the citizens on a fixed income; many end up homeless; he is always willing to look at other processes but the tenants need protection as well.

Ray Chavira – Stated that the Mayor is a champion of the people; supports this ordinance; he lives in a senior park; it’s not just a matter of voting, it’s a matter of democracy; owners have great means to communicate with the tenants but they don’t; would like to have the City come to the tenants in this respect; Council needs to honor staff; a correction is needed to the first page, under purpose, remove the Rent Arbitration Board language.

The City Attorney stated that Mr. Chavira was correct and this section would be corrected. Mobilehome Rent Arbitration Board would be deleted, empowered would be changed to process.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council introduced **Ordinance No. 927** (as amended), an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Chapter 11.08 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

CA 1. LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FOUNDATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Parris requested consideration of appointing the following people to the Lancaster Performing Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors: Patricia Fregoso-Cox, Steven Derryberry, Tim Doerfler and Marco Johnson.

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, the City Council approved the appointments 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.

CA 2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONS

Mayor Parris stated that this item would be deferred to the next meeting as he is still reviewing the information that was provided to him by the Chairmen of each of the Commissions.

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CITY MANAGER'S / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager stated that even in a bad economy, the employees of the City of Lancaster stepped up and raised over \$20,000.00 for United Way; he is very proud of all the employees for this.

The City Manager gave a brief update regarding the State's budget and stated that the City Attorney would be requesting that the City Council add an urgency matter to the agenda this evening. The Transportation take was not included; the budget would take approximately \$2 million from the City's General Fund for a loan that would be paid back in three years; the State would also like to take \$17 million from the Redevelopment Accounts this year and \$3 million from the next fiscal year. The payment would be due to the State in March, 2010. This is incredibly short-sighted; this City would not exist as it is today without Redevelopment; staff is looking at all options to present to Council. The best option is the fact that a very similar steal was ruled illegal just last April, so the California Redevelopment Association (CRA) is asking cities to join in a lawsuit against the State on this issue and for Lancaster to become a plaintiff.

The City Attorney stated that a request was received today from the CRA to become a plaintiff in the lawsuit. In the proposed legislation, they added a section that stated in the event of any judgment that prevents the payment of the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) money, that the judgment will only be applicable to those parties in the lawsuit obligated to make the payments. By necessity, if the City wants to take advantage of any lawsuit by CRA, the City needs to be a party plaintiff to the lawsuit. He requested that the City Council add to the agenda this evening, an action item to authorize staff/legal counsel to notify the CRA that the City would become a party plaintiff to the lawsuit; there is absolutely no cost to the City for doing this.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Marquez, the City Council approved adding this matter to the agenda, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council gave authority to the City Attorney/staff to join the CRA as a party plaintiff against the State, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Mann, Marquez, Sileo, Smith, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

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.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Helen Acosta – homeowner at Sunrise Townhomes in east Lancaster; concerns regarding Section 8 in the complex, there have been some problems; there are 72 units; in January she spoke with Vice Mayor Smith and asked if he could check on the owners of these units; gave him the unit addresses; wanted to bring this matter to the City Council; desire to keep the complex neat, clean and peaceful; wants to make sure the tenants are abiding by the law.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that he did meet with the residents; forwarded the information to the City Manager; there was another meeting on March 16th and staff came out; another meeting is scheduled for August 17th with the public safety staff; concerns regarding a resident that might be a registered sex offender and a resident who was a nuisance. The nuisance ordinance was discussed at their meeting and he urged Ms. Acosta to discuss these issues with the City Manager to find out what is being done.

The City Manager stated that he would get the contact information from Ms. Acosta and he would make sure someone contacts her the next day; the City did check on a couple of the addresses that were given and apologized for not getting back to Ms. Acosta.

Council Member Marquez stated that the Neighborhood Manual was going to be placed on the City's website. The manual will assist citizens with many problems, concerns and what they can do; it will explain citizen rights, as well as civil rights, people they can contact.

Tim May – stated his concerns regarding a property management issue in his shopping center as well as others; two years ago there was a group called Helping Hands, run by Demone Daniel, they set up in front of supermarkets; very aggressive; soliciting money; he went to court and had them removed from the property. The group is back, along with Mr. Daniels, under the name of Open Arms Reaching Out; he has a City business license; wants to know how to stop this; they badger the customers and in reality, the money is not going to an organization, it is not going to the homeless; the person collecting the money gets fifty percent and the rest goes to the other people in the group.

Mayor Parris stated that this seems to be a pervasive complaint and wants to look into this; people are being hustled at shopping centers, if there are abuses going on, this needs to be rectified, especially if people think they are giving to the homeless when in fact they are giving to the people in the group; may want to even consider filing a lawsuit on behalf of the people that are contributing, against this group. He would like law enforcement to get much more aggressive with this as well.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that the City did pass an aggressive panhandling ordinance a few years ago, that prevents people from coming up to cars; they can't stand in the middle of the street. There are legitimate organizations out there such as Grace Resource Center that need money; Stater Brothers places the person way over in a corner and has a sign saying something about this, and the City should do everything they can.

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

Mayor Parris stated that this is not a simple process; there should be a way to figure out how legitimate people, who truly need to eat – he is not opposed to this if it is done in a manner that is not aggressive. Not sure if the City can legally stop this process but when it is done aggressively and is a scam, then the City should come down on them.

The City Attorney stated that if it is aggressive panhandling or solicitation; if someone is doing it for fraudulent purposes, the City can withdraw their business license if fraud is proven. In the past, investigations have been conducted which did not reveal fraud but that does not mean it doesn't exist today and the City can certainly look into this. He provided the City Council with a memo from a few years ago regarding the WINCO matter and there are limits as to what the City can do; what the Sheriff's Department can do. Mostly, this is a civil matter that needs to be taken care of by the property owners, as was the case a few years ago. The City can certainly look at this and the questions deserve an in-depth study. He stated that he would come back to the City Council at the second meeting in September with more information.

Council Member Sileo stated that it was mentioned that there is aggressive solicitation that is fraudulent and that they sometimes get fifty percent of the take and to him that is completely fraudulent and hopes that the City can come up with some sort of methodology, something that can be posted; define what is reasonable, this deserves some investigation.

The City Attorney stated that there are rules for non-profits and how money is to be dispersed; he will look at the various rules and dig into this thoroughly.

Tim May – Urged the City Council to approve the time limit increase in regards to Conditional Use Permits at their next meeting; his project at 30th and K is at a stand-still right now; bottom-line, there is no construction money available.

Sue Plunkett – resident at Sunrise East Townhomes; at the same meeting that Ms. Acosta mentioned, the citizens also discussed problems with Waste Management; this is a residential community; dues are paid through the association; they are given one trash can, not three; Waste Management will not pick up cans from units that have been empty for over a year; they don't cooperate in any way, but the association pays the same price as the people in the neighborhoods. No senior discounts are given and because they are only given one trash can, the association is also paying for a dumpster for overflow trash; have any of these issues been addressed.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that he forwarded all the concerns to the City Manager and since he did not hear back from anyone, he thought the issues had been taken care of.

The City Manager stated that he would have Chris Ludlum who is the City's contact to Waste Management contact her the next day.

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

Mayor Parris stated that he was very concerned that the Vice Mayor met with people; directed staff to deal with the issues and these issues have not been addressed, and people have to come to a Council meeting to get their issues resolved. He stated that he wanted the City Manager to look into this immediately and at the very least, the citizens deserve a call back. He stated that citizens should not have to come to a Council meeting to have their issues resolved and asked Ms. Plunkett to get in touch with him if the issues were not taken care of within thirty days.

The City Manager stated that he too was concerned; he would look into this and take care of the issues.

Adrienne Panzer – resident at Sunrise East Townhomes; private streets in the community; they have private security; they were told that the police do not come on the property because it is private, not even sure if they can call the police when there are problems.

Mayor Parris stated that they can absolutely call on law enforcement in the case of an emergency.

The City Manager stated that he will look into this; defer this concern to Captain Anderson as well; have these issues addressed at the August 17th public safety meeting.

Louise Pfau – stated that she sent a follow-up email to Vice Mayor Smith; they joined neighborhood watch; the community is better because of this, but spending extra time on these issues is frustrating and the community needs help.

David Paul – discussed the issues behind the paperwork pertaining to 501 3 (c) for organizations; he came to City Hall earlier today, was looking at the old pictures on the walls; heard laughter from a couple of departments and in these tough times, laughter is a good thing; staff is happy and this should be a testament to the employees; his birthday is the same night as National Night Out and he would really like to knock the ball out of the park.

**CR 1. REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COALITION**

Council Member Mann presented a report on the activities.

The following items took place during the July 2009 meeting:

- David Yale, a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) staffer, provided an update on Metro's 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan. While the transit portion of the plan is prioritized and set, the highway portion is not. Many of the highway priorities are not established. Yale said amendments to the plan can be made in the future that address prioritization. Because the safety improvements to SR-138 are presently postponed and the project awaits available funds, the Coalition members approved a motion to recommend the Metro Board of Directors wait to adopt the entire plan when the highway section is complete.

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TRANSPORTATION COALITION (continued)**

- Metro staff recommended the cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and Santa Clarita collectively receive \$37 million in Call for Projects funds. This accounts for over 11% of total funding available under this Call. Lancaster is set to receive \$4.1 million for three projects.
- The NCTC voting members approved a motion to add the north County staff appointment to the Metro streets and freeways subcommittee to a two-year rotation. City of Palmdale staff have held this position for a number of years. The rotation would be similar to the north County Metro technical advisory committee appointment which toggles between Lancaster and Palmdale every two years.

All other items discussed and/or approved were routine.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

Council Member Marquez stated that she and Council Member Mann attended the groundbreaking event hosted by Marco and Sandra Johnson who founded the Antelope Valley Medical College over ten years ago. They are now expanding their college to add even greater value to the community; this was an amazing day; not just a business to them; they have worked very hard on this and this is something they are bringing to Sierra Highway – a ten acre site; congratulations, the City applauds them.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (a)

(Save Our Neighborhood Group vs. City of Lancaster)

(Case No. BS 121501)

RECESS

Mayor Parris recessed the meeting at 7:01 p.m. for the purposes of convening a Closed Session meeting regarding the aforementioned matter.

RECONVENE

Mayor Parris reconvened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Attorney stated that the City Council met in Closed Session regarding the aforementioned matter; gave direction to Counsel concerning the handling of the lawsuit.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and announced that the next regular meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency would take place on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at the original time of **5:00 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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