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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING/
FINANCING/POWER/CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY
AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Parris called the meeting of the Lancaster City Council/Successor Agency/ Financing /Power/California Choice Energy Authority to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: City Council Members /Agency Directors /Authority Members: Hughes-Leslie, Malhi, Mann; Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Crist, Mayor/Chairman Parris

STAFF MEMBERS:

City Manager/ Executive Director; Assistant City Manager/Deputy Executive Director; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel; Assistant to the City Manager; City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary; Director-Public Works; Director-Community Development; Director-Parks, Recreation, Arts, & Community Services; Director-Finance & Technology; Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety

INVOCATION

Dr. Nathan McWherter, Desert Vineyard Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Hughes-Leslie

PRESENTATION

1. Justice Sunday Presentation
Presented by: Jason Caudle, City Manager , Mayor R. Rex Parris & Nigel Holly
2. Certificate of Recognition to Antelope Valley Adventist School Student Hayden Benedict
Presented by: Jason Caudle, City Manager & Mayor R. Rex Parris

3. Swearing-In of Chris Roberts, Assistant Chief of Police
Presented by: Rodrick Armalin, Chief of Police & Mayor R. Rex Parris

SUCCESSOR AGENCY - CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Authority Member Hughes-Leslie, the Successor Agency approved the Successor Agency Consent Calendar as comprised, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Hughes-Leslie, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

SA CC 1. DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LAND

Adopted **Resolution No. SA-03-24** declaring pursuant to Section 54221 of the Government Code that certain parcels of land owned by the Lancaster Successor Agency are surplus and not necessary for the Agency's use.

CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY-CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Vice Chair Crist and seconded by Authority Member Mann, the California Choice Energy Authority approved the California Choice Energy Authority Consent Calendar as comprised, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Hughes-Leslie, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

CCEA CC 1. APPROVE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA CHOICE ENERGY AUTHORITY

Approved Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the California Choice Energy Authority and authorized the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all necessary documents.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Malhi, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar as comprised, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Hughes-Leslie, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

CC 1. ORDINANCE WAIVER

Waived further reading of any proposed ordinance. (This permit reading the title only in lieu of reciting the entire text.)

CC 2. MINUTES

Approved the City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/ Power/

California Choice Energy Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024

CC 3. CHECK REGISTERS – DECEMBER 3, 2023, THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2024.

Approved the Check and Wire Registers for December 2, 2023, through January 6, 2024, in the amount of \$17,965,823.09 as presented.

CC 4. MONTHLY REPORTS OF INVESTMENTS - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023.

Accepted and approved the submitted November & December 2023 Monthly Report of Investments.

CC 5. Final Map Approval – Tract Map No. 061817-01 (Located at the Northwest Corner of Avenue H-8 and 17th Street East)

Approved the map and accepted the dedications as offered on Tract Map No. 061817-01, located at the northwest corner of Avenue H-8 and 17th Street East; 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; and 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 6. APPROVE THE LANCASTER ADVANCED ENERGY COMMUNITY GREEN DISTRICT PILOT PROGRAM TARIFF AND PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Approved the Lancaster Advanced Energy Community (AEC) Green District Pilot Program Tariff and Participant Agreement

CC 7. ANNEXATION NO. 1 INTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2021-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Adopted **Resolution No. 24-02** for intention to annex territory to Community Facilities District No. 2021-1 (Public Services), and to authorize the levy of special taxes.

CC 8. DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LAND

Adopted **Resolution No. 24-03**, declaring pursuant to Section 54221 of the Government Code that certain parcels of land owned by the City of Lancaster are surplus and not necessary for the City's use.

CC 9. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLATFORM PROPOSED BY SHUSTER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC.

The City Council adopted **Resolution 24-04** approving the adoption of a new Defined Benefit platform for the City of Lancaster Supplemental Defined Benefit Retirement Plan

and related Governmental Excess Benefit Arrangement and the discontinuance of the Public Agency Retirement System's (PARS) PARS Retirement Enhancement Plan (REP) and PARS City of Lancaster Excess Benefit Plan and the related Trusts. This Resolution was originally presented and approved by the City Council as Resolution No. 23-27 on May 9, 2023. The actual transition will occur on or around March 31, 2024, and the current administrator requires an approved Resolution with the actual date of termination within the resolution. This Resolution 24-04 is a restatement of the already approved Resolution 23-27, with the transition services dates updated.

CC 10.APPROVAL OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COHEN VENTURES, INC. DBA ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE LANCASTER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

1. Approved the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Cohen Ventures Inc. (Energy Solutions) for the Development of the Lancaster Community Solar Program.
2. Extended the City's engagement with Energy Solutions for a period of twelve (12) months through February 2025.
3. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

CC 11.ANNEXATION NO. 1 INTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2021-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Adopted **Resolution No. 24-05** for the intention to annex territory to Community Facilities District No. 2021-1 (Public Services), and to authorize the levy of special taxes.

CC 12.AMENDING EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND INCREASING THE FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) HEADCOUNT

1. Adopted **Resolution No. 24-06**, amending Resolution 23-65, establishing a compensation schedule for various classifications of employees of the City of Lancaster and adding four (4) FTE positions.
2. Approved a budget adjustment in the amount of \$170,276 to fund the four (4) additional positions for the remaining 4 months of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

PH 1. AMENDMENT TO CITYWIDE FEE SCHEDULE TO APPROVE PROPOSED STUDIO 606 FEES

Mayor Parris opened the public hearing.

Victoria Reyna, Assistant Director -Parks, Arts, Recreation and Community Services presented the staff report on this item.

Mayor Parris closed the public hearing.

Discussion among Council included providing a discounted price for students.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Hughes-Leslie, the City Council adopted (1) **Resolution No. 24-07** establishing fees for the City's Studio 606. (2) Established revenue account 10166130.4703 in the amount of \$2,700 for Studio 606, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Hughes-Leslie, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

NB1. RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2.32 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING WHETHER AND RECOMMENDING HOW THE CITY'S AT-LARGE METHOD OF CONDUCTING ELECTIONS MUST BE CHANGED TO COMPLY WITH THE CRVA

Allison Burns, City Attorney presented the staff report on this item.

Addressing the Council on this item:

Jason Zink- discussed the need for representation on the Council to also include the east side of Lancaster.

David Paul-discussed considering a way to increase registered voter turnout.

Discussion among Council included the difficulty of structuring districts and complexity of running a city based on districts.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council (1) adopted **Resolution No. 24-08**, to create an Ad Hoc Committee pursuant to Chapter 2.32 of the Municipal Code for the purpose of studying whether and recommending how the City's At-Large method of conducting elections must be changed to comply with the CRVA, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Hughes-Leslie, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

On a motion by Mayor Parris and seconded by Vice Mayor Crist, the City Council approved the nomination and appointment of committee members to the Ad Hoc Committee to review the at-large method of conducting elections, by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Hughes-Leslie, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Appointed Ad Hoc Committee Members:

1. James Vose
2. Rocio Castellanos
3. Shawn Cannon
4. Drew Mercy
5. Irvine Carrillo

6. Devin Birden
7. Jennifer Sanchez

NB2. OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS FY23 BYRNE DISCRETIONARY GRANT

Rodrick Armalin, Chief of Police presented the staff report at this time.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Crist and seconded by Council Member Mann, the City Council recognized revenue in the amount of \$1,100,000 into account number OJPBYRNE24.FEDOTHER (30030000.4998), and appropriated the same amount to expense account number OJPBYRNE24.MISCGRANT (30030000.5656), by the following vote: 5-0-0-0; AYES: Hughes-Leslie, Malhi, Mann, Crist, Parris; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

CR1. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Mann reported on the Destination Lancaster meeting where hotel owners approved Flock camera installations.

Vice Mayor Crist reported on the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 meeting in which members declined another rate increase for District Fourteen (14).

Council Member Hughes-Leslie reported on her attendance at local neighborhood watch meeting.

LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time

LANCASTER FINANCING AUTHORITY

No action required at this time

LANCASTER POWER AUTHORITY

No action required at this time.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff provided a video recap of the Hyundai Mobile Clinic event; the AV Edge Office Ribbon Cutting, and a video on the Public Safety Update.

Jason Caudle, City Manager also announced the hiring of new City Engineer, Nicholas Godin.

CITY CLERK /AGENCY/AUTHORITY SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Addressing the City Council at this time:

Heather Varden-discussed issues with hazardous traffic at the school near Avenue K and Challenger Way.

Jason Zink- discussed various issues such as the hospital build; the ballot measure that does not include the Antelope Valley, and the need for businesses on the east side of Lancaster.

Jimmy Guevara discussed issues with veteran housing and support.

Tina Bennett- spoke in support of action taken to stop local neighborhood nuisance.

Ralph Torres-discussed opening of new local business.

Fran Sereseres- discussed building up the east side instead of having districts and also discussed traffic issues.

Dr. David Eckel- spoke in support of action taken to stop local neighborhood nuisance.

David Paul-discussed various issues.

Erin Aubrey- spoke in support of action taken to stop local neighborhood nuisance.

Janet Cea- spoke in support of action taken to stop local neighborhood nuisance.

Spencer Williams-spoke in support of action taken to stop local neighborhood nuisance.

Mayor Parris directed staff to request the Attorney General to take over prosecution of misdemeanors within the City of Lancaster.

CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY COMMENTS

No comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor/Chair Parris adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Mayor Parris stated that the next City Council/Successor Agency/Financing/Power Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA ALEXANDER
CITY CLERK

R. REX PARRIS
MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } ss
CITY OF LANCASTER }

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING/ POWER/CALIFORNIA CHOICE
ENERGY AUTHORITY

I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original City Council/Successor Agency/ Financing/ Power/California Choice Energy Authority 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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