



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AND  
RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**City Council Chambers  
100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, California 93555**

**November 3, 2004  
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded  
Tape 04-23**

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**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Vice Mayor Richard Martin, Council Members Steven Morgan and Daniel Clark

**ABSENT:** Mayor Ronald Carter and Mayor Pro Tem Marshall Holloway

**STAFF:** Harvey Rose, City Manager; Rita Gable, City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services/City Treasurer; James McRea, Deputy City Manager, Public Services; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Gary Parson, Community Development Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police; and other personnel

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

GC54956.8 RRA Real Property Negotiation – APN 067-050-02 - Discussion of using Agency owned property in the 600 block of W. Ridgecrest Blvd. for Kern County Housing Authority - Agency negotiators Harvey Rose and Gary Parsons

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway arrived at 6:20 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:35 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Vice Mayor Martin**

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**INVOCATION Reverend Doug Hearn, Union Baptist Church and Police Chaplain**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Rose stated that in Closed Session Council discussed the possibilities of selling surplus City property to the Kern County Housing Authority. Staff was given direction.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Council Member Martin, seconded by Council Member Morgan TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Mayor Carter absent.

Gail Marie Petty, Edward Jones Investments, announced her annual Veterans Day Barbecue would be held at 350 E. Ridgecrest Boulevard and stated all citizens were welcome

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Presentation Of Kiwanis Walk-A-Thon Awards**

Kiwanis Club members Betty Summers, Walk-A-Thon Chair and Club President, and Marlene Altieri, Walk-A-Thon Awards Chair and Club Secretary will present awards to Faller, Inyokern, Pierce, Charter School, Gateway, Las Flores, Richmond, and Immanuel Christian Schools. Individual awards will be presented to Caleb Northrup, 1st place; John Stone, 2nd place; Hannah McMillan, 3rd place; Tevan Albritton, 4th place; and Paul Farris, 5th place.

**2. Proclamation – National American Indian Heritage Month**

Council Member Morgan, on behalf of the Council, presented a proclamation to Panamint Springs Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in recognition of National American Indian Heritage Month, November 2004.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Senn, 133 S. Lumill

- Congratulated those who ran and were reelected
- Requested 10 minutes on next agenda to present his plan regarding funding for the future
  - Council Member Holloway requested it be put on the December 3 agenda as he would not be present for the November 17 meeting

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Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin court

- Congratulated reelected Council Members
- Apologized for not helping promote Measure Q
- Is disappointed in the citizens for not passing this measure
- It was a great surprise to him and a lot of others too
- Mentioned the article in the DI
- It will not go away quietly
- We need to do something for our police department and for the rest of the City of Ridgecrest
- Ridgecrest is not as safe as we think it is
- If we don't do something it will get worse
- Wished them good luck

Al Huey, 1228 Windy Lynn

- Has plywood he will let go for a good price shortly
- Congratulated all the candidates and the winners
- It was quite an experience

Bud Klamt, 221 N. Gold Canyon Drive

- Questioned the lights being on at night at various parks and athletic fields and hopes the City is not paying for it
- Whoever uses the field should pay for the lights or have games during the day
  - Mr. Poniek indicated that those that use the fields do indeed pay for the use of the lights
- Not passing Q will see our infrastructure getting worse and the police department suffering also

Lois Beres, 637 N. Sunland Avenue

- Congratulated reelected Council Members
- Stated she served on several Council committees and is always willing to help the city
- Please call if you need help

Randy Jenkins, 325 W. Robertson Road

- Congratulated Carter, Clark, and Morgan
- Hope everyone in town will not let the City die and but will participate in helping to gain prosperity again
- There are other ways to keep the city viable than by taxes
- Everyone should help and do their part by volunteering

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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3. Resolution No. 04-65, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Setting A Public Hearing For 17 November 2004 At 6:30 P.M. In The City Council Chambers At 100 West California For The Purpose Of Obtaining Public Comment For The Consolidated Plan And The FY 05-06 Annual Action Plan For Community Development Programs Pollock
4. Resolution No. 04-66, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Ratifying The City Manager Executing A System Agreement With Verizon Winegardner
5. Report Of Investments Through June 2004 Winegardner
6. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of October 20, 2004 Gable
7. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated October 15, 2004 In The Amount Of \$250,770.54 Winegardner
8. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated October 15, 2004 In The Amount Of \$763.10 Winegardner

Moved by Council Member Morgan, seconded by Council Member Clark TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Mayor Carter absent.

**CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Made an inquiry of the League of California Cities regarding various tax issues on the ballot – 98 cities proposed tax issues. 58 failed 40 passed. 33 cities asked for sales taxes both specific and general and only 8 passed. 10 cities had parcel taxes-8 passed and 2 failed. A copy of the list is in the Clerk's Agenda file.

**Presentation – Community and Economic Development Department**

Gary Parsons, Community and Economic Development Department Director presented an overview of the activities for FY 2004 and future goals for FY2005. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is in the Clerk's Agenda file.

Robert Gould of the Rotary Club gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Club's Ridgecrest monument signs project.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

None

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### **COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Members: Chair Chip Holloway, Dan Clark, Mike Biddlingmeier, Howard  
Laire

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 4:30 PM; Council Conference  
Room

Next meeting to be announced

#### **Legislative Committee**

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8:00 AM; Council Conference  
Room

Next meeting to be announced

#### **Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Duke Martin, Chuck Roulund, Jim Smith

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council Conference  
Room

Next meeting November 9

#### **City Organization Committee**

Members: Chair Chip Holloway, Ron Carter

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM; Council Conference  
Room

Next meeting to be announced

#### **Quality of Life Committee**

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter, Mike Biddlingmeier, Howard  
Laire

Meetings: 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting to be announced

#### **Redevelopment Advisory Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Ketcham, Vice Chair Lois Beres, Harley Baker, Bob  
Peoples, Gary Charlon. Ex-officio Members Council Members Steve  
Morgan and Duke Martin, Planning Commissioner Shelia Torkelson

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM, Council Conference  
Room

Next meeting November 16

#### **RACVB**

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Dan Clark - Alternate

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m., RACVB Office

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Next meeting November 10

### **OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

Council Member Clark announced Steering Committee of 100 Voices For Women will be November 6

Council Member Martin noted the League of California Cities Desert-Mountain Division will meet November 19 to discuss ballot issues

Council Member Holloway attended the Kern County Air Pollution Control District meeting in Bakersfield today. One of the items discussed was a request from National Cement Company to burn tires for fuel. The board approved the request. It was noted that no cement plants have been build in California since 1965.

Council Member Martin noted the Civilian/Military council will meet November 8 at 1130 on the base

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

#### **Martin –**

- Read a prepared statement that is being sent as a letter to the Editor from him
- Has noted the many concerns of citizens and the defeat of measure Q
- Asked citizens to assist by sending ideas and solutions for our problems to Council and City staff

#### **Morgan –**

- Last couple of weeks have had basically the same comments
- Feels he put his heart and soul into Measure Q
- The public has spoken and he respects that decision
- Noted that former City Council Member/Mayor Bill Lalor wrote a "not nice to Council" letter to the editor of the Daily Independent – thanked him for his support of Measure Q
- Read a list of items that could be considered for cutting out of the next budget due to lack of funds
- Proposed a specific tax in two years to see if the citizens like it better than Measure Q

#### **Clark –**

- Extended condolences to Mayor Carter's family on loss of a family member
- Thanked voters of City for keeping this Council team together
- Thanked all other candidates and encouraged them to do it again
- Announced there would be a meeting regarding hospice on November 8

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**Holloway –**

- Also extended condolences to Mayor Carter and his family
- Congratulated Dr. Milligan on his new job in Fontana and thanked him for what he did for the community while Superintended of Sierra Sands Unified School District
- Thanked all the council candidates – the campaign was full of energy as were all the other races
- Was elated that Proposition 1A passed
- As for Measure Q he will wait to react to it's defeat for 24 hours
- Took full responsibility for not educating the community more fully about what we were trying to do with Measure Q
- Thanked the Police Department for going to bat for Measure Q
- Disheartening to have the community not trust you
- He will fight to keep the PD status quo

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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Rita Gable, City Clerk