



LAST ORDINANCE NO. 08-06
LAST RESOLUTION NO. 08-58
LAST RESOLUTION RRA NO. 08-02

CITY OF RIDGECREST

**CITY COUNCIL
RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

AGENDA

Regular Council/Agency Meeting
Wednesday August 6, 2008

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL

100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

+Regular Session – 6:30 p.m.

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1. City of Ridgecrest City Hall, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
2. Kern County Library – Ridgecrest Branch, 131 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
3. City of Ridgecrest official website at <http://ci.ridgecrest.ca.us>

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION –

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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1. Youth Advisory Council

PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and do not already appear on this agenda, may do so at this time. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the City Council may not take action on an item that does not appear on the Agenda. Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes. The PUBLIC COMMENT section of the Agenda is limited to a total of sixty (60) minutes. Speakers are asked to provide their name and address for the record.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by City staff and will be approved in one motion if no member of the Council or the public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and be considered separately, with public comment, before action is taken.

2. Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Designating Voting Delegate And Alternates For The League Of California Cities Annual Conference Avery

The League of California Cities will be hosting its annual conference in Long Beach on September 24-27, 2008. The league's by-laws require appointment of voting delegates from members of the City Council. In order for our Council to participate in actions at the annual business meetings, a resolution must be adopted appointing these delegates.

3. Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Settlement And Mutual Release Re: Luis Gaurano Avery

The City attorney has advised that a tentative disposition agreement with regards to Luis Gaurano (plaintiff) and defendant City of Ridgecrest has been reached. As authorized by action of the Council, the City attorney has drafted the settlement agreement and mutual release between the parties. The agreement outlines that the City will not pursue attorney fees from the plaintiff in return for plaintiff dismissing all action with regards to this case with prejudice.

4. Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Opposing Fiscally Irresponsible State Budget Decisions That Would "Borrow" Local Government, Redevelopment And Transportation Funds Avery

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On July 23, 2008, Chris McKenzie, Executive Director of the League of California Cities provided an e-mail communication containing a number of documents to assist local governments in pre-empting the anticipated “borrowing” on local redevelopment and transportation funds. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has made it clear that raids on these funds should be avoided. California’s voters spoke loudly when they passed Proposition 1A imposing restrictions on the state’s ability to take local money to balance the state’s budget. Ridgecrest and California’s other 479 cities cannot continue to be the state’s credit card to borrow on when times are tough.

5. Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving The Final Balancing Change Order In The Amount Of \$78,206.00 To International Pavement Solutions For The Downs Street Median Landscape Project (Stplhsr-5385(025)), Authorize Filing Of A Notice Of Completion And Authorize Release Of Retained Funds In The Amount Of \$47,139.42 Thirty Five (35) Days After Recordation Of The Notice Of Completion Pollock

The project consisted of installation of irrigation systems, stamped concrete and landscaping in the existing islands on Downs Street from China Lake Boulevard to Inyokern Road. Work has been completed and, with the exception of a retention in the amount of \$47,139.42 (10%), the contractor, International Paving Solutions, has been paid in full. During the course of construction some additions and deletions were necessary. These are as follows:

Changes in Contract Bid Items	-\$40,841.00
Replacement of Trees in areas With High Boron Content in the Soil	\$ 22,590.00
Addition of Stamped Concrete to Base Bid	\$ 89,072.00
Leach Medians and Drill Through Caliche Layer	<u>\$ 7,385.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 78,206.00
Original Contract Cost	<u>\$393,189.42</u>
Total Contract Cost	\$471,395.42

It is further requested that authorization be given to file a notice of completion and to release the retention in the amount of \$47,139.42 thirty five (35) days after recordation of the notice of completion. This project is funded by Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA) and the City will be reimbursed 88.53% of the construction and administrative costs for the project. The federal funds programmed for this project are not to exceed \$507,615.

6. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Setting A Public Hearing For August 20, 2008 At 6:30 P.M. In The City Council Chambers For The Purpose Of Hearing Public Input On Proposed Changes To The Flood

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**Damage Prevention Ordinance – Chapter XXI Of The City Of Ridgecrest
Municipal Code** **Pollock**

Periodically the State of California (Department of Water Resources) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) review local ordinances that regulate development in flood prone areas. FEMA has mandated some changes in the existing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Chapter XXI of the Municipal Code). The purpose of the public hearing on 20 August 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers is to hear public input on said changes.

7. **Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council
Approving A Grant Application With The State Of California Office Of
Traffic Safety For A Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant**
Strand

The State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, is offering the Ridgecrest Police Department a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant in the amount of \$111,510 to provide overtime and equipment to be used for traffic enforcement strategies aimed at reducing the number of persons killed or injured in traffic collisions within the City of Ridgecrest. The grant period begins October 1, 2008 and ends September 30, 2009. This is a reimbursement grant and no matching funds are required.

8. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of
July 2, 2008** **Gable**

9. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of
July 16, 2008** **Gable**

10. **Minutes Of The Special City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of
July 30, 2008** **Gable**

11. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated July 18, 2008 In The
Amount Of \$235,044.80** **Sloan**

12. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated July 18, 2008 In The
Amount Of \$67,892.74** **Sloan**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. **Public Hearing To Consider Comments And Recommendations For Energy
Conservation Projects On City Owned Properties** **Bradley**

The City of Ridgecrest has engaged in Detailed Energy Audits of the Civic Center Complex and all other functions served by the City. The City may now consider

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further power conservation measures by entering into additional energy service contracts to maximize energy efficiencies within City operations and recover funding currently expensed on energy through project investment returns.

Under government code section 4217.10 – 4217.18 a municipality may enter into an energy service contract on terms that its governing body determines are in the best interests of the public agency.

The City Council will now conduct a Public Hearing to consider comments and recommendations for energy conservation projects on City owned properties.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

14. **Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between County Of Kern And The City Of Ridgecrest With Regards To An Annexation/Tax Sharing Agreement** Avery

On January 11, 2008, members of the Ridgecrest City Council met with Kern County to discuss beginning negotiations with regard to revenue sharing of mutual interests between the City and the County. One such item discussed was the current annexation/tax sharing agreement between the agencies. During the course of these discussions it was determined that the last annexation agreement with the County expired in 2005. That agreement allocated a 25/75 percent tax split with 25 percent going to the City when new land was annexed. The County Administration Officer has agreed in concept to a new agreement that allows a 37.5/62.5 percent tax split; with the City receiving 37.5 percent. The proposed agreement would become effective upon adoption by the Kern County Board of Supervisors and continue for a period of 20 years.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

15. **Staff Report Feasibility of Traffic Signal Synchronization** Speer

This report addresses the feasibility of Traffic Signal Synchronization along major arterial streets in the City of Ridgecrest.

16. **Continuing Discussion Regarding the TRANE Energy Study** Avery

Review and provide comments on site plan revisions of secured parking for personnel and City owned vehicles.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

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COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Community Development Committee

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Chip Holloway, Jerry Taylor, Nellavan Jeglum

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.; Council Conference Room

Next meeting August 7

City Organization and Services Committee

Members: Chair Tom Wiknich, Chip Holloway, Eric Kauffman, Lois Beres

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

Next meeting August 14

Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Dan Clark, Jerry Taylor, Howard Laire

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

Next meeting August 28

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Chair Tom Wiknich, Steve Morgan, Lois Beres, Nellavan Jeglum

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

Next meeting August 12

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

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting September 8

RACVB

Council Member Holloway

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

Next meeting and location to be announced

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor and Council Members may make a brief statement. In addition, Council Members may ask a question of staff or the public for clarification on any

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matter, make a request of staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the council at a later meeting concerning any matter. In addition the Council, or any member, may direct the City Manager to place an item of business on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT