



LAST ORDINANCE NO. 08-05  
LAST RESOLUTION NO. 08-44  
LAST RESOLUTION RRA NO. 08-01

**CITY OF RIDGECREST**

**CITY COUNCIL  
RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**AGENDA**

Regular Council/Agency Meeting  
Wednesday July 2, 2008

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

**Closed Session – 6:00 p.m.**

**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**

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

GC54956.9 Conference With Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Matrix Motor Co. v. City of Ridgecrest

GC54956.9 Conference With Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation – Luis Gaurano v. Michael Stickney, et al

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GC54956.8 Redevelopment Agency Real Property negotiations - Globe Protect, USA - Real Property Acquisition of Assets Located at 1126 W. Ward Avenue - Agency negotiators Michael Avery, and James McRea

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION –**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Youth Advisory Council**

**2. Oath of Office –City Manager/Executive Director RRA**

City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to Michael D. Avery who is assuming the office of City Manager/Executive Director Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency.

**3. Proclamation – “Who Named America” Youth Education Month**

Council will present a proclamation to Marsha Lloyd, Chief Librarian, Ridgecrest Branch of the Kern County Library, in recognition of “Who Named America?” Youth Education Month.

**4. Proclamation – Honoring Planning Commissioner Michael Biddlingmeier**

Council will present a proclamation to Planning Commissioner Michael Biddlingmeier in recognition of his service to the City of Ridgecrest.

**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.

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**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.

5. **Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Ratifying Partial Payment 3 to International Pavement Solutions for Work Completed To Date On The Downs Street Median Landscape Project (STPLHSR-5385(025))** Pollock

This project consists of installation of irrigation systems, stamped concrete and landscaping in the existing traffic islands on Downs Street from China Lake Boulevard to Inyokern Road. A portion of the trenching has been completed, all of the stamped concrete has been completed and approximately ½ of the landscaping has been installed. International Pavement Solutions has submitted partial payment request number 3 in the amount of \$123,656.82 based on the following:

Base contract work completed to date	\$311,270.05
Change order 1	\$ 89,072.00
Subtotal	\$400,342.05
Retention to date (10%)	-\$ 40,034.21
Amount previously paid	<u>-\$236,651.03</u>
Total Partial Payment 3	\$123,656.82

This project is funded by Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA) funds and the City will be reimbursed 88.53% of the construction and administrative costs for the project. The funds programmed for construction are \$507,615 (Federal) and \$65,768 (Local).

6. **Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Prohibiting Vehicles With A Gross Vehicle Weight Rating Exceeding 26,000 Pounds From Parking In Residential Districts Along State Route 178 Within The City Limits** Speer

A resolution prohibiting vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds from parking in residential districts along State Route 178.

7. **Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Supporting The "Parade Of 1000 Flags"** Strand

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The Exchange Club is currently in the process of filing an application for an encroachment permit to temporarily close and/or restrict traffic on State Route 178 for a parade to commence the 4<sup>th</sup> annual 9-11 Remembrance Field event at Freedom Park. As part of the application process, State of California, Department of Transportation is requesting a resolution from the City of Ridgecrest supporting the "Parade of 1000 Flags." Support from the City would allow for the Exchange Club's application fees to be waived.

8. **Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Continuation Of Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations And Year-End Transfers And Adjustments** Staheli
9. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of June 4, 2008** Gable
10. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 6, 2008 In The Amount Of \$285,384.14** Sloan
11. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 10, 2008 In The Amount Of \$254.01** Sloan
12. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 6, 2008 In The Amount Of \$243,562.17** Sloan
13. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 20, 2008 In The Amount of \$2,306.67** Sloan
14. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 20, 2008 In The Amount Of \$277,655.95** Sloan
15. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 20, 2008 In The Amount Of \$26,549.84** Sloan
16. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 24, 2008 In The Amount Of \$154,241.18** Sloan

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

17. **Ordinance No. 08- , Introduction and First Reading; An Ordinance of the Ridgecrest City Council Amending the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to Prohibit Excavations in Newly Constructed or Renovated Streets for Five Years after Completion of Street Construction or Renovation** Speer

This Ordinance amends the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to prohibit excavations in newly constructed or renovated streets for five years after completion of street construction or renovation. The City Infrastructure Committee has discussed

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Street Excavation restrictions for several months. These discussions reviewed our current ordinance, the history of street excavations in the City, and the best way to regulate street excavations in the future. After reviewing applicable codes, the Committee recommended introduction of an ordinance to restrict street excavations. The attached ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

**Recommended Motion – Motion to waive reading in full and introduce by title only, An Ordinance of the Ridgecrest City Council Amending the Ridgecrest Municipal Code to Prohibit Excavations in Newly Constructed or Renovated Streets for Five Years after Completion of Street Construction or Renovation**

**Motion Requires a Second**

**OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

18. **Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving An 8.4% Collection Rate Increase for Trash Collection In The City Of Ridgecrest** Avery

Paul Benz of Benz Sanitation, the City's franchised trash hauler, has requested a raise in the trash collection fees for Ridgecrest city customers. His request is based upon the 100% increase from two years ago in diesel fuel and increases from other petroleum based products such as; tires, plastics, lubricants, and rubber hoses. This 8.5% increase would raise residential trash collection fees by \$1.00 monthly and commercial customer's fees by \$3.97 monthly.

19. **Resolution No. 08- ; A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Increasing Fares For Demand Responsive (Dial-A-Ride) Transit Services** Speer

This resolution authorizes the Ridgecrest Transit System to increase its existing General Public Demand Responsive fare from \$2.00 to \$2.50; establish a Senior/Disabled/Youth Discount Demand Responsive fare of \$1.25; increase the General Public monthly pass price from \$35.00 to \$45.00; and increase the Senior/Disabled/ Youth monthly pass from \$25.00 to \$35.00.

20. **Resolution No. 08- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Ratifying And Authorizing City Management To Sign A letter Of Intent And Enter Into Agreement With South California Trane** Bradley

The City of Ridgecrest has contracted South California Trane to perform a Detailed Energy Audit of the Civic Center Complex and all other functions served by the City. Trane has completed this engineering study and the results have

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been presented to the Ridgecrest City Council as proposals to commence Energy Conservation and Facilities Improvement Measures. A letter of Intent is required for South California Trane to proceed with further engineering, plan development, and contract finalization.

21. **Resolution No. 08- , The Ridgecrest City Council To Consider Calling For A Municipal Election For a Non-Binding Advisory Vote Regarding The Election Of A Mayor Or Calling For A Vote To Elect The Mayor By Statute And Ordering Consolidation Of The Election** Wiknich/Avery

The City Organization and Services Committee met on June 12, 2008, and discussed the possibility of having the city electorate elect the Mayor instead of the City Council Members, as is being done currently. The committee discussed having an advisory vote this November to determine the people's wishes. The Council should consider whether it wishes to have the advisory vote, or have the directing vote as outlined in the Government Code published on the November ballot.

22. **Globe Protect USA, Inc. - Real Property Acquisition of Assets Located at 1126 W. Ward Avenue.** McRea

The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency met in Closed Session at the regular meeting of April 16, May 07, 2008 and July 02, 2008. The City Attorney Report indicated that counsel has reviewed the item and may provide appropriate direction for the City Council and Agency.

23. **Ridgecrest City Council Will Receive The Resignation of A Planning Commissioner and Appoint A New Planning Commissioner** Holloway

Council will accept the resignation of a Planning Commissioner and appoint a new Planning Commissioner.

### CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

### CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

### 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 July 3

#### **City Organization and Services Committee**

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Members: Chair Tom Wiknich, Chip Holloway, Mike Biddlingmeier, Lois Beres

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

Next meeting July 10

### **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 to be announced - DARK FOR SUMMER

### **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 July 8

### **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 to be announced - DARK FOR SUMMER

### **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 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**