



**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 16, 2005
6:00 p.m.**

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Tape 05-27**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:04p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Martin, Vice Mayor Daniel Clark, Council Members Steven Morgan and Ronald Carter

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

CLOSED SESSION – 6:06 p.m.

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – Vacant Land between W. Ridgecrest Boulevard and W. Las Flores Avenue, APN 067-050-02 and APN 067-050-13 – Negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea and Gary Parsons

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations - 230 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard, APN# 067-140-44 - Negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea and Gary Parsons.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:45 p.m.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Vice Mayor Clark

INVOCATION – Reverend Jim Weston, Desert Christian Center

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Council received information on the Real Property Negotiations on Vacant Land between W. Ridgecrest Boulevard and W. Las Flores Avenue and directed staff to conclude negotiations and return item to Council at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Rose requested addition of revision of a resolution of retirement for Safety Officer Jack Sturgeon.

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Clark to add the item to the Agenda. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF THE REVISED RESOLUTION OF RETIREMENT FOR SAFETY OFFICER JACK STURGEON. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – Family Week

Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a proclamation to Brent Hedman, President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ridgecrest Stake, in recognition of Family Week, November 20-26, 2005.

2. Proclamation – National Veterans Remembrance Month

Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a proclamation to Odessa Newman-Staples, Exalted Ruler and Sam Brown, District Veterans Chairman, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1913, in recognition of National Veterans Remembrance Month, November 2005.

3. Presentation – Human Resource Academy Certification

Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a certificate of Participation from California State University, College of Continuing Education to Rachel Rumbo, Human Resources Assistant, for successful completion of the Human Resource Academy Certificate Program.

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4. Presentation – Government Finance Officers Association Award

Bill Gallardo, Finance Director of the City of Brea, GFOA Bard of Directors, and President of the California Municipal Treasurers Association presented the GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Ridgecrest.

5. Presentation – Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Fran Florez, a representative of Pacific Gas and Electric Company made a short presentation and distributed a fact sheet and CD to the Council on customer information regarding bill paying.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- After January 8 2006 the State will allow no florescent tubes to be discarded in trash
- Nearest drop off for the tubes is Mojave
- Infrastructure or Ad hoc Solid Waste Committees should look at this
- Cost is more than incandescent but florescent lasts longer
- Consumer has to pay to dispose of lights so they will not end up in the drop of center
- Need to get with Kern County on how to do this

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Resolution No. 05-70, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Purchase Of Police Patrol Vehicles Avery

7. Resolution No. 05-71; A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Entering Into A Cooperative Agreement For Joint Land Use Planning With The County Of Kern Parsons

8. Resolution No. 05-72, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Recordation Of A Notice Of Completion And Release Of Bonds For The Improvements Associated With Tract 6105 Pollock

9. Resolution No. 05-73, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Awarding A Contract For The Restoration And Resurfacing Of The Kerr-McGee Gymnasium And Racquetball Floors Ponak

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10. Resolution No. 05-74, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Fixing The Employer's Contribution Under The Public Employees' Medical And Hospital Care Act Winegardner
11. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of November 2, 2005 Gable

Items 12 and 13 removed for discussion

12. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated October 28, 2005 In The Amount Of \$163,259.67 Winegardner
13. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated October 28, 2005 In The Amount Of \$3,217.50 Winegardner

Council Member Martin requested removal of items 12 and 13

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Morgan TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEMS 12 AND 13 REMOVED. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

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Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 12 AND 13. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 abstention. Council Member Martin abstained.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

14. Introduction And First Reading, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Design And Construction Standards; Lateral Connections McRea

This ordinance updates the design and construction standards specifications for the installation of sewer laterals. The matter was placed on a prior agenda and was referred to the Infrastructure Committee for a recommendation. The modifications as recommended are contained in the proposed ordinance.

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Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Martin To Waive Reading In Full And To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Design And Construction Standards; Lateral Connections. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

15. **Resolution No. 05-75, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Loan Agreement With Mojave Desert Bank And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Appropriate Documents** Winegardner

Deputy City Manager Winegardner

- This is a resolution approving Roofing Financing with Mojave Desert Bank
- Distributed the published FY 05-06 budget
- Read information from the staff report (included in the Agenda packet)

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-75, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH MOJAVE DESERT BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Holiday season fast approaching with City Hall closed the last week in December. Council was asked if the meetings of December 21 and January 4 should be held or canceled. Council concurred the December 21 meeting would take place – Council Members Martin and Carter will be absent. The January 4 2006 meeting will be canceled.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Economic Development Committee

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Chip Holloway, Mike Biddlingmeier, Chuck Roulund

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting December 5

Legislative Committee

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Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: probably quarterly - 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

Met November 8

- Discussed area in front of Mervyn's on China Lake Boulevard regarding left turns south
- Diesel emission has 2 year extension
- We need to look at compress natural gas (CNG) vehicles for the future
- Discussed the corporation yard
- Grading in Ridgecrest Heights area – Kern County inspector disagrees with what we have done there
- Talked about rubberized paving grants
- CDBG and RSPT will be discussed

Next meeting December 13

City Organization Committee

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting December 8

Quality of Life Committee

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter, Howard Laire, Matt Feemster

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

Next meeting December 1

Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Members: Chair Lois Beres Vice Chair Mike Hogan, Bob Peoples, Gary Charlon, Ron Ketcham. Ex-officio Members Council Members Steven

Morgan and Ron Carter, Planning Commissioner Mike Biddlingmeier

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

Met November 15

- Discussed Redevelopment Agency budget
- Discussed Agency 5 Year Plan
- Received report regarding the Ridgecrest Business Park activities

Next meeting December 20

RACVB

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Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan- Alternate

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

Met November 16

- Updated Board on several film and tourism topics
- 2006 edition of RACVB's 56 page Ridgecrest Area Visitors Guide was published on October 29
- Features cover photo of last years spectacular wildflowers
- Worldwide distribution of 10,000 copies has begun
- Executive Directors traveled to Detroit, with Visitors Guide copies, to attend National Tour Association convention
- First ever "Highway 178 Tourism Expo" will be held the last weekend of October 2006 at Kerr-McGee Center
- It will be a 2 day even and will promote the entire 95 mile corridor of Highway 178 – from Bakersfield to the Trona Pinnacles
- Film production in November included 2 car commercial, 1 student film, 1 BBC documentary, and still photo shoots for Wrangler Jeans and Harper's Bazaar Magazine
- Independent film "Cowboys and Aliens" will be shooting in Randsburg and Ridgecrest in December

Next meeting December 21

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carter

- Asked if the property by the Corp Yard will be at next meeting
 - ❖ No – once on Council agenda it will be a public hearing
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays

Morgan

- Thanked Lois Landrum for her 19 years of planning service to the City of Ridgecrest
- Wished her well in her new job with the City of Tehachapi
- On November 14 the "Ground Zero" quilt will be on display at Cerro Coso Community College – will be here until November 22
- Tree lighting at City Hall scheduled for first weekend in December (Sunday the 4th)
- Please be safe over the holidays

Martin

- Four years ago today he was selected to fill a vacancy and joined the City Council
- Has put in over 30 years of civic service to the community

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- Wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving

Clark

- Wished everyone a wonderful holiday
- Have just had a three day accreditation at Mesquite High School – will learn the results in January
- The group doing it was impressed with the school
- Congratulated the new members of the Board of Realtors
- Invited the Board to join the discussions regarding the General Plan
- Also went to the college to view the quilt – spectacular
- Thanked Lois Landrum and wished her well

Holloway

- Congratulated Lois Landrum on her new position at Tehachapi
- And congratulated Dr. Karen Higgins on her retirement
- Did great job in the BRAC process
- Big event Saturday the 19th – launching anew Discover Ridgecrest web site
- Juice Newton will be here at 1 p.m. for concert – doors open at 12 noon
- Truck collecting things for Long Beach Mississippi will be in City Hall parking lot
- Congratulation to Burroughs for Friday play off game
- U.S. House of Representatives had opportunity to reduce the budget

Mayor Holloway recessed the meeting to a continued Closed Session at 8:29 p.m. to reconvene in open session at 10:00 p.m.

In Closed Session Council received information on the Real Property Negotiations for 230 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard and directed staff to continue with the negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk