



**City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority**

AGENDA

Wednesday

Regular

**Closed Session 5:30 p.m.
Regular Session 6:00 p.m.**

September 19, 2012

**City Hall
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest CA 93555**

(760) 499-5000

**Ronald H. Carter, Mayor
Marshall G. Holloway, Mayor Pro Tempore
Jerry D. Taylor, Vice Mayor
Steven P. Morgan, Council Member
Jason Patin, Council Member**

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LAST ORDINANCE NO. 12-06
LAST RESOLUTION CITY COUNCIL NO. 12-71
LAST RESOLUTION FINANCING AUTHORITY NO. 12-xx
LAST RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY NO. 12-xx
LAST RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY NO. 12-xx

CITY OF RIDGECREST

CITY COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY HOUSING AUTHORITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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1. City of Ridgecrest City Hall, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
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3. City of Ridgecrest official website at <http://ci.ridgecrest.ca.us>

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

GC54956.9(A) Conference With Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation. City Of Ridgecrest v. Benz Sanitation, Inc.

GC54957.6 Labor Negotiations – United Food and Commercial Workers Local 8 Golden State; Unrepresented Employee Groups Confidential; Mid-Management; and Management. Agency Negotiator Interim City Manager Dennis Speer

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
- Other

PRESENTATIONS

1. Sister City Delegation Visit and Presentations Council
2. Retirement Presentation To Police Dispatcher Lori Benson Council

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS

3. Public Hearing And Approval Of A Resolution Authorizing The Formation Of The Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District McRea
4. Public Hearing And Second Reading And Adoption Of Ordinance 12-05, An Urgency Ordinance Amending The Safety Contract Between The City Of Ridgecrest And The Board Of Supervisors For The California Public Employee Retirement System Lemieux
5. Public Hearing And Second Reading And Adoption Of Ordinance 12-06, An Ordinance For Trench Cut Fees Lemieux
6. First Reading And Introduction By Title Only Of An Ordinance Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Pertaining To The Non-Exclusive Tax Franchise Application From Antonio Rubio Lemieux

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion And Possible Cancellation And Rescheduling Of Upcoming Regular Council Meetings Speer

8. Update Of Grant Applications From California Consulting Juan Garza
9. Discussion And Approval Of A Resolution Authorizing Budget Adjustments To Close The FY2011-2012 Year End Budget Speer

CONSENT CALENDAR

10. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Application For And Acceptance Of The Office Of Traffic Safety, Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Strand
11. Approve A Resolution Authorizing The Examination Of Sales Or Transactions And Use Tax Records Staheli
12. Approve A Resolution Authorizing Proclamations For The Month Of September And Scheduling Date Of Presentation Ford
13. Approve Draft Minutes Of Council Meeting Dated August 15, 2012 Ford

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor, Craig Porter, James Sanders
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: October 10, 2012

Quality Of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin, Craig Porter, Carter Pope
Meeting: 2nd Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: October 11, 2012 (Dark in June, July, December, and January)

City Organization

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Lois Beres, Christopher LeCornu
Meeting: 1st Tuesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: October 2, 2012

Community Development Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jason Patin, Christopher LeCornu, James Sanders
Meetings: 1st Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: October 4, 2012

Activate Community Talents And Interventions For Optimal Neighborhoods Task Force (ACTION)

Members: Ron Carter, Chip Holloway, Ron Strand

Meetings: 2nd Monday Of Odd Numbered Months At 4:00 P.M., Kerr-McGee Center

Next Meeting: November 12, 2012

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin

Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2012 at location to be announced

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING
AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

Sister City Delegation Presentation to Council

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald H. Carter - Mayor

SUMMARY:

Members of the Sister City Delegation from Tepatitlan Jalisco will be making presentations from their governing board to the Ridgecrest City Council

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Make Introductions and accept presentations between the Sister City Delegation from Tepatitlan and the City of Ridgecrest City Council

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Presentation exchanges between the Sister City Delegation from Tepatitlan and the City Council

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***A Proclamation of
The City Of Ridgecrest, California***

***In Honor of Ridgecrest Police Dispatcher Lori Benson
Upon The Occasion of Her Retirement***

WHEREAS, Lori Benson began her career with the City on March 22, 1982 as a Police Dispatcher for the Ridgecrest Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Lori Benson worked a variety of assignments throughout her career, including Dispatcher Trainer, RIMS Coordinator, CLETS Coordinator, CJIS Coordinator, Parole LEADS Coordinator, DMV Coordinator, supply ordering, and;

WHEREAS, During her career, Lori Benson was selected as Employee of the Year for the Ridgecrest Police Department in the year 2010 and received numerous commendations and letters of appreciation for her good work, and;

WHEREAS, Lori Benson did the research for the purchase of the first digital recording system for the Ridgecrest Police Department, which replaced the old cassette tape recording system, and;

WHEREAS, Lori Benson has continuously maintained an exceptionally high level of professionalism and dedication to duty even through floods, power outages in the summer, and other major incidents, and;

WHEREAS, Lori Benson has retired after providing over 30 years and 5 months of faithful and honorable service to our community.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed:

The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Does Hereby Recognize And Thank Ridgecrest Police Dispatcher Lori Benson For Her Professional And Personal Dedication To The City Of Ridgecrest On The Occasion Of Her Retirement.

Proclaimed September 19, 2012


Ronald H. Carter, Mayor


***Marshall "Chip" Holloway
Mayor Pro Tem***


***Jerry D. Taylor
Vice Mayor***


***Steven P. Morgan
Council Member***


***Jason Patin
Council Member***

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**CITY COUNCIL/ REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ FINANCING
AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing, Resolution 12-Xx, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Declaring The Formation Of The Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District (RTID), Pursuant To Resolution 12-64, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Declaring Its Intention To Establish The RTID.

PRESENTED BY:

James E. McRea

SUMMARY:

The Resolution declaring the Intention To Establish the RTID and establishing a Public Hearing thereon was adopted by the City Council at their regular meeting of July 18, 2012. The Public Meeting to establish the RTID and the levy of assessments was held and conducted on August 15, 2012 with no comments received. The RTID is a benefit assessment district proposed to fund marketing and sales promotion efforts for the Ridgecrest lodging businesses. The RTID includes all lodging businesses within the boundaries of the City. The annual assessment rate is 2% of gross short term room rental revenue. The estimated total annual budget is \$240,000. The RTID Management District Plan has been provided by the RACVB and their consultant CIVITAS. The Public Hearing this evening is an opportunity to submit a written protest to the formation of the RTID, establishment of the RTID, and the levy of the assessments. The proposed RTID, after formation, will have a five year life beginning October 1, 2012.

The proposed RTID includes 18 lodging businesses and the assessment will be collected by the City under the same format as the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) beginning October 1, 2012. The City shall retain 3% Administrative Collection Cost and all penalties and interest collected. The City Council, through adoption of the Management District Plan, identifies the RACVB as the Owner's Association for the RTID.

If at the conclusion of the Public Hearing, there is a record written protests by owners within the proposed RTID of 50% or more no further proceeding shall occur.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of the RACVB and associated administration of the collection of the assessment.

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve Resolution 12_Xx

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Review and Comment

Submitted by: James McRea

Action Date: 9-19-12

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-Xx

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RIDGECREST DECLARING RESULTS OF MAJORITY PROTEST
PROCEEDINGS AND ESTABLISHING THE RIDGECREST TOURISM
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Whereas, the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (Streets and Highways Code §36600 et. seq.) authorizes cities and counties to establish property and business improvement districts upon petition by a weighted majority of the lodging business owners located within the boundaries of the district; and

Whereas, lodging business owners who will pay more than fifty percent (50%) of the proposed assessment, as weighted according to the amount of the assessment to be paid by the petitioner, within the boundaries of the Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District (“RTID”) have petitioned the City Council to establish the RTID; and

Whereas, included with the petitions was a Management District Plan summary that describes the proposed assessment to be levied on lodging businesses within the RTID to pay for sales promotion and marketing activities, and other improvements and activities set forth in the Management District Plan; and

Whereas, the assessed lodging businesses within the RTID will be benefited by the activities and improvements set forth in the Management District Plan; and

Whereas, on July 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at 100 W California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Intention, Resolution No. 12-64; and

Whereas, the public meeting and public hearing to consider the establishment of the RTID have been properly noticed in accordance with Streets and Highways Code §36623; and

Whereas on August 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at 100 W California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, the City Council held a public meeting regarding the establishment of the RTID, and the City Council heard and received objections and protests, if any, to the establishment of the RTID and the levy of the proposed assessment; and

Whereas, on September 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at 100 W California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, the City Council held a public hearing regarding the establishment of the RTID, and the City Council heard and received all objections and protests, if any, to the establishment of the RTID and the levy of the proposed assessment; and

Whereas, the City Clerk has determined that there was no majority protest. A majority protest is defined as written protests received from owners of businesses in the proposed district which would pay fifty percent (50%) or more of the assessments proposed to be levied. Protests are weighted based on the assessment proposed to be levied on each lodging business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The recitals set forth herein are adopted by the City Council as findings and they are true and correct.
2. The Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District is hereby established for a five-year term beginning on October 1, 2012.
3. The assessments levied for the RTID shall be applied towards sales, promotions and marketing programs to market Ridgecrest lodging businesses as tourist, meeting and event destinations, and other improvements and activities as set forth in the Management District Plan.
4. The revenue from the levy of the assessments on lodging businesses within the RTID may not be used to provide for activities or improvements outside the RTID or for any purpose other than those specified herein, in the Management District Plan, and in the Resolution of Intention.
5. Assessments levied on lodging businesses pursuant to this resolution shall be levied on the basis of benefit. Because the services provided are intended to increase room rentals, an assessment based on room rentals is the best measure of benefit.
6. The amount of assessment, if passed on to each transient, shall be disclosed in advance, separately stated from the amount of rent charged and any other applicable taxes, and each transient shall receive a receipt for payment from the business.
7. The assessments for the entire District will total approximately \$240,000 in year one.
8. The activities and improvements set forth will be funded by the levy of an assessment on lodging businesses within the RTID as described in the Management District Plan that is on file with the City Clerk.
9. Bonds shall not be issued to fund the RTID.
10. The boundaries of the RTID shall be the boundaries of the City of Ridgecrest. Please see the attached map, incorporated herein as Exhibit A.
11. The assessments shall be used for the purposes set forth above and any funds remaining at the end of any year may be used in subsequent years in which the RTID assessment is levied as long as they are used consistent with the requirements set forth herein.
12. The assessments to fund the activities and improvements for the RTID will be collected at the same time and in the same manner as are transient occupancy taxes, and in accordance with Streets and Highways Code §36631.

13. The Ridgcrest Convention and Visitors Bureau shall be the Owners' Association pursuant to Streets and Highways Code §36614.5.

14. The Ridgcrest Convention and Visitors Bureau, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code §36650, shall cause to be prepared a report for each fiscal year, except the first year, for which assessments are to be levied and collected to pay the costs of the improvement and activities described in the report. The first report shall be due after the first year of operation of the district.

15. The RTID established pursuant to this resolution will be subject to any amendments to the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (California Streets and Highways Code §36600 et. seq.).

16. The City Clerk, or her designee, is directed to take all necessary actions to complete the establishment of the RTID and to levy the assessments.

17. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution of Formation was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 19th day of September, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Ronald Carter, Mayor

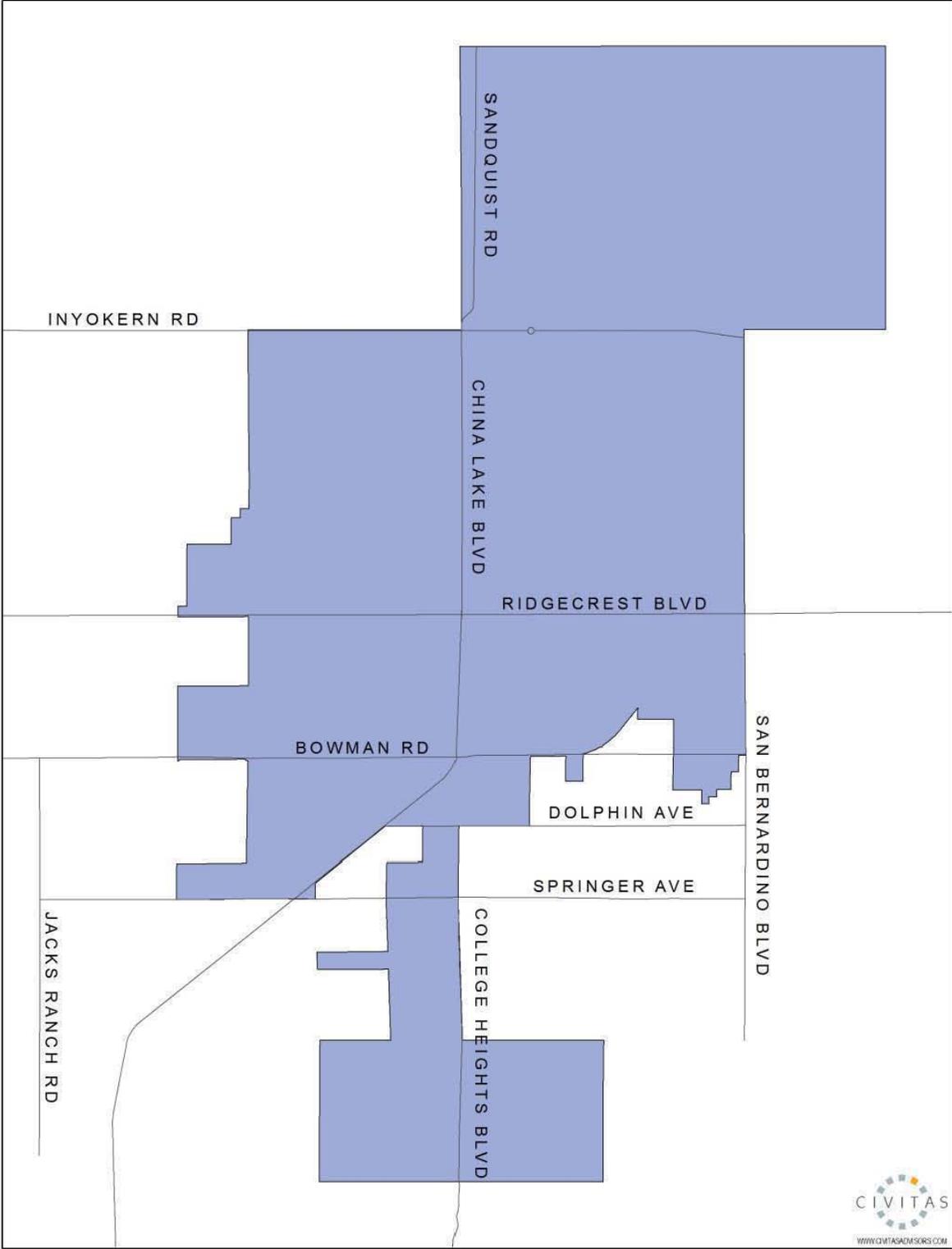
Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

City Attorney

**Exhibit A
District Map**



RIDGECREST TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PLAN

*Formed pursuant to the Property and Business Improvement District Act of 1994
(Streets and Highways Code §36600 et seq.)*

Submitted to the

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

June 26, 2012

by



RIDGECREST TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PLAN

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I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Developed by Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (the Bureau), the Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District (RTID) is a benefit assessment district proposed to help fund marketing and sales promotion efforts for Ridgecrest lodging businesses. This approach has been used successfully in other destination areas throughout the country to improve tourism and drive additional room nights.

Location: The proposed RTID includes all lodging businesses located within the boundaries of the City of Ridgecrest.

Services: Marketing and sales promotions to increase tourism and to market Ridgecrest lodging businesses as tourist, meeting and event destinations.

Budget: The total RTID annual budget for each year of its five-year operation is anticipated to be approximately \$240,000.

Cost: Annual assessment rates are 2% of gross short term (stays less than 31 days) room rental revenue on lodging businesses. Based on the benefit received, assessments will not be collected on stays of more than thirty (30) consecutive days, nor on any officer or employee of a foreign government who is exempt from transient occupancy taxes by reason of express provision of federal law or international treaty. Assessments pursuant to the RTID shall not include room rental revenue resulting from stays pursuant to contracts executed prior to September 1, 2012.

Formation: TID formation requires submittal of petitions from lodging businesses representing more than 50% of the total annual assessment followed by a City Council hearing and an opportunity for a written protest. The assessed lodging business owners will receive notice of the public hearing by mail. If there is a majority written protest, the TID will not be formed.

Duration: The proposed RTID will have a five-year life beginning September 1, 2012. Once per year beginning on the anniversary of the formation of the district there is a 30-day period in which owners paying more than 50% of the assessment may protest and terminate the district.

II. WHY A TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR RIDGECREST?

There are several reasons why now is the right time to form a TID in Ridgecrest; the most compelling reasons are as follows:

1. The Need to Increase Occupancy

The formation of the RTID is a proactive effort to provide supplemental funding beyond that provided by the City. The funding will ensure that adequate financing exists for the investment required to increase occupancy in the lodging industry and be competitive in the conference segment of the tourism market. The investment will cover an expanded marketing and promotional budget needed to reach this market segment.

2. An Opportunity for Increasing City Tax Revenues

As occupancy rates increase, so too will the City's TOT revenue. With stable public/private funding for tourism marketing efforts, annual occupancy rates should increase significantly as new marketing and sales promotion programs are implemented. Greater occupancy will also produce an increase in sales tax revenues from tourist spending. This represents a substantial return to the City. The formation of the RTID in partnership with the the Bureau creates a stable funding source tied directly to tourism promotion.

3. Stable Funding for Tourism Promotion

The RTID will provide a stable source of funding for consistent tourism promotion efforts. The RTID will provide funding for tourism promotion free of the political and economic circumstances that can reduce or eliminate government funding for tourism promotion.

III. WHAT IS A TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT?

Tourism Improvement Districts (TIDs) utilize the efficiencies of private sector operation in the market-based promotion of tourism districts. TIDs allow lodging and tourism-related business owners to organize their efforts to increase tourism. Tourism-related business owners within the district fund a TID, and those funds are used to provide services that the businesses desire and that benefit the lodging businesses within the District.

Tourism Improvement District services may include, but are not limited to:

- Marketing of the Destination
- Tourism Promotion Activities
- Sales Lead Generation

In California, Tourism Improvement Districts are formed pursuant to the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (PBID Law). This law allows for the creation of a special benefit assessment district to raise funds within a specific geographic area. *The key difference between TIDs and other special benefit assessment districts is that funds raised are returned to the private non-profit corporation governing the district.*

There are many benefits to Tourism Improvement Districts:

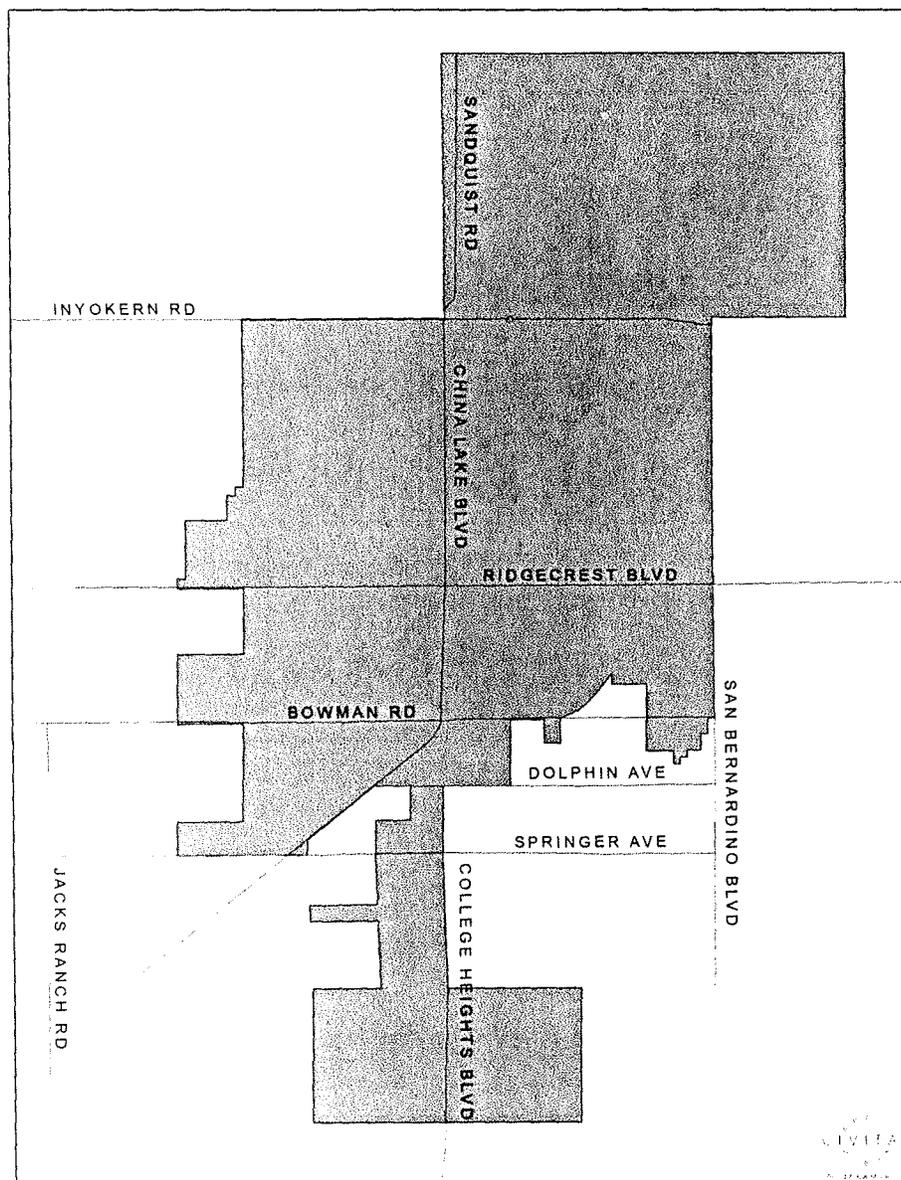
- Funds cannot be diverted for other government programs;
- Tourism Improvement Districts are customized to fit the needs of each tourism district;
- They allow for a wide range of services, including those listed above;
- Tourism Improvement Districts are ***designed, created and governed by those who will pay*** the assessment;
- They provide a stable funding source for tourism promotion.

The Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 is provided in Appendix 1 of this document.

IV. RIDGECREST TID BOUNDARY

The RTID will include all lodging businesses, existing and in the future, available for public occupancy within the boundaries of the City of Ridgecrest. Lodging business means any structure, or any portion of any structure, which is occupied or intended or designed for occupancy by transients for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes, and including any hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, studio hotel, bachelor hotel, lodging house, rooming house, apartment house, dormitory, public or private club, mobile home or house trailer at a fix location, or other similar structure or portion thereof. Lodging business does not include a private home, vacation cabin or similar facility which is rented by a person who is not regularly engaged in the business of renting such facility and does so only occasionally and incidentally to his own use thereof.

The boundary currently includes 18 lodging businesses. Please see the map below. A complete listing of lodging businesses within the proposed RTID can be found on Appendix 2 of this Plan.



V. SERVICE PLAN AND BUDGET

A. Assessment

The annual assessment rates is two percent (2%) of gross short term (stays less than 31 days) room rental revenue. Based on the benefit received, assessments will not be collected on stays of more than thirty (30) consecutive days, nor on any officer or employee of a foreign government who is exempt from transient occupancy taxes by reason of express provision of federal law or international treaty. Assessments pursuant to the RTID shall not include room rental revenue resulting from stays pursuant to contracts executed prior to September 1, 2012.

The term "gross revenue" as used herein means the consideration charged, whether or not received, for the occupancy of space in a lodging business valued in money, whether to be received in money, good, labor or otherwise, including all receipts, cash, credits and property and services of any kind or nature, without any deduction therefrom whatsoever. Gross revenue shall not include any federal, state or local taxes collected, including but not limited to transient occupancy taxes. Any other charges shall be considered gross revenue only in accordance with the local transient occupancy tax.

Bonds shall not be issued.

The amount of assessment, if passed on to each transient, shall be disclosed in advance.

B. Delinquencies

1. Any business which fails to remit the assessment within the time required shall pay a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment in addition to the amount of the assessment.

2. If the City determines that the nonpayment of any remittance due is due to fraud, a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the assessment shall be added thereto in addition to the penalties stated in subsection 1 above.

3. In addition to the penalties imposed, any business which fails to remit any assessment shall pay interest at the rate of one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof on the amount of the assessment, exclusive of penalties, from the date on which the remittance first became delinquent until paid.

4. Every penalty imposed and such interest as accrues shall become a part of the assessment required to be paid.

5. Penalties and interest collected shall be retained by the City to cover the costs of collecting delinquent assessments. The delinquent assessment amount collected shall be forwarded to the Bureau in the same manner as are timely assessments.

C. Determination of Specific Benefit

State law requires that assessment funds be expended on a specific benefit conferred directly to the payors that is not provided to those not charged, and which does not exceed the reasonable cost to the County and cities of conferring the benefit.

The specific benefit the district will provide to assessed lodging businesses, and will not provide to non-assessed lodging businesses, is room night sales. The programs and services provided with the district funds will be designed specifically to drive room night sales at assessed lodging businesses. Only assessed lodging businesses will be featured in marketing materials, receive sales leads generated from district-funded activities, be featured in advertising campaigns, and benefit from other district-funded services. Non-assessed lodging businesses will not receive these and any other district-funded services.

D. Time and Manner for Collecting Assessments

The RTID assessment will be implemented beginning September 1, 2012 and will continue for five years. The City of Ridgecrest will be responsible for collecting the assessment on a monthly basis (including any delinquencies, penalties and interest) from each lodging business located in the boundaries of the RTID. The City shall take all reasonable efforts to collect the assessments from each lodging business. The City of Ridgecrest shall forward the assessments to the Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (the Bureau) which will have the responsibility of managing TID programs as provided in this Management District Plan.

E. Service Plan Budget Summary

A summary of the annual service plan budget for the RTID is provided on the following pages. The total five year improvement and service plan budget is projected at approximately \$240,000 annually, or \$1,200,000 through 2017.

F. Annual Service Plan

A service plan budget has been developed to deliver services throughout the District. An annual service plan and budget will be developed and approved by the the Bureau Board. Please see the budget exhibit below. In the initial year of operation, the cost of forming the District shall be repaid. Formation costs shall be proportionally deducted from the budget categories.

**Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District
Annual Budget, Years One through Five**

Category	Percent of Budget	Dollar Amount
Sales, Marketing, Events and Sales Staff	69%	\$165,600
Administration	25%	\$60,000
City Collection Costs	3%	\$7,200
Contingency/Renewal	3%	\$7,200
Total Annual Budget	100%	\$240,000.00

Sales, Marketing, Events and Sales Staff

A sales and marketing program will promote Ridgecrest lodging businesses as tourist and meeting destinations. The sales and marketing program will have a central theme of promoting Ridgecrest as a desirable place to visit, and may include the following activities:

- Internet marketing efforts to increase awareness and optimize internet presence;
- Print ads in magazines and newspapers targeted at potential visitors;
- Television ads targeted at potential visitors;

- Radio ads targeted at potential visitors;
- Attendance of trade shows;
- Sales blitzes;
- Familiarization tours;
- Preparation and production of collateral promotional materials such as brochures, flyers and maps;
- Attendance of professional industry conferences and affiliation events;
- Lead generation activities designed to attract tourists and group events to Ridgecrest;
- Director of Sales and General Manager meetings to plan and coordinate tourism promotion efforts;
- Education of hospitality staff on service and safety (related to alcohol and food) designed to create a visitor experience that will bring repeat visits; and
- Education of lodging business management and the owners' association on marketing strategies best suited to meet Ridgecrest's needs.

Administration and Operations

The administrative and operations portion of the budget shall be utilized for staffing costs, office costs, and other general administrative costs.

City Administration Fee

The City of Ridgecrest shall be paid a fee equal to 3% of the amount of assessment collected to cover their costs of collection and administration. In addition, the City shall retain any penalties and interest collected during the course of pursuing delinquent assessments, to cover the cost of pursuing delinquencies.

Contingency/Renewal

A prudent portion of the budget will be set aside in a contingency fund, to be used for unforeseeable costs in carrying out the sales and marketing programs. If at the expiration of the district there are contingency funds remaining, and business owners wish to renew the district, the remaining contingency funds may be used for renewal costs.

G. Adjustments

Although actual revenues will fluctuate due to market conditions, the proportional allocations of the budget shall remain the same. However, the City and the the Bureau board shall have the authority to adjust budget allocations between the categories by no more than fifteen percent (15%) per year.

H. Expiration

The budget also includes a portion for contingencies and renewal of the District. Should the the Bureau Board approve, funds may be appropriated for the renewal effort. If there are funds remaining at the end of the District term and lodging businesses choose to renew, these remaining funds could be transferred to the renewed District. If there are funds remaining at the end of the District and lodging businesses choose not to renew, any remaining funds will be spent consistent with this Plan or returned to assessed businesses in equal proportions to the assessment paid by each business.

VI. BID GOVERNANCE

A. Owners' Association

The City Council, through adoption of this Management District Plan, has the right, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code §36651, to identify the body that shall implement the proposed program, which shall be the owners' association of the RTID as defined in Streets and Highways Code §36614.5. The the Bureau will serve as the Owner's Association for the RTID. The Bureau board of directors will be composed of nine directors. Among the nine directors, there shall be: five representatives of assessed hotels, one of which shall be from a hotel with fewer than fifty (50) rooms; one representative of the City; one representative of a business in the transportation industry; and two at-large directors.

B. Brown Act and California Public Records Act Compliance

The owner's association is subject to government regulations relating to transparency, namely the Ralph M. Brown Act and the California Public Records Act, designed to promote public accountability. The owners' association of a TID is considered a legislative body under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §54950 et seq.). Thus, meetings of the the Bureau board must be held in compliance with the public notice and other requirements of the Brown Act. The Owner's Association is also subject to the record keeping requirements of the California Public Records Act.

C. Annual Report

The the Bureau board shall present an annual report at the end of each year of operation to the City Council pursuant to Streets and Highways Code §36650 (see Appendix 1).

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**CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
FINANCING AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System

PRESENTED BY:

Dennis Speer – Interim City Manager

SUMMARY:

As part of the FY11 negotiations, the following amendment of the retirement contract with CalPERS was agreed on and is being implemented for all eligible members of CalPERS. The cost of which has been included in the current year's budget. This includes the pending amendment presented herein and all actuarial costs. The actuarial valuation of this amendment is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office.

To provide Section 21363.1 (3.0% @ 55 Full, Supplemental or Modified formula) for local safety members.

Pursuant to CalPERS regulation, Resolution no. 12-69, a resolution of Notice of intent to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board Of Administration of California Public Employees Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest was approved on August 15, 2012.

Ordinance 12-05, an ordinance adopting the amendment to the contract with CalPERS was presented to City Council for first reading and introduction by title only on August 15, 2012 and approved. This ordinance is presented for second reading and adoption as an urgency ordinance following a public hearing held earlier this evening. The City of Ridgecrest is obligated to comply with all CalPERS requirements including Government Code Section 7507.

The following two motions are required:

1. Motion To Waive Reading In Full And To Adopt As An Urgency Ordinance, Ordinance 12-05, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing An Amendment To The Contract Between The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest And The Board Of Administration Of The California Public Employees' Retirement System

Requires a Second

2. Motion To Adopt As An Urgency Ordinance, By Title Only, Ordinance 12-05, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing An Amendment To The Contract Between The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest And The Board Of Administration Of The California Public Employees' Retirement System

Requires a Second

FISCAL IMPACT:

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| 1. Change in the Present Value of Benefits | \$1,120,322 |
| 2. Change in the Accrued Liability | \$ 832,422 |
| 3. Change in the Total Employer Rate | 4.741% |

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion To Waive reading in full and introduce for first reading, an Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest to amend the agency's contract with CalPERS

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as requested, an ordinance amending the agency's contract with CalPERS

Dennis Speer, Interim City Manager

Submitted by: Keith Lemieux

Action Date: September 19, 2012

ORDINANCE NO. 12-05

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does ordain as follows:

Section 1.

That an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest and the Board of Administration, California Public Employees' Retirement System is hereby authorized, a copy of said amendment being attached hereto, marked Exhibit, and by such reference made a part hereof as though herein set out in full.

Section 2.

The Mayor of the City Council is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute said amendment for and on behalf of said Agency.

Section 3.

This Ordinance is an Urgency Ordinance and shall take effect one day after the date of its adoption, and prior to the expiration of 15 days from the passage thereof shall be published at least once in the Daily Independent, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Ridgecrest and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

Adopted and approved this 19th day of September, 2012

Ronald H. Carter, Mayor

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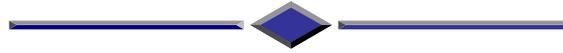
Rachel J. Ford, CMC,
City Clerk

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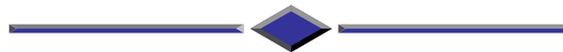
EXHIBIT

California
Public Employees' Retirement System



AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT

Between the
Board of Administration
California Public Employees' Retirement System
and the
City Council
City of Ridgecrest



The Board of Administration, California Public Employees' Retirement System, hereinafter referred to as Board, and the governing body of the above public agency, hereinafter referred to as Public Agency, having entered into a contract effective September 20, 1965, and witnessed August 19, 1965, and as amended effective April 9, 1973, August 18, 1980, June 26, 1989, October 3, 1992, May 8, 1997, February 16, 2002, May 22, 2006 and July 30, 2007 which provides for participation of Public Agency in said System, Board and Public Agency hereby agree as follows:

- A. Paragraphs 1 through 13 are hereby stricken from said contract as executed effective July 30, 2007, and hereby replaced by the following paragraphs numbered 1 through 14 inclusive:
 1. All words and terms used herein which are defined in the Public Employees' Retirement Law shall have the meaning as defined therein unless otherwise specifically provided. "Normal retirement age" shall mean age 55 for local miscellaneous members and age 55 for local safety members.

2. Public Agency shall participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System from and after September 20, 1965 making its employees as hereinafter provided, members of said System subject to all provisions of the Public Employees' Retirement Law except such as apply only on election of a contracting agency and are not provided for herein and to all amendments to said Law hereafter enacted except those, which by express provisions thereof, apply only on the election of a contracting agency.

3. Public Agency agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and its trustees, agents and employees, the CalPERS Board of Administration, and the California Public Employees' Retirement Fund from any claims, demands, actions, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, expenses and costs, including but not limited to interest, penalties and attorneys fees that may arise as a result of any of the following:
 - (a) Public Agency's election to provide retirement benefits, provisions or formulas under this Contract that are different than the retirement benefits, provisions or formulas provided under the Public Agency's prior non-CalPERS retirement program.
 - (b) Public Agency's election to amend this Contract to provide retirement benefits, provisions or formulas that are different than existing retirement benefits, provisions or formulas.
 - (c) Public Agency's agreement with a third party other than CalPERS to provide retirement benefits, provisions, or formulas that are different than the retirement benefits, provisions or formulas provided under this Contract and provided for under the California Public Employees' Retirement Law.
 - (d) Public Agency's election to file for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 (commencing with section 901) of Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code and/or Public Agency's election to reject this Contract with the CalPERS Board of Administration pursuant to section 365, of Title 11, of the United States Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of law.
 - (e) Public Agency's election to assign this Contract without the prior written consent of the CalPERS' Board of Administration.
 - (f) The termination of this Contract either voluntarily by request of Public Agency or involuntarily pursuant to the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

- (g) Changes sponsored by Public Agency in existing retirement benefits, provisions or formulas made as a result of amendments, additions or deletions to California statute or to the California Constitution.
- 4. Employees of Public Agency in the following classes shall become members of said Retirement System except such in each such class as are excluded by law or this agreement:
 - a. Local Police Officers (herein referred to as local safety members);
 - b. Employees other than local safety members (herein referred to as local miscellaneous members).
- 5. In addition to the classes of employees excluded from membership by said Retirement Law, the following classes of employees shall not become members of said Retirement System:
 - a. **PERSONS WHO ARE COMPENSATED ON AN HOURLY BASIS;**
AND
 - b. **FIREFIGHTERS.**
- 6. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a local miscellaneous member in employment before and not on or after July 30, 2007 shall be determined in accordance with Section 21354 of said Retirement Law subject to the reduction provided therein for Federal Social Security (2% at age 55 Modified and Full).
- 7. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a local miscellaneous member in employment on or after July 30, 2007 shall be determined in accordance with Section 21354.5 of said Retirement Law subject to the reduction provided therein for Federal Social Security (2.7% at age 55 Modified and Full).
- 8. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a local safety member shall be determined in accordance with Section 21363.1 of said Retirement Law (3% at age 55), supplemental to Federal Social Security.

9. Public Agency elected and elects to be subject to the following optional provisions:
 - a. Section 21024 (Military Service Credit as Public Service).
 - b. Section 20903 (Two Years Additional Service Credit).
 - c. Section 20042 (One-Year Final Compensation).
 - d. Section 21623.5 (\$5,000 Retired Death Benefit).
10. Public Agency, in accordance with Government Code Section 20790, ceased to be an "employer" for purposes of Section 20834 effective on August 18, 1980. Accumulated contributions of Public Agency shall be fixed and determined as provided in Government Code Section 20834, and accumulated contributions thereafter shall be held by the Board as provided in Government Code Section 20834.
11. Public Agency shall contribute to said Retirement System the contributions determined by actuarial valuations of prior and future service liability with respect to local miscellaneous members and local safety members of said Retirement System.
12. Public Agency shall also contribute to said Retirement System as follows:
 - a. A reasonable amount, as fixed by the Board, payable in one installment within 60 days of date of contract to cover the costs of administering said System as it affects the employees of Public Agency, not including the costs of special valuations or of the periodic investigation and valuations required by law.
 - b. A reasonable amount, as fixed by the Board, payable in one installment as the occasions arise, to cover the costs of special valuations on account of employees of Public Agency, and costs of the periodic investigation and valuations required by law.
13. Contributions required of Public Agency and its employees shall be subject to adjustment by Board on account of amendments to the Public Employees' Retirement Law, and on account of the experience under the Retirement System as determined by the periodic investigation and valuation required by said Retirement Law.

14. Contributions required of Public Agency and its employees shall be paid by Public Agency to the Retirement System within fifteen days after the end of the period to which said contributions refer or as may be prescribed by Board regulation. If more or less than the correct amount of contributions is paid for any period, proper adjustment shall be made in connection with subsequent remittances. Adjustments on account of errors in contributions required of any employee may be made by direct payments between the employee and the Board.

B. This amendment shall be effective on the _____ day of _____, _____.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RIDGECREST

BY _____
KAREN DE FRANK, CHIEF
CUSTOMER ACCOUNT SERVICES DIVISION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BY _____
PRESIDING OFFICER

Witness Date

Attest:

Clerk

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Resolution No. 12- 69
RESOLUTION OF INTENTION
TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
AND THE
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RIDGECREST

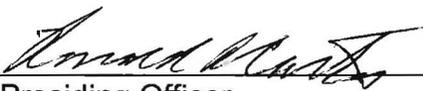
WHEREAS, the Public Employees' Retirement Law permits the participation of public agencies and their employees in the Public Employees' Retirement System by the execution of a contract, and sets forth the procedure by which said public agencies may elect to subject themselves and their employees to amendments to said Law; and

WHEREAS, one of the steps in the procedures to amend this contract is the adoption by the governing body of the public agency of a resolution giving notice of its intention to approve an amendment to said contract, which resolution shall contain a summary of the change proposed in said contract; and

WHEREAS, the following is a statement of the proposed change:

To provide Section 21363.1 (3% @ 55 Supplemental formula) for local safety members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the above agency does hereby give notice of intention to approve an amendment to the contract between said public agency and the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, a copy of said amendment being attached hereto, as an "Exhibit" and by this reference made a part hereof.

By:  _____
Presiding Officer

Title

August 15, 2012
Date adopted and approved

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**CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/
FINANCING AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

Second Reading and Adoption of An Ordinance of the Ridgecrest City Council Amending the Ridgecrest Municipal Code as it relates to Trench Cut Fees

PRESENTED BY:

Dennis Speer

SUMMARY:

Excavations in paved streets owned and maintained by the City degrade and shorten the life of the surface of the streets. This degradation increases the frequency and cost to the public of necessary resurfacing, maintenance, and repair. These excavations cause degradation of the streets even where the excavations are refilled and repaired in conformity with applicable standards and requirements. It is appropriate that entities responsible for excavating into the City's right-of-way bear the burden of the resulting cost of this degradation and shortened life of the surface rather than the taxpayers of the City. In addition, establishment of a trench cut cost recovery fee will create an incentive for utilities to coordinate excavations in the streets.

To alleviate the costs associated with degradation of City streets due to excavations, the subject ordinance establishes a street trench cut fee and cost recovery fee fund.

This ordinance specifically amends CHAPTER XIV of the Municipal Code by clarifying the obligations of entities excavating in City streets.

The attached ordinance was prepared by the City Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Motion To Waive Reading In Full And To Adopt By Title Only, Ordinance 12-06, An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Trench Cut Fees

Requires A Second

2. Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, Ordinance No. 12-06, An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Trench Cut Fees

Requires A Second

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve Two Motions Waiving Reading In Full And Adopting By Title Only An Ordinance Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Trench Cut Fees.

Submitted by: Dennis Speer

Action Date: 09-19-12

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ORDINANCE NO. 12-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST
AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE
AS IT RELATES TO TRENCH CUT FEES**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

Excavations in paved streets owned and maintained by the City degrade and shorten the life of the surface of the streets, and this degradation increases the frequency and cost to the public of necessary resurfacing, maintenance, and repair. These excavations cause degradation of the streets even where the excavations are refilled and repaired in conformity with applicable standards and requirements. It is appropriate that entities responsible for excavating into the City's right-of-way bear the burden of the resulting cost of this degradation and shortened life of the surface rather than the taxpayers of the City. In addition, establishment of a trench cut cost recovery fee will create an incentive for utilities to coordinate excavations in the streets.

This ordinance amends CHAPTER XIV of the Municipal Code by clarifying the obligations of entities excavating in City streets and by establishing a trench cut cost recovery fee and fund. This chapter shall not be construed to relieve those excavating into the City right-of-way of the obligation to fill, repair, and properly maintain the location of the excavation, as mandated by CHAPTER XIV.

Section 2. Amendment.

CHAPTER XIV of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby amended and reenacted by the additions of sections 14-2.39 through 14-2.44, which collectively read as follows:

"14-2.39. - Establishment of trench cut cost recovery fee.

No person shall excavate in a public right-of-way without, in addition to all other requirements of this code, having first paid to the City a "trench cut cost recovery fee." The amount of this trench cut cost recovery fee shall be set from time to time by resolution, and shall not exceed the reasonable cost necessary to mitigate the degradation to the public streets caused by such excavation.

14-2.40. - Exceptions.

- (A) Excavations in City streets scheduled for pavement structural improvements within two years of the date of excavation shall be exempt from the trench cut cost recovery fee.
- (B) No trench cut cost recovery fee shall be charged for underground utility district projects initiated by the City, or utility line relocations necessitated by City street work projects or by street vacations or abandonments.
- (C) No trench cut cost recovery fee shall be charged for excavations performed by or for the City.

(D) No trench cut cost recovery fee shall be charged with respect to excavation in a sidewalk or a concrete street.

14-2.41. - Utility master plans.

Any utility owning, operating or installing in a public right-of-way facilities providing water, sewer, gas, electric, communication, video or other utility services, shall prepare and submit to the City a utility master plan, in a format specified by the City, that shows the location of the utility's existing facilities in public rights-of-way, and shows all of the utility's planned major utility work in public rights-of-way for the next year. Utilities shall submit an initial utility master plan no later than 180 days after the effective date of the ordinance adopting this section. Thereafter, each utility shall submit annually, on the first regular business day of August, a revised and updated utility master plan. As used in this subsection, the term "planned major utility works" refer to any and all future excavations planned by the utility when the utility master plan or update is submitted that will affect any public right-of-way for more than 15 days; provided, that the utility shall not be required to show future excavations planned to occur more than a year after the date that the utility master plan or update is submitted.

14-2.42. - Coordination with City.

(A) Prior to applying for an excavation permit in the public rights-of-way, the City shall review, on behalf of the applicant, the City's anticipated repaving plans and the utility master plans on file with the City. The applicant shall coordinate, to the extent practicable, with the utility and street work shown on such plans to minimize damage to, and avoid undue disruption and interference with, the public rights-of-way.

(B) To avoid future excavations and to reduce the number of street excavations, telecommunication companies shall be requested, when practical, to install spare conduits.

14-2.43. - Repair of sunken pavement over excavation.

(A) If the subsurface materials or pavement over or within the trench influence area becomes depressed or broken at any time, the person shall, within 14 days of mailing of written notice from the City, immediately inspect the depressed or broken area to ascertain the cause of the failure. The person shall make repairs to the installation or backfill and have the pavement restored in the manner and within the time period specified by the City, but not to exceed 30 days. In the event the City determines the pavement condition creates a road hazard, the City may require the repair to be completed within 48 hours. A trench cut cost recovery fee shall not be charged for work performed under this section.

(B) If the pavement is not restored as specified by the City, unless delayed by conditions beyond the person's control, the City may cause the work to be done after giving the person 24 hours' final notice. The person shall thereafter, upon written demand by City, pay the City an amount calculated by multiplying the number of square feet of pavement restored by the square foot trench repair reimbursement fee set forth in the then most current public works service and capital improvement fees schedule. The person shall remain responsible for any future repairs of that portion of pavement over the excavation that was repaired by the City.

14-2.44. - Trench cut cost recovery fee fund.

There is created and established the "trench cut cost recovery fee fund." All funds received pursuant to sections 14-2.39 through 14-2.46 shall be placed in the trench cut cost recovery fee fund. Funds maintained in the trench cut cost recovery fee fund shall only be expended for the maintenance, rehabilitation, resurfacing, administration, and protection of the public rights-of-way that have been excavated after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, and for refunds of fees approved by the City."

Section 3. Other.

This ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and operation from and after thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be published as set forth below.

At least five (5) days prior to its final adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be posted in at least three (3) prominent and public locations in the City; and a notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ridgecrest, setting forth the title of this Ordinance, the date of its introduction and the places where this Ordinance is posted. Within fifteen (15) days following final adoption, a summary of the Ordinance with the names of the council members and votes shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Introduced and first read at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest held the _____ day of _____, 2012.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of said City Council held on _____, 2012, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Ronald H. Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING
AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest granting a non-exclusive Taxi Franchise to the owner Antonio Rubio.

PRESENTED BY:

Dennis Speer, Interim City Manager

SUMMARY:

The City of Ridgecrest has received a Taxi Franchise Application from Antonio Rubio to operate a 24 hour taxi service in Ridgecrest and the surrounding areas. Mr. Rubio has four years of driving experience for taxi services. One taxi service in Los Angeles and the other for Ridgecrest Taxi Service. The proposed fee schedule is as follows:

\$2.75 – pick up charge

\$2.50 – per mile

\$30.00 – per hour for waiting

Previous taxi franchises have been required to have a \$1000.00 deposit prior to starting operations and this requirement has been met by Mr. Rubio.

This Ordinance requires two motions as follows:

Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Granting A Non-Exclusive Taxi Franchise To Antonio Rubio

Requires A Second

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Granting A Non-Exclusive Taxi Franchise To Antonio Rubio

Requires A Second

FISCAL IMPACT:

Franchise fee payment from company in the amount of 3% of their gross annual receipts.

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve two Motions to introduce by title only and waive reading in full of an ordinance to grant a non-exclusive Taxi Franchise to owner Antonio Rubio.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve two motions as presented.

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ORDINANCE NO. 12-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE TAXI FRANCHISE TO ANTONIO RUBIO

WHEREAS, the Ridgecrest Municipal Code Section 3-5.403 provides that a non-exclusive taxi franchise to serve customers within all or any portion of the City may be granted by the City Council by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rubio, made written application to the City and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of the franchise, and

WHEREAS, Antonio Rubio, dba Rubio's Taxi Service ("COMPANY") wishes to operate a taxi service in Ridgecrest; and

WHEREAS, the COMPANY agrees to abide with all provisions of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code and all other relevant State and local laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that there is a need for a taxi service in the City of Ridgecrest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, California, that:

1. Antonio Rubio, dba Rubio's Taxi Service is granted a non-exclusive taxi franchise pursuant to the Ridgecrest Municipal Code.
2. A \$1,000 Deposit shall be required prior to the beginning of any such taxi operations and the deposit shall be credited against the 2012 Franchise Fee.

The City Clerk shall cause a summary of this ordinance to be published.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST

Ronald Carter, Mayor

Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING
AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

Discussion And Approval Of Cancellation And Rescheduling Of Select Council Meeting

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald H. Carter - Mayor

SUMMARY:

This request is presented to Council for consideration of cancelling and rescheduling a limited number of council meetings over the following weeks due to a temporary schedule conflict.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Cancellation of up to three council meeting and identify alternative dates to hold the meetings.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Discussion and minute motion to cancel and reschedule meetings.

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING
AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

California Consulting Grant Application Update

PRESENTED BY:

Juan Garza II

SUMMARY:

Council has previously request periodic progress reports from California Consulting pertaining to grant applications submitted on behalf of the City of Ridgecrest.

Juan Garza II of California Consulting is attending the meeting to provide the current progress report to Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive report from California Consulting

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Receive Progress Report as presented by California Consulting Representative

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING
AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

A resolution of the Ridgecrest City Council approving an amendment to the FY 2012 annual budget transferring \$738,000 of interfund transfer revenue from Redevelopment and Self Insurance funds to interfund transfer revenue from four Internal Service Funds and short term borrowing of \$580,054.

PRESENTED BY:

Dennis Speer, Interim City Manager

SUMMARY:

When the City adopted the FY 2012 annual budget, there were interfund transfers that were needed and budgeted to cover some of the expenditures that normal operating revenues would not be able to cover. The approved budget shows that \$525,000 will be coming from Self Insurance Funds and \$951,604 will be coming from RDA Non-Housing Fund. Self Insurance Fund raised enough funds to cover its own expenditures and liabilities but did not have surplus to transfer to General Fund. The State eliminated RDA and was only allowed to transfer enough funds to cover the funding of three police officers as approved in ROPS I which totals to \$242,091. This leaves an unrealized balance of \$709,513 in the interfund transfer revenue from RDA.

As we are closing the fiscal year here are the funds that have cash deficit that are in need of transfers.

General Fund	\$ 824,516
Streets Fund	405,299
Solid Waste Fund	14,900
RDA Housing Fund	73,339
Total Deficit	\$ 1,318,054

Here are the internal service funds that have unrestricted fund balances that we are proposing to transfer funds from to cover some of the above deficits.

Information System ISF	\$ 337,000
Printing & Reproduction ISF	148,000
Building Maintenance ISF	187,000
Fleet Maintenance ISF	66,000
Total	\$ 738,000

Seeing that there is not enough cash to cover all the deficits, the City must borrow money from other funds.

First, General Fund must borrow \$174,755 from Wastewater to cover the balance of its deficit. Below is the calculations of the amount needed:

General Fund	\$ 824,516
Solid Waste Fund	14,900
RDA Housing Fund	73,339
Total	\$ 912,755
Less: Interfund transfers	738,000
Amount needed to borrow	\$ 174,755

The repayment of most of the borrowed amount will come from the residual property tax distribution per AB 1484 that the City received from the County (\$158,074).

Secondly, Streets Fund must borrow \$405,299 from Wastewater fund to cover all of its cash deficit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Short term borrowing for Streets Fund to cover the cash deficit could potentially make the deficit in the following year much bigger. The General Fund budget appropriations will increase by \$78,239 to cover the interfund transfer from General Fund to Solid Waste and RDA Housing Funds. Internal service funds will deplete most of their fund balances and will affect their ability to replace capital assets in the future.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Transfer \$709,513 of the interfund transfer revenue from RDA to interfund transfer revenue from Information System ISF for \$337,000; Printing & Reproduction ISF for \$148,000; Building Maintenance ISF for \$187,000; and Fleet Maintenance ISF funds for \$37,513.
2. Transfer \$28,487 of the interfund transfer revenue from Self Insurance fund to interfund transfer revenue from Fleet Maintenance ISF
3. Short term borrowing from Waste Water fund in the amount of \$174,755 for General Fund and \$405,299 for Streets Fund, both totaling to \$580,054.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve redistribution of budget allocations and short term borrowing as recommended.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT TO REALLOCATE INTERFUND TRANSFER REVENUE AND INCREASING THE FY 2011-2012 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY \$78,239

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest duly adopted the FY 2011-2012 annual budget;

WHEREAS, cash deficits for final fund balances exist in General Fund, Streets Fund, Solid Waste Fund and RDA Housing Fund; and

WHEREAS, the budget adopted in resolution 11-21 had anticipated these deficits to be covered by one time interfund transfers from Self Insurance Fund and RDA Non-Housing Fund; and

WHEREAS, with the elimination of RDA and revenue shortfall which consequently led to resolution 12-04 wherein the City declares fiscal emergency; and

WHEREAS, the interfund transfers that were budgeted will not be possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The adjustments as identified as Attachment "A" are herein approved.
2. Allowing short term borrowing from Wastewater Fund to the Streets Fund for \$405,299 and to General Fund for \$174,755 to cover the balance of the deficits.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 19th day of September 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Carter, Council Members Holloway, Taylor, Morgan, and Patin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Ronald Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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Attachment A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Account Numbers	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
001-0000-386-0900	Interfund transfers from RDA Non-Housing Fund		709,513
001-0000-386-1000	Interfund transfers from Self Insurance Fund		28,487
001-0000-386-1112	Interfund transfers from Information System ISF	337,000	
001-0000-386-1122	Interfund transfers from Printing & Reproduction ISF	148,000	
001-0000-386-1130	Interfund transfers from Building Maintenance ISF	187,000	
001-0000-386-1402	Interfund transfers from Fleet Maintenance ISF	66,000	
	TOTAL BUDGET RE-ALLOCATION	738,000	738,000
015-0000-386-0100	Interfund transfers from General Fund to Solid Waste	4,900	
019-0000-386-0100	Interfund transfers from General Fund to RDA Housing	73,339	
	TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE	78,239	-

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING
AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

Grant Application for an Office of Traffic Safety, Sobriety Checkpoint Grant

PRESENTED BY:

Ron Strand, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The Office of Traffic Safety, Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program has allocated one-time grant funding to the Police Department in the amount of \$27,500 to fund overtime for six sobriety checkpoints and to purchase checkpoint safety and lighting equipment. The grant period begins October 1, 2012 and ends September 30, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approximate revenue to the city in the amount of \$27,500

ALLOTMENT GRANT- NO MATCHING REQUIRED

Reviewed by Administrative Services Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve A resolution authorizing application for an Office of Traffic Safety, Sobriety Checkpoint Grant

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve A resolution authorizing application for an Office of Traffic Safety, Sobriety Checkpoint Grant

Submitted by: RON STRAND

Action Date: September 19, 2012

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is offering grants under the Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program to provide funding for police departments to conduct Sobriety Checkpoints and to purchase checkpoint safety equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Traffic Safety has allocated \$27,500 to the Ridgecrest Police Department for overtime to conduct six Sobriety Checkpoints and funding to purchase checkpoint safety and lighting equipment; and,

WHEREAS, this grant covers a one-year operational period from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for this grant with the Office of Traffic Safety, Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program and to approve, sign and execute any and all documents relating to the grant award, including amendments, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Finance Director to increase the FY13 budget revenue and expenditures in the amount of this grant, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain in full force and effect until a resolution of the City Council is adopted amending or rescinding this resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th day of September 2012, by the following vote.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Ronald H. Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST
AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES AND USE TAX RECORDS

PRESENTED BY:

W. Tyrell Staheli, Finance Director

SUMMARY:

With the passage of Measure L the City must update its Board of Equalization examination authorization resolution to allow the City's sales tax consultants to examine and audit the collection of Measure L sales tax.

The information obtained by examination of Board records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of City's sales and transactions and use taxes by the Board pursuant to the contracts between the City and the Board of Equalization.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Reviewed by Administrative Services Director:

ACTION REQUESTED:

CITY MANAGER 'S RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested:

Submitted by: W. Tyrell Staheli

Action Date: 09/19/2012

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-XX

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXAMINATION OF SALES OR TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX RECORDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 3-3.103 the City of Ridgecrest entered into a contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions incident to the administration and collection of local transactions and use taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest deems it necessary for authorized representative of the City to examine confidential sales and transactions and use tax records of the Board pertaining to sales and transactions and use taxes collected by the Board for the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 7056 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code sets forth certain requirements and conditions for the disclosure of Board records and establishes criminal penalties for the unlawful disclosure of information contained in, or derived from sales or transactions and use tax records of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 7056 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code requires that any person designated by the City shall have an existing contract to examine the City’s sales and transactions and use tax records.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Administrative Services Director (List all authorized positions) or other officer or employee of the City designated in writing by the Administrative Services Director (position(s) authorized to Designate) to the State Board of Equalization (hereafter referred to as Board) is hereby appointed to represent the City with authority to examine all of the sales or transactions and use tax records of the Board pertaining to sales or transactions and use taxes collected for the City by the Board of Equalization pursuant to the contract between the City and the Board under the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the Transactions and Use Tax Law. The information obtained by examination of Board records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of City sales or transactions and use taxes by the Board pursuant to the contract.

Section 2. That the Administrative Services Director (List all authorized positions) or other officer or employee of the City designated in writing by the Administrative Services Director (position(s) authorized to Designate) to the Board is hereby appointed to represent the City with authority to examine those sales and transactions and use tax records of the Board for purposes related to the following governmental functions of the City:

- a) specific governmental functions
- b) _____
- c) _____

Section 3. That MuniServices LLC is hereby designated to examine the sales and transactions and use tax records of the Board pertaining to sales and transactions and use taxes collected for the City by the Board. The person or entity designated by this section meets all of the following conditions:

- a) has an existing contract with the City to examine sales and transactions and use tax records;
- b) is required by that contract to disclose information contained in, or derived from those sales and transactions and use tax records only to the officer or employee authorized under Section 1 (or Section 2) of this resolution to examine the information;
- c) is prohibited by that contract from performing consulting services for a retailer during the term of that contract;
- d) is prohibited by that contract from retaining the information contained in, or derived from those sales and transactions and use tax records after that contract has expired.

Section 4. That this resolution supersedes all prior sales and transactions and use tax resolutions of the ___ City of Ridgecrest adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Revenue and Taxation Section 7056.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information obtained by examination of Board records shall be used only for purposes related to the collection of City's sales and transactions and use taxes by the Board pursuant to the contracts between the City and the Board of Equalization.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 19th day of September, 2012.

ATTEST: (s) _____ (s) _____
City Clerk Mayor

I, Rachel Ford, City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 7th day of April, 2010, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (Names of Councilmembers)

Noes: (Names of Councilmembers)

Absent: (Names of Councilmembers)

(s) _____
City Clerk

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING
AUTHORITY/FINANCING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Announcing Proclamations Prepared For The Month Of September And Schedule Date Of Presentation

PRESENTED BY:
Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

The Ridgecrest City Council receives requests for presentation of ceremonial proclamations for various events and observations. The resolution lists proclamations that have been processed and will be presented at City Hall by members of Council.

1. Constitution Week 2012
2. National Public Lands Day – September 29, 2012

To Be Presented At City Hall On Thursday, September 20, 2012 At 12:00pm

FISCAL IMPACT: None
None

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:
Adopt resolution

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested:

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL
ANNOUNCING PROCLAMATIONS PREPARED FOR THE
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2012 AND SCHEDULED DATE
OF PRESENTATION**

The Ridgecrest City Council receives requests for presentation of ceremonial proclamations for various events and observations. The following proclamations have been processed and will be presented at location, date and time shown below:

Proclamation titles with Date, Time and Location of Presentations

1. *Constitution Week 2012 – September 17-23, 2012*
2. *National Public Lands Day – September 29, 2012*

*This proclamation will be presented on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 12:00
NOON at City Hall*

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of September, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Ronald H. Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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*A Proclamation of
The City Of Ridgecrest, California
Constitution Week 2012*

WHEREAS, September 17, 2012 marks the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as constitution week; and

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed:

The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2012 as Constitution Week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

Proclaimed September 19, 2012


Ronald H. Carter, Mayor



*Marshall "Chip" Holloway
Mayor Pro Tem*



*Jerry D. Taylor
Vice Mayor*



*Steven P. Morgan
Council Member*



*Jason Patin
Council Member*

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**A Proclamation of
The City Of Ridgecrest, California
National Public Lands Day**

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families lead a more active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands by urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and

WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the USDA Forest Service, has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in Ridgecrest, California.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed:

The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does hereby proclaim September 29, 2012 as National Public Lands Day and call upon the citizens of Ridgecrest, California to recognize and participate in this special observance

Proclaimed September 19, 2012


Ronald H. Carter, Mayor


Marshall "Chip" Holloway
Mayor Pro Tem


Steven P. Morgan
Council Member


Jerry D. Taylor
Vice Mayor


Jason Patin
Council Member

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING
AUTHORITY/FINANCING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

Minutes of the Special City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Meeting of August 15, 2012

PRESENTED BY:

Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Draft minutes of the Special City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Meeting of August 15, 2012

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

Reviewed by Finance Director:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve minutes

CITY MANAGER 'S RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve Draft Minutes

Submitted by: Rachel J. Ford
(Rev. 6-12-09)

Action Date: September 19, 2012

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RIDGECREST CITY. SUCCESSOR AGENCY,
FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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

**August 15, 2012
5:00 p.m.**

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk for a certain period of time from date of approval by City Council/Redevelopment Agency. Meetings are recorded solely for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Ronald H. Carter; Mayor Pro-Tem Marshall 'Chip' Holloway; Vice Mayor Jerry D. Taylor; Council Members Steven P. Morgan and Jason Patin

Staff Present: City Manager Kurt O. Wilson; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City Attorney Keith Lemieux; and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Add ROPS resolution to consent calendar

Motion To Add ROPS Resolution To The Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

Motion To Approve Agenda (As Amended) Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Taylor. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

No members of the public presented comment

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CLOSED SESSION

- GC54956.9(A) Conference With Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation. City Of Ridgecrest v. Benz Sanitation, Inc.
- GC54956.9(B) Conference With Legal Counsel, Liability Claim Of Maria Tripp, Claim No. 12-05
- GC54956.9(A) Conference With Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation – County Of Kern v. City Of Ridgecrest
- GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – negotiation for lease APN 419-073-16-00 located at 1521 N. China Lake Blvd - Agency Negotiator Kurt Wilson, City Manager.
- GC54957.6 Labor Negotiations – United Food and Commercial Workers Golden State 8 (UFCW); Police Employee Association of Ridgecrest (PEAR); Management; Mid-Management; Confidential; Part-Time Employees. Agency Negotiator City Manager Kurt Wilson
- GC54957 Personnel Matters – Public Employee – City Manager

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Benz – no report
 - Maria Tripp – notice of rejection
 - County of Kern – settlement action item No. 7
 - Real property negotiations – item no. 8 pulled
 - Union negotiations – no reportable action
 - Interim City Manager – action will be taken in Item No. 11
- Other
 - None

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Harris Brokke

- 50th anniversary celebration of Maturango museum invitation extended to council and public
- Request for proclamation

Randy Jenkins

- Interim City Manager suggestion of Jim McRea

Sophia Merck

- Thanked Council for support of CAPA process and motorcycle trails
- Presented letter regarding the CAPA process

Dave Matthews

- Referenced last Friday's article in daily independent regarding southern California Edison flex power.
- Discussion of cooling centers with website listing but nothing in Ridgecrest.
- Asked why Ridgecrest did not have cooling centers and encouraged Council to activate the cooling centers.

Manual Farmer

- Mentioned agreements for youth sports leagues and questioned what would happen with the budget allocations once the fields are turned over to the leagues for maintenance.

Henry Wilson

- Spoke on the cooling center past experience and PACT volunteer staffing.
- Other volunteers needed to assist with the centers.

PRESENTATION

1. **John Dukes And Representatives Of The Sister City Organization Will Present A Plaque To The Mayor From Tepatitlan** Ford

Tepatitlan Jalisco presented a plaque to Mayor Ronald H. Carter recognizing Ridgecrest participation in the Sister City Organization

- 1a. **Special Presentation Of Appreciation To City Manager Kurt Wilson By Council**

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve A Resolution Updating The City Of Ridgecrest Alcohol & Drug Policy To Remain Compliant With Federal Department Of Transportation Regulations Speer
3. Approve A Resolution Of Intention Amending The Contract Between The City Of Ridgecrest And The Board Of Supervisors For The California Public Employee Retirement System Wilson
4. Approve Authorization To Expend \$1,000.00 Of Unallocated General Funds To Support The Local Veteran's Stand-Down Event Wilson
5. Approve Draft Minutes Of Council Meeting Dated July 18, 2012 Ford

5a. Approval Of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.

Items Pulled:

- Item 2

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar (As Amended) Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

Item 2 Discussion:

Jerry Taylor

- Concern of issues with legal drugs that can impair performance.
 - Dennis Speer – anything other than what is in this policy should be addressed in the personnel rules. This policy is mandated by the department of transportation.
- Requested employees be properly educated about the ambient drugs.

Steve Morgan

- Mentioned exhibit showing form of over the counter medications and expect that to be part of the program of education for employees.
- Expect to continue things done in the past and looking forward to having education occur.

Ron Carter

- There is a provision for prescription drugs which requires disclosure if there is a warning on the medication.

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Dave Matthews

- What are the changes and why under the public works director.
- Pointed out this is being done to follow the line from the federal government. We should be telling federal government what they can do rather than the other way around.

Motion To Approve Item 2 Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

PUBLIC MEETING

**6. Public Meeting To Receive Comments Pertaining To The Proposed
Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District McRea**

Jim McRea

- Presented staff report and overview of the process taken to date.
- Explained what the Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District is and who is affected.

PUBLIC MEETING opened at 7:04pm

No comments or questions presented by Council or Public.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

**7. Approval Of A Settlement Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And
The County Of Kern Wilson**

Keith Lemieux

- Gave staff report outlining the redevelopment pass-through agreement and arguments of the accuracy of the calculations.
- City and county agreed on methodology and a settlement has been reached.
- Agreement requires two votes, one a city council and one as successor agency.
- Agreement has been approved by the oversight committee.
- Note clarified payment amount up to 2.5 million but county is agreeing to a lower amount of slightly over 2.2 million.
- Agreement calls for county to reimburse certain fire fees.

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Steve Morgan

- Complaint was filed with county court but never served on the city. were never at issue with the case. Filed to preserve the timing.
- During ongoing negotiations, this agreement of funds that have been held by the city actually comes in lower than the original disagreement amount?
- As the agreement went on, there is a higher amount but in concept that is correct.
- The money leaving is not general fund however the funds returning is general fund and has been scored in the last budget.
- Asked if the agreement was amicable?
 - Keith – very friendly negotiation. Complaint was a placeholder and County has been very cooperative.

Jerry Taylor

- Thanked Keith and City Manager for settlement which eliminates negative general fund balance.

Barbara Auld

- Asked what the nature of the agreement was and Kurt Wilson explained the redevelopment agency settlement reached in 1987 which allowed county to receive funds from redevelopment and became complicated due to multiple changes in redevelopment law.
- Keith Lemieux – City recognized the money was owed but the argument was in how to make the calculation.

Jerry Taylor

- City has been working on this for a long time.

Tom Wiknich

- Is there language stating there will be no further disputes.
- Keith Lemieux – do not anticipate future problems.

Steve Morgan

- This agreement was created before any current council was seated on the dias. Predates all current council members.

Motion To Approve A Settlement Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest Successor Agency And The County Of Kern Made By Council Member Morgan , Second By Council Member patin . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

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Motion To Approve A Settlement Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And The County Of Kern Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Patin . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

Kurt Wilson – special thanks to Supervisor John McQuiston for his efforts on this agreement.

8. Approve A Resolution Authorizing A Lease Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Waste Management Wilson

Pulled after closed session.

9. Approve A Resolution Authorizing Amendments To Agreements And Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Police Employee Association Of Ridgecrest (PEAR) And Unrepresented Employees Wilson

Kurt Wilson

- Only approving the PEAR agreement implementing 4.3% and 6.8% non-sworn COLA and retirement contributions for CalPERS retirement will be responsibility of the employees.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked if these changes were currently in the budget.

Tyrell Staheli

- Current budget estimated the CalPERS change
- The COLA was not estimated in the budget but amount is \$140k

Jerry Taylor

- Asked where the increase would be coming from and Tyrell stated this would be from the General Fund Reserve and recommends the adjustment comes from the Measure 'L' funding reserve.

Jason Patin

- Believe this would qualify

Motion To Approve A Resolution Authorizing Amendments To the Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Police Employee Association Of Ridgecrest (PEAR) Made By Council Member Taylor , Second By Council Member patin . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

**10. Approve And Authorize The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement
Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Certain Indian Wells Valley Youth
Sports Leagues** **Wilson**

Kurt Wilson

- Requested the item be pulled for further negotiations.
- Last minute change today which prevents the final approval.

Jason Patin

- Recommends pulling the item until concerns are addressed.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked staff to provide conditions currently being negotiated to better understand our current position.

11. Approve An Appointment For An Interim City Manager **Wilson**

Kurt Wilson

- Gave staff report
- Council can appoint either interim or permanent and recommendation is to appoint interim to allow option to gather a larger candidate pool.
- Recommend local appointment to reduce substantial housing costs.
- Number of individuals within the community and recommend consider appointing Dennis Speer for initial 6 month interim with options to cancel at any time at a salary of \$185k and draft agreement is available should council move in that direction. Recommend changing date to August 17.

Jason Patin

- Cost is an issue, a recruitment for interim is upward to \$25k
- Hiring internally is experience of working with Mr. Wilson and is prepared to keep the flow going.
- Agrees with recommendation

Chip Holloway

- Fully confident in moving forward with Mr. Speer in light of the cost savings and the election which could change the current makeup of the council.
- Ready to make motion now.

Jerry Taylor

- No problem moving forward and fulltime process will be brought in future.

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Jason Patin

- Will begin the process of a full-time recruitment and asked Mr. Speer to consider applying.

Ron Carter

- Fully support recommendation and have faith in you and appreciate the willingness to do this.

Barbara Auld

- Will Mr. Speer remain as public works?

Ron Carter

- Recommendation will be made to council by Mr. Speer.

Motion To Approve An Appointment For An Interim City Manager to Dennis Speer Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

ORDINANCES

12. First Reading And Introduction By Title Only An Urgency Ordinance To Amend The Retirement Contract With The California Public Employees Retirements System For Safety Members Lemieux

Kurt Wilson

- Reviewed previous actions and CalPERS request to redo the action taken at last council meeting.

Keith Lemieux

- Urgency ordinance to adhere to timeline of the actuaries provided by CalPERS.

Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Amend The Retirement Contract With The California Public Employees Retirements System For Safety Members Made By Council Member Taylor , Second By Council Member Morgan . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent

Requires A Second

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, And Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Amend The Retirement Contract With The California Public Employees Retirements System For Safety Members Made By Council Member Morgan , Second By Council Member Taylor . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent

Requires A Second

**13. First Reading And Introduction By Title Only An Ordinance of the
Ridgecrest City Council Amending the Ridgecrest Municipal Code as it
relates to Trench Cut Fees** **Lemieux**

Dennis Speer

- Gave staff report of purpose providing cost recovery for excavations of city streets.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked what the proposed fee would be.
 - Dennis Speer – will return to council, outlined various ways of calculating the fees.
- Without knowing the impact of the cost shift to the utilities, not against but would like to see the fee structure prior to putting this in place.
- Requested examples of what has been paid in the past and what would be paid in the future.

Steve Morgan

- Have talked about this for a long time.
- Concerning Mr. Taylor's questions, if this item would be taken to City Organization Committee to vet the various structures.
- This gives a timeline where we must act and is a good thing.
- Forces us to meet and make a decision within a set time frame.
- Believe this is appropriate action and did not ask for boilerplate language.
- Take the 3 formulas to city organization to be discussed and brought back to council.

Jason Patin

- Agree this is great and appreciate the timeline set out to enforce.
- Bring it back to city organization.

Chip Holloway

- Agree with moving forward, gentleman's agreement in past which has been ignored.
- Should move forward tonight.

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Dave Matthews

- Asked if this is a new ordinance as opposed to changing an ordinance.
 - Dennis Speer – would be placed within our existing street ordinance.
- Asked who would be affected.
 - Jerry Taylor – anyone cutting the roads such as Verizon, water district, Edison, digital 395, and version.
- Will there be exceptions for individuals who may have a problem with septic in the street.
 - Would be part of the details of the fees which will be part of a future resolution. Will be exemptions.

Stan Rajtora

- Where would the fee go?
 - Dennis Speer – this ordinance will establish a trust account to be used specifically for repair of the streets.

Jerry Taylor

- Utility master plan submissions includes telecommunication companies.
 - Dennis Speer – currently negotiating right of way so contracting outside the agreement
- Would affect future telecommunications who do not currently have an agreement.
- Referenced a master plan and be proactive in sharing our plans when putting the burden on the utilities.

Steve Morgan

- City sponsors meetings with the utilities and because are not getting information from them we are forcing their hand.

Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending the Ridgecrest Municipal Code as it relates to Trench Cut Fees Made By Council Member Patin , Second By Council Member Holloway . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent

Requires A Second

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor, Craig Porter, James Sanders
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M., Council Conference
Room
Next Meeting: September 12, 2012

- Jerry Taylor – discussed sewer line video inspections. Appreciate staff bringing forward the video from the digital mapping system. Can be used for projections of future maintenance and repair needs.
- Steve Morgan – in some sections of town, sections were not as bad as previously though however did see root intrusion at connection between the lateral and the main line. Received document from public works director updating the PMS plan improvement in 3-5 years which ties into conversation with utility companies.

Quality Of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin, Craig Porter, Carter Pope
Meeting: 1st Saturday Of Every Even Month At 10:00 A.M.; Kerr-McGee
Center
Next Meeting: October 6, 2012

- Jason Patin - Did not meet, next meeting October 4 at 5pm

City Organization

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Lois Beres, Christopher LeCornu
Meeting: 1st Tuesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference
Room
Next Meeting: September 4, 2012 (Subject to change)

- Jerry Taylor – meeting rescheduled due to Measure ‘L’, requested examples of variations for trench cut fees calculations.
- Ron Carter – requested Steve Morgan to attend in his place
- Steve Morgan – confirmed he would be attending.

Community Development Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jason Patin, Christopher LeCornu, James Sanders
Meetings: 1st Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference
Room
Next Meeting: September 6, 2012

- Jason Patin – received final report from COSMOT and update from current economic development happenings from Gary Parsons. Committee is committed in moving forward with economic development without adequate funding.

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**Activate Community Talents And Interventions For Optimal Neighborhoods Task
Force (ACTION)**

Members: Ron Carter, Chip Holloway, Ron Strand

Meetings: 2nd Monday Of Odd Numbered Months At 4:00 P.M., Kerr-McGee
Center

Next Meeting: September 10, 2012

- Ron Carter – announced next meeting.

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin

Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.

Next Meeting: September 5, 2012 at location to be announced

- Chip Holloway – reviewed directors report from last meeting and announced next meeting date and location to be held at Marriott/springhill suites

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Steve Morgan

- Requested overview of what happened at the Measure 'L' committee meeting.
 - Kurt Wilson – have established chair, vice chair, and secretary. Will be meeting bi-weekly on Mondays, getting acclimated on processes and how things function.
- Requested this be kept as a Council Committee report so we can assist as needed and be informed of their actions.
 - Jason Patin – attended the meeting and spoke on a presentation received by Sam Ramirez of Delano.

Kurt Wilson

- Oversight board met briefly yesterday and approved an auditor and took the same actions as council did this evening with regard to the ROPS.
- Reviewed the audit requirements which must be completed by end of September.
- On schedule with getting the final certification so council can access the tax allocation bond information.

Chip Holloway

- League of California cities executive board is passing a resolution that enforces that league members will continue to abide by the brown act regardless of actions taken at the state level which turned off the funding for creating and posting agendas.

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Jerry Taylor

- Attorney general has stated candidates can attend and speak at meetings without violating the brown act.

Steve Morgan

- Fine with measure 'I' reports happening during the other committee report section.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Moved to end of the meeting

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jerry Taylor

- Appreciate cooling centers being brought to council.
- will be reaching out to other utilities and agencies for their Inyokern cooling center.
 - Lori Acton – solved bus transportation issue for weekends to cooling centers. No dial a ride fee if going to a cooling center.
 - Henry Wilson – past few years PACT reports have shown the low attendance at the centers which affected the closures.
- Trying to get grants which help fund these facilities. Relative to retention of police officers and measure 'I' funding, funding will not be there in a few years so will need to deal with it and be prepared for it.
- GSA was going to lower per diem rates which would reduce what local hotels could charge for DOD employees. Thankfully, GSA has decided not to lower these rates.
- Would like the Wal-Mart discussion be brought to the full council.

Jason Patin

- Think staff has done a great job working thru the issues with Wal-Mart and don't feel it would be beneficial to bring to council. more time delay.
- Thanked Officer Mike Myers for his work on the off-road trails. Project is long-overdue and appreciate staff efforts.
- School back in session and hope everyone has a great school year.
- Thanked RACVB for their efforts going forward on plan for tourism district and taking burden off city's general fund.
- Congratulations and condolences to Dennis Speer. Sorry in advance.
- Youth sports complex snack bar was vandalized and robbed. Groups work hard and costs a lot of money to supply the snacks.
- Measure 'I' committee, hope they communicate with council and they are working very hard to get organized.

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- Campaigns are beginning, advise all candidates. Easy to get unfocused on how to run campaign. Please stay focused on the issues and what is important and be easy on each other. Take it easy on each other and be tough on issues.
- Kurt, been great working with you and truly believe you took on some tough assignments and handled them with professionalism and integrity. Took everything in stride. Appreciate what you have done while here and believe you are leaving this city in a position to move forward in a positive direction. Think Stockton is blessed to get you.
- Paul Weimholdt lost. Donated a lot of personal resources to the community and will be missed for his good works for the youth of the community.

Chip Holloway

- Thanked Officer Myers and also did not get arrested, back seat was the only one left.
- Kern cog is doing Kern COG presents and Ridgecrest is scheduled to be aired.
- Thanked Sam Ramirez, mayor pro-tem of Delano for calling into our Measure 'L' committee to discuss their committee and sales tax measure.
- Congratulations to Dennis and also apologize up front.
- Candidates, it's encouraging to see you at the meeting. Echoed Jason's statements. A negative campaign is a disservice to the community and distracts from the real issues. Unfair to entire council and staff deserves credit for trying to shepherd us thru some of the most difficult economic times we have ever experienced. People deserve credit who sacrificed to make sure the right thing is done.
- To Mr. Wilson, I am a better man for having know him. Thank you for showing me that some things are bigger than the little things.
- There are people hurting in the community and asked public to pray for those who are hurting.

Steve Morgan

- Thanked everyone who remained to end of meeting.
- Disappointed in fellow council this evening, those who know me know my wife lays out my attire but she cannot be blamed for tonight's attire. If I am going to be portrayed as the devil then will dress like the devil for the remainder of my time.
- Have been torn apart by those who want to see a different style of council members.
- Have always been a bull in a china shop and I laugh at the comments and editorials.
- Mr. Neel gave a load of horse dung about his perceptions. I begged this man to apply for that committee and he was a coward and did not do it. He does not want to be a part of the process, but a part of the problem. Mr. Neel is not by any stretch of the imagination the person to talk to, might be the person to be ignored.

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- As we go thru the election cycle, thoughts to ponder, those looking for your trust and saying they want to work for you, look at what committees and experiences they have and what problems they may cause for our staff. What bureaus and committees outside the community will they participate with. Do they understand the rules of the State of California and do they have concept of how those rules have changed. Rather than blame the council, do they understand the process and how funds have been stolen. How many have sat with staff and learned what is really going on. Are they engaged. Do they support various bills. I give my heart and soul to fellow and previous council members because they are truly committed to you even though you beat them to death because you don't get the answer you want. You have the opportunity to set a new direction for this city and hope you as a voter do your homework and choose wisely.
- Did not know Paul but is a tragedy to lose someone so young.
- Two other individuals, Gale Marie Petty and another. Pray for their families and those in the community with family members who are ill. This community comes together to help those who are hurting.
- To our staff, all the hardships and difficulties we have gone thru and are going thru, all are doing magnificent work and are doing a great job at keeping yourselves above the fray. Your work has always been appreciated by me. I meet with you and discuss things so I can understand everything. A lot fewer staff than a few years ago and would like to try a test in the community to see if community members will actually go up and say thank you to our staff and ask staff to let me know if the community responds. Will ask this each council meeting until I'm gone because I want community to understand these people have feelings too.
- Mr. Wilson, you have stayed above the fray impeccably even though you have not been able to keep me from getting into the fray. Not your fault. You have greatly raised my respect for you. You have taken an uncalled for beating in this town, some of it from this dais. You have stayed the course and continued to do your work and tried to tie up as much as you could in your remaining time. Saddened you felt you could not remain in this community and does not speak well for this council and is a travesty.

Ron Carter

- Thanked everyone who attended this meeting.
- Election cycle here again, for me, I live here because it is positive and supports each other. Great police department and safe community. So much to be blessed for and candidates are here to do the best we can to represent everybody. Honored to be parts of the great colleagues have worked with thru the years. Encourage candidates to keep this in mind as we begin our campaigns. Be above board and represent our community in a positive way. Answer the community's questions and concerns. Do not be negative with each other.

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- Sad day for me, been worked closely with Kurt. Received emails and text messages late at night and he works non-stop for this community. Losing a great man. Will miss your family. Know you will be successful in anything you do. Sorry all of us did not work with you cooperatively. Stockton will be blessed to have you. As time goes on everyone will realize what a great man you are.

Kurt Wilson

- People in the community do not realize how difficult the council jobs and staff jobs really are. Have been a council member before and people do not realize the amount of hours put in to make each meeting successful.
- Council has made some very painful decisions and have taken some hits for it but in the long term feel the decisions made will be felt in a positive way.
- Staff has the most difficult jobs at times. Have a lot of staff who have been here for a long time and have developed expertise in their field. Very dedicated in what they do and take a lot of pride in their work. Staffing cuts have affected their ability to continue to provide the high level of service. Very frustrating for them when you take pride in what you do and then get blamed for not being able to continue to provide that level of service. Staff is very good at what they do, when given the right tools can do magnificent things. Cooling centers mentioned tonight and that level of compassion is wonderful but important to know that at the same time we have employees going into the heat in far worse conditions and doing their job. Every department has staff giving a lot to this community. Feel leaving the city on good solid footing.
- Having worked with Mr. Speer, have every confidence in his abilities. The education and experience level Mr. Speer has is high and the level of integrity is unmatched.
- Specifically mentioned staff in attendance at the meeting. Feel going to be in solid spot staff wise as city moves forward. Staff level is comprised of people who live and breathe for this community.
- Been an honor to have been here and feel the best days for Ridgecrest are still ahead.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:52 pm

Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk

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