



Supplemental Agenda Related Writings/ Documents Provided To A Majority Of The Ridgecrest City Council / Redevelopment Agency Board Members After Distribution Of The March 2, 2011 Agenda Packet

Amend Agenda        The agenda is amended to include a listing of Council Committees, Members, and Meeting Date, Time, and Location.

Amend Item 2        **Implementation Plan For The General and The Strategic Plan Presentation By Craig Porter, Chairman Of The Ridgecrest Planning Commission**

Amended to Include Attachment A to the Staff Report.

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**CITY OF RIDGECREST**

**CITY COUNCIL  
RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**AGENDA**

Regular Council/Agency Meeting  
Wednesday March 2, 2011

**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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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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## CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

- GC54956.9 (A) Conference with Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation – City of Ridgecrest v. Benz Sanitation Inc.
- GC54956.9 (A) Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation – Eierman v. Stephen Morgan et al.
- GC54956.9 (B) Conference with Legal Counsel, Potential Litigation – Public Disclosure of Litigant may prejudice the City of Ridgecrest

## PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

### REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

### CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

- Closed Session
- Other

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## PRESENTATIONS

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Unmet Needs Public Hearing Speer

## DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

2. Implementation Plan For The General and The Strategic Plan Presentation By Craig Porter, Chairman Of The Ridgecrest Planning Commission J. Taylor
3. Discussion Of Proposed Agenda Topics For A Council Workshop Scheduled To Be Conducted On March 8, 2011 J. Taylor
4. Strategic Plan Workshop For Tax Allocation Bond Projects And Associated Projects McRea

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Approve A Resolution For Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Annexation McRea
6. Recommendation For The Appointment Of New Members To The Old Town Action Plan Committee (OTAP) McRea
7. Approve A Resolution Authorizing A Letter Of Support From The Ridgecrest City Council In Favor Of SB325 Be Forwarded To 16<sup>th</sup> District Senator The Honorable Michael Rubio Wilson
8. Approve A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing The Disability Retirement Of Sworn Safety Member Douglas Plumhoff Strand
9. Approve A Resolution Listing Proclamations For The Month of March and Announcing The Date And Time for Presentation - Senior and Junior Blue Jacket of the Year Awards Ford
10. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of February 16, 2011 Ford
11. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated February 11, 2011 In The Amount Of \$1,378,531.55 Staheli
12. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated February 11, 2011 In The Amount Of \$2,500.00 Staheli

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor, Craig Porter, James Sanders  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council Conference Room  
Next Meeting: March 9, 2011

**Quality of Life**

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin, Craig Porter, Carter Pope  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every even month at 12:00 p.m.; Kerr-McGee Center  
Next Meeting: April 7, 2011

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**City Organization**

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Lois Beres, Christopher LeCornu  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room  
Next meeting: March 15, 2011

**Community Development Committee**

Members: Steve Morgan, Jason Patin, Christopher LeCornu, James Sanders  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room  
Next Meeting: March 3, 2011

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

Members: Ron Carter, Chip Holloway, Ron Strand  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of odd numbered months at 6:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center  
Next Meeting: March 14, 2011

**Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)**

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m.  
Next meeting: April 6, 2011 and location to be announced

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

**CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



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

**SUBJECT:**

Prioritization of General Plan implementation measures presented by Craig Porter, Chairman of the Ridgecrest Planning Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**PRESENTED BY:**

James McRea

**SUMMARY:**

The City is mandated to implement its recently adopted General Plan. There are a total of 102 implementation measures identified within the General Plan. Ninety-four implementation measures were scheduled for completion between 2008 and 2010 or as “ongoing” projects; two implementation measures have been completed. Two implementation measures are in progress as part of the Old Town Action Plan program. Only 8 implementation measures are scheduled for completion after 2010.

Considering the Planning Division’s current staffing, it would appear safe to assume that the City will be unable to undertake all implementation measures concurrently. Therefore, the Planning Commission has made an effort to prioritize the outstanding Implementation Measures to produce a manageable work program for the ensuing calendar year allowing the City to address the most pressing issues.

Each Planning Commissioner ranked all ninety-two implementation measures by assigning a “2” (high priority), “1” (medium priority) or “0” (low priority). On February 8, 2011 the Planning Commission discussed those implementation measures receiving the highest composite ranking. The Table attached to this staff report identifies the 32 implementation measures receiving 8, 9 or 10 points, (out of a possible 10 points) from the Planning Commission.

In addition to the 32 priority implementation measures identified by the Planning Commission, there are another two implementation measures that should be considered by the City Council:

- Zoning and General Plan Consistency – The city shall amend the zoning code, subdivision ordinance, and other land use regulations to make them consistent with the adopted general plan, (Land Use Element Policy #LU-9.1), and,
- The Housing Element is required to be updated on a five year cycle, last update 2002.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

May require hiring a consultant  
Reviewed by Finance Director

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Recommend receive and file.

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Action as requested:

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# ATTACHMENT A

## Ridgecrest General Plan Implementation Measures ranked Highest by Planning Commissioners, (survey : 2/3/11)

Each of five Commissioners ranked **94 General Plan Implementation Measures** scheduled for completion between 2008 – 2010 or “ongoing” as follows:

HIGH PRIORITY = 2    MEDIUM PRIORITY = 1    LOW PRIORITY = 0

Those Implementation Measures receiving the Highest Composite Priority Ranking by the Planning Commission received 8, 9, or 10 points and are listed within this table.

### LAND USE ELEMENT

Rank 0 - 10	Implementation Measure	Responsibility
<b>9</b>	<p>6.0 The City will work with Olde Towne land and business owners to apply for grant funding to support a façade improvement program.</p> <p><b>Will be implemented per the OLD TOWN ACTION PLAN</b></p>	Planning Staff Econ. Dev. Staff OTAPCommittee Planning Commission
<b>8</b>	<p>8.0 The City shall develop zoning incentives that encourage mixed use redevelopment in the Olde Towne area through the reuse of existing buildings.</p> <p><b>Will be implemented per the OLD TOWN ACTION PLAN program.</b></p>	Planning Staff Econ. Dev. Staff OTAPCommittee Planning Commission
<b>9</b>	<p>10.0 City of Ridgecrest, in coordination with Kern County and China Lake, to evaluate its sphere of influence to accurately reflect development potential with appropriate changes in Ridgecrest's General Plan and zoning designations.</p>	Planning Staff NAWS Staff County Staff LAFCo Staff
<b>8</b>	<p>11.0 The City will work with Kern County to develop an appropriate tax sharing agreement for urban residential land and development to be moved into the city limits without undo penalty on the City for the provision of services to these areas.</p>	Econ. Dev. Staff City Manager County Staff
<b>8</b>	<p>13.0 The Planning Commission shall review the General Plan annually, focusing principally on actions undertaken in the previous year to carry out the implementation programs of the Plan. The Planning Commission’s report to the City Council shall include, as the Commission deems appropriate, recommendations for amendments to the General Plan. This review shall also be used to satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code §21081.6 for a mitigation monitoring program.</p>	Planning Staff Planning Commission
<b>9</b>	<p>15.0 Prior to extending City services or infrastructure to unincorporated areas, the following findings must be</p>	Planning Staff Planning Commission City Council

	<p>made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The property owner must agree to support annexation to the City if requested by the City</li> <li>□ The land use must be compatible with the land use compatibility guidance provided in the Kern County ALUCP and the current China Lake AICUZ.</li> </ul>	
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**MILITARY SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT**

Rank 0 - 10	Implementation Measure	Responsibility
8	<p>1.0 Prior to approval of a proposal involving any type of land use development, specific findings shall be made that such development is compatible with the training and operational missions of the military aviation installations. Incompatible land uses that result in significant impacts to the military mission of Department of Defense installations or to the Joint Service Restricted R-2508 Complex that can not be mitigated, shall not be considered consistent with this plan.</p>	<p>Planning Staff NAWS Staff Planning Commission</p>
9	<p>11.0 In an effort to protect the operations of NAWS China Lake, the City shall require that all new development west of Mahan Street grant an avigation easement on behalf of NAWS China Lake and shall implement procedures concerning notice and disclosure of aircraft operations impacts (including over flights and noise).</p>	<p>Planning Staff NAWS Staff Planning Commission</p>

**COMMUNITY DESIGN ELEMENT**

Rank 0 - 10	Implementation Measure	Responsibility
8	<p>1.0 The City shall develop zoning incentives to encourage innovative design in both infill and newly developing areas that optimizes the use of vacant land through flexible development standards, shared parking, landscaping, and site amenities.</p>	<p>Planning Staff Planning Commission</p>

**CIRCULATION ELEMENT**

Rank 0 - 10	Implementation Measure	Responsibility
8	<p>1.0 The City shall develop a Circulation Master Plan that will include Bicycle and Pedestrian circulation as well as Vehicular.</p>	<p>Planning Staff Public works Planning Commission</p>
8	<p>2.0 The City shall coordinate with Caltrans on improvements to the State highway system in the Ridgecrest Planning Area.</p>	<p>Planning Staff</p>
10	<p>6.0 The City shall update and implement a comprehensive Street Improvement and Maintenance Plan, including the use of the</p>	<p>Public Works</p>

	Pavement Management System. This plan shall also incorporate curbs and sidewalks.	
9	7.0 The City shall, at least every five years, conduct a traffic monitoring study of up to 20 major road segments throughout the City, and will provide the resulting traffic volumes and levels of service to the City Council and Planning Commission for review and consideration.	Public Works
9	9.0 The City shall conduct a thorough site plan review for all major new development projects to ensure consistency with goals, policies and standards of the City.	Planning Staff Planning Commission
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; OPEN SPACE ELEMENT</b>		
<b>Rank</b> 0 - 10	<b>Implementation Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
9	1.0 The City shall establish and maintain an Open Space and Recreation Committee to address topics such as parks, recreation, open space, and environmental quality.	Planning Staff Parks & Recreation Quality of Life Committee Planning Commission
8	6.0 The City shall adopt regulations to require new development proposals using solar energy to provide solar access plans ensuring the ability of surrounding properties to directly access the sun,	Planning Staff Planning Commission City Council
9	12.0 The City shall research the feasibility of municipal wastewater re-use for irrigation.	Public Works
9	13.0 The City shall participate in regional water resources planning.	Planning Staff Public Works IWWWD Staff
8	14.0 The City shall participate in developing a comprehensive groundwater recharge program.	Public Works IWWWD Staff IWWWD Board
8	15.0 The City shall participate in groundwater monitoring partnerships with local groundwater users and stakeholders.	Public Works Administrative Services IWWWD Staff IWWWD Board
9	16.0 The City shall conduct a survey of the existing conditions of parks to determine where short-term and long-term renovation and facility improvements are necessary.	Parks and Recreation Planning Staff
9	17.0 The City shall develop standards for park multiple-use as flood control basins, separation of non-compatible land use areas or linkage areas for circulation, bike, or walking paths.	Parks and Recreation Planning Staff Planning Commission
9	18.0 The City shall develop a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan to determine the specific community needs, and relevant technical and economic requirements for the acquisition and development of a comprehensive recreational and cultural program for all city residents.	Parks and Recreation Planning Staff Quality of Life Committee Planning Commission City Council
8	26.0 The City shall identify federal, state, and other governmental sources of grant funds for recreational purposes and prepare applications to secure such funding.	Parks and Recreation City Manager

<b>8</b>	27.0 The City shall aggressively work with the BLM to establish appropriate uses for BLM land within the city and within the Sphere of Influence.	Parks and Recreation
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**HEALTH & SAFETY ELEMENT**

Rank 0 - 10	Implementation Measure	Responsibility
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<b>10</b>	1.0 The City shall develop and implement a program for training staff in disaster preparedness and response. Contingency plans for disaster response and recovery should be incorporated into this program.	City Manager Police
<b>10</b>	2.0 The City shall coordinate and practice with the Indian Wells Valley Emergency Services Committee, Naval Air Weapons Station, other local agencies, and surrounding communities a plan defining emergency procedures.	City Manager Police
<b>8</b>	6.0 The City shall develop educational programs to encourage the public to be prepared for emergency situations, including keeping adequate supplies of food and water on hand and to prepare and maintain an earthquake survival kit.	Administration & Police
<b>10</b>	7.0 The City shall establish standards and limitations for development within the 100-year flood plain to ensure public safety.	Administration & Police
<b>8</b>	9.0 The City shall adopt an ordinance requiring commercial and public buildings that have been vacant for one or more years to conform to the latest edition of the Uniform Building Code.	Planning Staff Building Staff Planning Commission City Council
<b>9</b>	10.0 The City shall ensure that new development meets the current seismic safety standards in accordance with the Uniform Building Code.	Building Staff
<b>8</b>	17.0 Discourage incompatible land uses in areas impacted by noise along transportation routes that lie within 60 dBA noise contours, unless adequate noise insulation and buffering is provided.	Planning Staff Planning Commission

**Notes:**

1. The General Plan Update was adopted by the Ridgecrest City Council on December 2, 2009,
2. **102 Implementation Measures** were approved within Six General Plan Elements,
3. **94 Implementation Measures** are scheduled for completion between 2008 – 2010 or “ongoing”,
4. **2 Implementation Measures have been completed,**
5. **2 Implementation Measures are in progress in accordance with the Old Town Action Plan.**
6. Only **8 Implementation Measures** are scheduled for completion after 2010, (these do NOT appear within this table),
7. The City cannot possibly implement 90 Implementation measures within 2011,
8. Therefore, the planning Commission is making an effort to prioritize the outstanding Implementation Measures to produce a reasonable work program for the ensuing calendar year,
9. The “Responsibility” column has been broadly filled in by identifying possible personnel or bodies to undertake the work necessary.