



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

AGENDA

Wednesday

Regular

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

May 15, 2013

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

(760) 499-5000

**Daniel O. Clark, Mayor
Jason Patin, Mayor Pro Tempore
Marshall 'Chip' Holloway, Vice Mayor
James Sanders, Council Member
Lori Acton, Council Member**

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LAST RESOLUTION CITY COUNCIL NO. 13-24
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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

Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

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PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – National Motorcycle Awareness Month Clark
2. Proclamation – Armed Forces Day Ford
3. Proclamation – Building Safety Month Ford
4. Proclamation – National Police Week Strand

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending Resolution No. 11-46 To Adopt The Correct FY 2011-2012 Appropriation Limit McQuiston
6. Approve A Resolution Authorizing Application For An Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Strand
7. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Special Council Meeting Dated April 25, 2013 Ford
8. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Special Council Meeting Dated April 27, 2013 Ford
9. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Regular Council Meeting Dated May 1, 2013 Ford

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

10. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Designating Voting Delegate And Alternate For The League Of California Cities Annual Conference Ford
11. Budget Projection Update For Fiscal Year 2012-13 McQuiston

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Organization

Members: Dan Clark, Jim Sanders

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room

Next Meeting: May 21, 2013

Community Development Committee

Members: Jason Patin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: 1st Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room

Next Meeting: June 6, 2013

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Dan Clark, Jason Patin

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M., Council Conference Room

Next Meeting: June 12, 2013

Quality Of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Lori Acton

Meeting: 2nd Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Kerr-McGee Center

Next Meeting: To Be Announced (Dark in June, July, December, and January)

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

Members: Jim Sanders, Jason Patin

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 4:00 P.M., Kerr-McGee Center

Next Meeting: May 21, 2013

Veterans Advisory Committee

Members: Jason Patin, Lori Acton

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month At 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room

Next Meeting: May 20, 2013

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Jason Patin, Chip Holloway

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

Next Meeting: June 5, 2013 at location to be announced

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2013

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for more than 500,000 people in California; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all vehicles be aware of one another and learn to Share the Road and practice courtesy; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles provide transportation which uses fewer resources, causes less wear and tear on public roadways, and increases available parking areas; and

WHEREAS, the safety hazards created by automobile operators who have not been educated to watch for motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, it is especially important that the citizens of Ridgecrest be aware of motorcycles on the streets and highways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, the Local Motorcycles Clubs of Ridgecrest California, actively promote safe operation, increased rider training, and increased motorists awareness of motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and in honor of motorcyclist' many contributions to the communities in which they live and ride.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed:

The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does hereby proclaim the month of May 2009 as MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in Ridgecrest and urges both motorcycle riders and automobile drivers to follow the Rules of the Road so that all citizens will remain safe.

Proclaimed May 15, 2013


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*A Proclamation of
The City Of Ridgecrest, California*

**ARMED FORCES DAY
MAY 18, 2013**

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgecrest and the Indian Wells Valley have had a long and cooperative relationship with the military services of the United States of America for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, the military presence at China Lake has contributed greatly to the communities of our area; and

WHEREAS, service personnel from all branches of the military have served and are serving our nation at home and abroad in war and peace; and

WHEREAS, the local military presence has had a distinguished history of contributions and sacrifices for the safety and welfare of our nation.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed:

The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest is proud to honor members of our Armed Forces by joining others across our Nation and encourages all in our community to join in recognizing "ARMED FORCES DAY" May 18, 2013 in Ridgecrest

Proclaimed May 15, 2013


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Building Safety Month

Whereas, our City's partnership in Kern Energy Watch and continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;

Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians--building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, trade people, laborers and others in the construction industry--who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, our City's adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Week is sponsored by the International Code Council and Kern Energy Watch, to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and resilient building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; backyard safety; and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Week 2013 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,

Whereas, our City will provide printed materials and a prize drawing in our local office, encouraging our community to learn more about energy efficiency and safety code considerations, and

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Week, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed:

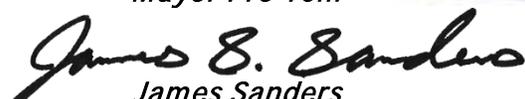
The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does hereby proclaim the week of May 27-31 2013 as Building Safety Week. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Week activities.

Proclaimed May 15, 2013


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*A Proclamation of
The City Of Ridgecrest, California*

*RIDGECREST HONORS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
MAY 12-18, 2013*

WHEREAS, the members of the Ridgecrest Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Ridgecrest; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people of the community by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Ridgecrest Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed:

The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does hereby proclaim the week of May 12th through May 18th, 2013, as "Police Week" in the City of Ridgecrest in honor of the law enforcement officers, past and present, who have rendered a dedicated service to the community, and do further proclaim May 15, 2013, as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day" in honor of those law enforcement officers who through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

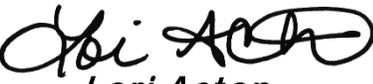
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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/FINANCING
AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:

Resolution To Amend Resolution No. 11-46 Which Set The Appropriation Limits For Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

PRESENTED BY:

Rachelle McQuiston, Finance Director/Agency Treasurer

BACKGROUND:

On July 6, 2011 City Council approved Resolution No. 11-46 to establish the GANN appropriation limit for fiscal year 2011-2012. On that resolution the appropriation limit was set to \$17,533,253. However the correct calculation should have been \$17,554,253.

The limit is calculated by multiplying the previous fiscal year's GANN limit by the population factor for Ridgecrest and the State's change in per capita cost of living. The City's FY 2011 GANN limit was \$16,883,003 and the FY 2012 population factor was set to 1.0143 while the economic factor was set to 1.0251.

During the City's annual audit conducted by an independent auditor, it was discovered that the incorrect limit was approved.

The attached resolution amends previously approved Resolution No. 11-46 and corrects this typographical error.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of the attached resolution

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve Resolution As Presented

Submitted by: Tess Sloan Assistant Finance Director
(Rev. 6/12/09)

Action Date: May 15, 2013

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-

**RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AMMENDING
RESOLUTION NO. 11-46 TO ADOPT THE CORRECT FY 2011-2012
APPROPRIATION LIMIT**

WHEREAS, Article XIII of the California Constitution and Section 7900 et seq. of the California Government Code require cities to adopt limits on appropriations for each fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2011 the City Council set the Appropriation Limit for fiscal year 2011-2012 to \$17,533,253, and

WHEREAS, during the city's annual audit, it was discovered that the incorrect appropriations limit number was adopted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ridgecrest City Council that Resolution 11-46 is hereby amended to set the Appropriation Limit for fiscal year 2011-2012 to the correct amount of \$17,554,253.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of May 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Daniel Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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

SUBJECT:

Request of the Ridgecrest City Council for authorization to apply and accept a off-highway vehicle grant through the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division within the California Department of Parks and Recreation

PRESENTED BY: Ron Strand, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

Recently, the off-highway vehicle (OHV) activity in east Kern County has increased considerably due to off-road restrictions in other counties such as Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside. Riders from more inhabited urban areas make the Indian Wells Valley and surrounding areas their destination for outdoor OHV activities due to the relatively short travel time and near-endless open trails. During holidays and weekends, small off-road communities will form in the desert areas around the City of Ridgecrest. During their stay in the desert, these enthusiasts will often venture into Ridgecrest to replenish their food and fuel supplies. It is not uncommon for riders to bring their OHVs into town and trespass onto private property causing a need for an increased law enforcement presence to maintain a safe riding environment.

In addition to out-of-town riders, Ridgecrest also has a large number of off-road enthusiasts that call the city home. Dirt roads and open dirt lands are found within the city limits, crisscrossing and intersecting Ridgecrest neighborhoods. Ridgecrest-residing OHV enthusiasts will often ride on paved city streets in order to get to the open and nearby desert to ride. Some will operate their OHVs on vacant properties within the city limits creating dust and noise issues with nearby residences and businesses. The Ridgecrest Police Department receives a great number of calls related to these problematic issues. Grant funding received in 2012 has enabled the police department to begin to address some of these issues.

The police department is seeking this grant funding to acquire additional OHV equipment, training and overtime to conduct further OHV enforcement and education programs. We feel that through a balance between enforcement and education we can significantly reduce the number of OHV issues in our community. By actively patrolling the community, the police department will be able to decrease illegal OHV activities on public and private properties and improve public safety by addressing reckless OHV riders.

The police department clearly understands that it needs to work with the OHV community for the mutual benefit of both the citizens of Ridgecrest and OHV enthusiasts.

If awarded in full, the grant will enable the police department to purchase a used four-wheel drive pickup, training, equipment, maintenance costs and project overtime. The grant also requires 25% in kind match. The police department has a plan to meet this funding requirement, in part by using police volunteers and reserve officers in OHV deployments and events.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total project amount: \$73,714 with a 25% in kind match of \$22,502

Reviewed by Administrative Services Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Resolution

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve Resolution as requested

Submitted by: RON STRAND
(Rev. 2-14-07)

Action Date: May 15, 2013

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GRANT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for planning, acquiring, developing, operating, conserving and maintaining off-highway vehicle recreation; and,

WHEREAS, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division within the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility to administer the program; and,

WHEREAS, procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation to certify by resolution the approval of applications before submission to the State; and,

WHEREAS, the Ridgecrest Police Department wishes to apply for a grant for a used four-wheel drive pickup, equipment, training and overtime funding to conduct off-highway vehicle (OHV) enforcement and education programs in the Ridgecrest area; and,

WHEREAS, the Ridgecrest Police Department is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$51,212 with a 25% in kind match of \$22,502 (total proposed project amount of \$73,714); and,

WHEREAS, this grant period begins July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2014, and;

WHEREAS, this project appears on, or is in conformity with, this jurisdiction's adopted general or master plan and is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest hereby:

1. Certifies that this agency understands its legal obligations to the State upon approval of the grant; and,
2. Certifies that the project will be well-maintained during its usual life; and,
3. Certifies that this agency will implement the project with diligence once funds are available and a Project Agreement has been consummated between the State and Ridgecrest Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for this grant with the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division within the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and to approve, sign and execute any and all documents relating to the grant award, including amendments, and is authorized to make any necessary adjustments to the budget if awarded.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th day of May, 2013, by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Daniel O. Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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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 April 25, 2013

PRESENTED BY:

Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Draft Minutes of the Special City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Meeting of April 25, 2013

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: May 15, 2013

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND
HOUSING AUTHORITY AND
FINANCING AUTHORITY**

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

**April 25, 2013
6:00 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 for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Daniel O. Clark; Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Patin; Vice-Mayor Marshall 'Chip' Holloway; Council Members Jim Sanders and Lori Acton

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Dennis Speer, Deputy City Clerk Ricca Charlon, City Attorney Keith Lemieux, and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member sanders, Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

SPECIAL SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened Public Comment at 6:09pm

Mike Neel

- Quoted Thomas Jefferson

Closed Public Comment at 6:11pm

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DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Speer

Dennis Speer

- Gave staff report and PowerPoint presentation. *(Copy Available In The City Clerk's Office)*

Rachelle McQuiston

- Presented the summary of FY 2013-14 recommended budget expectations.

Public Works Presentation

Dennis Speer

- Presented Public Works Department Budget reviewing each division and their activities, accomplishments, and goals.
- Reviewed funding sources and budgets for each source. (Gas Tax, TDA, Wastewater, ISF Fleet Maintenance, and General Fund)
- Reviewed impact to budget without Tax Allocation Bond funds and Measure 'L'.
- Reviewed Measure 'L' requests for Street Projects and functions.
- Discussed matching fund needs for approved funds due to be collected FY 13-14.
- Highlighted compliance concerns within the public works department.
- Reviewed Observations/Recommendations/Requests
- Highlighted changes made to the budget format.
- Announced expectations with regard to reporting to Budget Managers and Council.
- Presented ideas for Revenues and Cost Reductions.
- Reviewed the Staffing Chart for Public Works.

Chip Holloway

- Clarified street lights being paid by gas tax fund but listed for public safety.
- TAB funding discussion of how funds would be shown once received.
- Transit revenue, what happened to cash balance and can funding be diverted to streets.
- Street Light, asked if conversations have been started with Dan Brady regarding City taking over street lights from SCE. Public Relations nightmare SCE has experienced with multiple cities could be what prompted political move to work with agencies now on street lights.
- Gave example of putting extra revenues to wastewater instead of providing matching funds as leverage to attain up to \$3 million in additional funding for streets.

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Lori Acton

- Asked for clarification of how TDA funds can be used.
 - Dennis Speer responded.

Jim Sanders

- Asked about status of GIS system.
- Asked at what point TDA funding exceeds transit costs and balance can be applied toward streets.
 - Dennis Speer – explained State allocation and claim submissions. Funds are collected as a portion of sales tax.
- Asked about the function of the rubber tire roller and condition of current equipment.

Dan Clark

- Reviewed total proposed cuts of approximately \$700k
- Clarified that request for \$356k could be leveraged as matching funds for approximately \$3 million for streets.
- Reviewed TAB allocations and needs from Measure 'L' to complete projects.

Chip Holloway & Lori Acton

- Asked for straight funding needs without using TAB funding.

Lori Acton

- Clarified Programmed Projects as matching fund needs.

Jason Patin

- Reviewed funding resources and reminded public that only engineering item #1 is the only General Fund source.
- Clarification of ISF Fleet Maintenance collection procedure and how much is collected from general fund.

Dan Clark

- Asked projected Measure 'L' funding
 - Rachelle McQuiston - \$1.8 million

Chip Holloway

- Clarified transportation fund.

Jim Sanders

- Reviewed Engineering Programmed Projects and design cost needs.

Chip Holloway

- Reviewed cross-training options for maintenance staff.

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Lori Acton

- Mentioned feasibility of combining all maintenance under public works.

Jason Patin

- Clarification of gas tax fund cut for street maintenance supplies.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – gas tax fund projections were higher than actually received so projections have been reduced to reflect actual.

Chip Holloway

- Discussion of why gas tax was reducing.

Dan Clark

- Scenario of \$400k from Measure 'L' to be matching funds to receive additional funding.

Public Comment opened at 7:40pm

Phil Salvatore

- Clarified shortage of gas tax was addressed at mid-year review
- Reviewed budget adjustments made at mid-year review.
 - Dan Clark – responded.
- Questioned TDA cash balance of \$300k and can that be adjusted to street repair.
 - Dennis Speer – responded that once claim filed then cannot be amended. Future years will be submitted for some streets projects.
- Pointed out that funding for PMS was going away.

Jerry Taylor

- Reviewed PMS findings and where funding and streets would go if funding is not allocated for PMS and projects not completed.
- Reviewed TAB projects which do not include maintenance of existing roads.
- Expressed concern.

Stan Rajtora

- Clarified that budget does not include a reserve.
- Referenced last council meeting and opposes 100% wastewater fund reserve and capital reserve.
- Commented that with no reserve then asking for trouble.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked for breakdown of wastewater fund and clarification for overhead.

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Mike Neel

- Opposes budget with no reserve. Suggested creating a small reserve.
- Transit fund observation. Cost per ride is astronomical with virtually no contribution from riders.
- Referenced balance of unused TDA funding being banked for next year to streets.
- Wastewater suggestion is put more funding toward GIS mapping of existing sewer lines.
 - Dennis Speer – explained staffing issues and time required to GPS between manholes.
- Suggested contracting to have GPS mapping completed.
- Street needs exceeds Measure 'L' funding capability. Options to reduce expenditures in other department or come up with another tax.
- Encouraged council to review graphs attached to presentation and look at what streets will be like in 3 years without funding.

Recess for 5 minutes at 8:00pm and resumed meeting at 8:05pm

Dan Clark

- Responded to Mike Neel's comment on reserve.

Jason Patin

- Clarified that recommendation are from staff.

Phil Salvatore

- Asked about assistance from other agencies with respect to wastewater.

Jerry Taylor

- Referenced \$1.5 million Measure 'L' road list addressing Sunland in year 4 and suggested moving that project to an earlier year due to current condition of the street. Suggested looking at priority listing and re-prioritize as needed.

Mike Neel

- Reviewed department level comparisons from past to current showing department reductions and suggested increasing staffing for streets.

Closed Public Comment at 8:09pm

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Chip Holloway

- Reviewed cost for transit and State requirements for sustainable community and reduction of greenhouse gases. Without transit other opportunities for funding would be withdrawn.

Jim Sanders

- Asked for schedule/season for paving streets. When do materials need to be purchased.
 - Dennis Speer – responded that normal purchases are made in March each spring.

Jason Patin

- Has problem with taking funding from public works budget to be used elsewhere then backfilling with Measure 'L'. Want to know where the budget for street repair supplies is going. Requested to review subject again on Saturday

Public Services Presentation

Dennis Speer

- Presented Public Services department budget.

Chip Holloway

- Asked about percentage of permits are handled by County vs. City
 - Dennis Speer – responded
- Reviewed Building Division performance measures
- Asked about the housing element and how far behind we are.
 - Dennis Speer – about 3 years.

Lori Acton

- If the housing element is not completed it will affect City's ability to obtain grant funding.

Public Comment opened at 8:27pm

Jerry Taylor

- Mentioned cost savings by providing electronic agendas.
- Asked about redevelopment presentation.

Public Comment closed at 8:29pm

Lori Acton

- Asked about inspections and county contract.
 - Dennis Speer – staff processes permits and plans

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Administration Presentation

Rachelle McQuiston

- Presented administration budget presentation.

Lori Acton

- Questioned assumption of duties from other divisions being properly allocated.
 - Rachelle McQuiston - responded

Chip Holloway

- Clarified services and charges.

Dan Clark

- Requested explanation of proposed expenditure which includes County Elections Office coordination of elections and Travel & Training.

Gary Parsons

- Reviewed Economic Development budget proposal.

Chip Holloway

- Questioned ROPS approvals.
 - Gary Parsons – responded that at this time State has not said ‘No’ to requests.
- Commented on proposed bill that would prohibit state from amending ROPS once certificate is approved.

Lori Acton

- Asked for clarification of Services and Charges costs
- Asked for measurable list of projects beyond ROPS.
 - Gary Parsons – will provide list which needs revision due to dissolution of Redevelopment Agency. Commented on potential funding for economic development allocated thru TAB funding once they are available.
- Clarified that primary expenditures was for salaries and legal costs.

Dan Clark

- Clarified ISF support
 - Rachelle McQuiston – fully reimbursed from RDA, only indirect cost that can be charged to RDA

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Jim Sanders

- Asked what other possibilities are allowed for the funds.
 - Gary Parsons – no ISF support line item in the ROPS submitted to State but general overhead is allowed. Explained how the RDA is funded thru the ROPS.

Lori Acton

- Clarified that none of Gary Parsons salary is part of the \$250k. neither Jim McRea's contract or Gary Parson are paid from General Fund. Salaries listed are for overhead support staff such as finance.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – explained RDA payment vs. ROPS.

Public Comment opened at 9:05pm

Phil Salvatore

- Asked for breakdown of salary and benefit shown to general fund
 - Rachelle McQuiston – explained breakdown of overhead salaries charged to the account.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked for full disclosure of the overhead costs. Report presented does not show full breakdown of costs. Suggested new slide for Saturday discussion.

Closed Public Comment at 9:08pm

Rachelle McQuiston

- Presented Information Technology budget

Lori Acton

- Asked for breakdown of services and charges
 - Rachelle McQuiston – licenses and contracts

Chip Holloway

- Asked about AS400 and payroll system. Concerned about efficiencies gained which may offset cost.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – council would have to front the money and would not be able to realize the efficiency for a couple years.

Jim Sanders

- Suggested looking at similar areas where an investment in software or hardware would benefit in efficiency and be more cost effective.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – IT staff will prepare a list for Saturday.

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Lori Acton

- Concerned about payroll system.

Dan Clark

- Questioned salary increases
 - Annual step increases and workers compensation allocation and final pay allocation increase based on salary.
- Questioned increase to materials and supplies

Public Comment opened at 9:15pm

Phil Salvatore

- Cautioned to review software carefully and avoid SAP

Jerry Taylor

- Commented on salary increases.
- Suggested researching other licensing alternatives such as Google Docs

Jason Patin

- Asked if salaries was bargaining group
 - Unrepresented group

Public comment closed at 9:19pm

Chip Holloway

- Asked about training budget for City Manager staff
 - \$4000

Closed budget hearing at 9:20pm

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lori Acton

- Thank you and good night

Jim Sanders

- Looking forward to continuation Saturday
- Thanked staff for patience

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Chip Holloway

- MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR Dianne Grattarrotti

Jason Patin

- Commented that during daytime meeting had more public participation

Dan Clark

- See everyone Saturday and have a good evening.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:23pm

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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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 April 27, 2013

PRESENTED BY:

Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Draft Minutes of the Special City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Meeting of April 27, 2013

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: May 15, 2013

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND
HOUSING AUTHORITY AND
FINANCING AUTHORITY**

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

**April 27, 2013
9:00 a.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 for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Daniel O. Clark; Council Members Jim Sanders and Lori Acton

Council Absent: Marshall 'Chip' Holloway & Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Patin

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Dennis Speer, Deputy City Clerk Ricca Charlon, City Attorney Keith Lemieux, and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Council Member Sanders, Second By Council Member Acton, Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent (Council Members Patin and Holloway), 0 Abstain.

SPECIAL SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

Council Members Patin and Holloway arrived at 9:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None Presented

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DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Speer

Dennis Speer

- Opened meeting with brief review of Thursday's hearing.

Finance Presentation

Rachelle McQuiston

- Gave staff report and PowerPoint presentation. *(Copy Available In The City Clerk's Office)*
- Reviewed Council requests from hearing date April 25, 2013
- Provided proposed budget cuts and goals.

Lori Acton

- Asked about potential reorganization within the department.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – will review after budget adoption.

Public Comment Opened at 9:15pm

- None presented

Police Presentation

Ron Strand

- Gave staff report and PowerPoint presentation. *(Copy Available In The City Clerk's Office)*
 - Jason Patin – requested the Chief to Clarify types of Part 1 crimes and AB109 regulation for early release of prisoners.
 - Ron Strand - responded
 - Lori Acton – Requested the Chief to explain the difference between probationers and parolees and which agencies are responsible for monitoring individuals.
 - Ron Strand - responded
 - Lori Acton – asked about public response to neighborhood watch meetings.
 - Ron Strand - responded
- Reviewed past cuts and staffing levels and proposed cuts for FY13-14.
- Reviewed Measure 'L' offset requests.
 - Chip Holloway – requested clarification of Revenues
 - Ron Strand – responded.

Meeting interrupted by Burroughs swim teams who pled with Council to keep the Pinney Pool open.

Resumed Police presentation.

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Ron Strand - *continued*

- Reviewed Staffing chart.

Lori Acton

- Requested clarification of sworn officer allocations including vacancies.
 - Ron Strand – responded.
- Reviewed requests for Measure 'L' funds and whether there was an alternative plan should Council not be able to provide full request. Example of 50%.
 - Ron Strand – responded that 50% cut to request would mean loss of officers. Other option would be a records clerk layoff.
- Inquired about joint service contracts with Sherriff department

Rachelle McQuiston

- Commented about typical salary savings during vacancies/turnover recruitment period. Potential for some savings in that area.
 - Ron Strand – possible however recruitment and training of new staff is costly.

Jason Patin

- Inquired about percentage of police budget funded by grants.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – added to general fund and included with other revenues.

Chip Holloway

- Requested clarification of staffing and cost for recruiting new officers.
 - Ron Strand – responded and reviewed measures taken to reduce recruitment costs by recruiting directly from academy or lateral officers from other agencies versus City paying for academy expenses.
 - Number and type of cases DA will prosecute have changes so officers have to provide better cases.
- Asked about Measure 'L' funding.
 - Ron Strand – budget continues to decline making it harder to maintain public services. Measure 'L' funding was designed to sustain the budget.
- Commented on criticism levied toward Council and impact of AB109 on the community.
- Commented on increased crime having direct impact to insurance rates.
- Inquired about percentage of budget in a good budget year was for overtime.
 - Ron Strand – more officers allow adjustments in schedule to reduce overtime. Variables such as vacations, illness and court obligations affect overtime costs.
- Commented that due to more violent crimes, will have direct impact on workers compensation injuries.

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Jason Patin

- Commented on the effects of AB109. Measure 'L' helps address the situation.
- Reviewed statistics presented with respect to AB109 and Measure 'L' being designed primarily for Public Safety.
- Identified issue of how to fund the police department without Measure 'L'.
- Suggested this budget is getting back to the base level and living within our means.
- Not interested in cutting the Police department but maintaining public safety.
- Core function of City is the safety of the public.

Jim Sanders

- Agree with Mr. Patin's comments
- Goal is to maintain level of service for Police and be able to decrease allotment from Measure 'L' for streets.
- If one budget increased then look for corresponding cuts elsewhere.
- Asked about collaborative agreement with China Lake Police Department.
 - Ron Strand – not allowed to leave center.
 - Jason Patin – different level of training for Naval Police.
 - Ron Strand – quality agency but mission is different and training is different.
 - Lori Acton – has inquired with Commander and was declined. Training is completely different.

Dan Clark

- Reviewed requests for Measure 'L' funding.
- Reviewed staffing requests of 33 officers and whether 31 officers would be able to maintain the level of public safety currently experienced..
- Lori Acton – commented on how a full time officer would cost the city less than overtime.
 - Ron Strand – responded that having extra officers allows for additional training, regular vacations, and special projects. Some savings by having overtime rather than officer.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – clarified potential cuts of 2 vacancies and 3 vehicles.

Public Comment

Larry Board

- Supports Police department and encouraged Council to not consider cutting the department due to increasing crime rates as a direct result of AB109 prisoner releases.
- District Attorney is not prosecuting criminals.
- Measure 'L' was passed to fund Police and streets.
- Asked council to consider this carefully.

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Jerry Taylor

- Commented on road conditions and commended police for motorcycle enforcement and suggested different motorcycle as cost savings.
- Reminded council that no officer was actually cut, just reallocated to different funding source.
- Agree grant revenue is a positive alternative for City.
- Commented on level of crime versus level of officers.
- Council has a challenge to split Measure 'L' as it was 'sold' to the public for both public safety and streets. Fully support adequate level of staffing for police and option of outsourcing to maintain police fleet.
- Asked council to fix the issue of public having read ahead materials.
- Encouraged Council to put some funding to roads or won't be able to renew the Measure in future.

Closed public comment at 10:29 a.m.

Lori Acton

- Positive comments on Teen Court
- Positive comments on Facebook page.

Jim Sanders

- Reiterated position of public safety being priority number one.
- Would like to maintain the level of service and not sure how to reach it.

Chip Holloway

- Read article regarding prison release and increase of crime in Tehachapi.
- Council does not want to reduce police budget but uncomfortable with relying on Measure 'L' as funding source. Asks to find another sustainable funding source.

Jason Patin

- Measure 'L' was sold as public safety and road repair but public safety is a number one priority.
- Agree need to find a way to not fund police with Measure 'L' but for current issues we have to use it for public safety. Cannot help public perception of the Council and will make the decisions that need to be made to protect the public.

Jerry Taylor

- Strongly believe Council needs to try and balance the budget without Measure 'L' funding. Overall priorities of the budget are Sewer, Infrastructure, Safety, then other programs. Council has not set the overall priorities and how they will be funded.

Dan Clark

- Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Lori Acton – announced she would be attending memorial service at 2:00pm so will be late to the next session.

Reconvened meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Dennis Speer

- Opened the meeting with introduction for Parks & Recreation presentation.

Parks & Recreation Presentation

Jim Ponek

- Gave staff report and PowerPoint presentation. (Copy Available In The City Clerk's Office)
- Reviewed slides of conditions at the Kerr McGee Sports Complex over the past 3 years.
- Reviewed proposed cuts to the Parks & Recreation budget with the Expense and Revenue Report.
 - Dennis Speer – noted that cancellation of the Jackson Sports Complex lease agreement is dependent on a release from County and elimination of irrigation for some medians would require a portion of grant funding be returned.
 - Dan Clark – requested explanation of maintenance of 52 medians if not irrigating.
 - Jim Ponek – responded, natural weeds and general upkeep.
 - Dan Clark – referenced a meeting with county supervisor who indicated they would not hold City liable.

Chip Holloway

- Referenced Expense and Revenue Report and asked for revenue by programs. Previous programs cut in past generate more revenue than the expense saved.
 - Jim Ponek – reviewed staffing during higher revenue years. Staffing cuts and furloughs have required cutting revenue programs. Additionally, large staffing turnovers due to uncertain futures created staffing shortages.
- Suggested using a contractor services model with 70-30 split for the full-time staff member for programs.
 - Jim Ponek – recreation coordinators have been acting as part-time maintenance due to staffing cuts in the maintenance division. Referenced past budget totals.
- Suggested cutting programs now and begin building again. Asked council to establish priorities and cut the rest so staff can focus on the priorities.

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Dan Clark

- Asked for possible staffing additions needed to develop and manage revenue programs.
 - Jim Ponek – gave scenario of one additional recreation coordinator could add soccer and possibly generate enough revenue to pay for that individual. Maintenance addition of one full time maintenance worker could equate to bringing back Sunday functions and maintaining an additional park.

Jason Patin

- If hiring an employee and the fees for services truly covered the cost of that employee, there is no issue.
- Trying to accomplish providing services and programs that do not cost the general fund.

Chip Holloway

- Skate Park is on County Property, if we give up the lease what happens.
- Other leases state that if certain improvements are made then lease is abandoned then the assets would be abandoned. Questioned the lights City installed on the ball fields.
 - Jim Ponek – responded with list of assets and improvements City has made.
- Requested last and final offer County made to City.
 - Jim Ponek – reviewed offer made by County for City to assume ownership of park in exchange for Senior Center.
- Requested Council consider that over \$1 million in infrastructure that is suggested we abandon and in a few years would be wanted and would have to expend more funds to bring facilities back up to usable standards.
- Questioned if Supervisor Gleason was present at the meetings.

Jason Patin

- Mentioned meetings with the County. Makes more sense to give Jackson park back because the offer to maintain the facilities is unreasonable. Asked if community would continue to utilize the facilities.
- City is part of the county so should be able to work with the County to utilize the facilities.
 - Jim Ponek – tennis courts possible however soccer fields will not be maintained by the County. Recommending using Freedom Park as soccer field since we are already maintaining that area. With staffing available is not feasible to try and continue maintenance at Jackson Park. Currently understaffed.

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Chip Holloway

- Revenue model, if could lease some facilities for limited times such as tennis courts, then cost would be outweighed by revenues.
- Requested the numbers for leasing facilities on limited basis.

Dan Clark

- If we have personnel to run the programs, what would the cost be?
- Is it cost neutral to lease facilities.
 - If not responsible for Jackson Park then recommend running programs at Freedom Park.

Chip Holloway

- Past valid argument is the need to rest fields.
 - Jim Ponek - Freedom park will be our facility but anyone who wants to use it they have to rent it and will be kept maintained. If public want to use a third field they would have to go to the county to get it.

Jim Ponek

- If able to get two full-time maintenance and 2 part-time maintenance could continue to maintain Jackson Park.

Jim Sanders

- Referenced expense report. Suggested City has revenue problem as well as what to cut. Revenues have decreased steadily each year.
 - Ponek – lost coordinator and part-time staffing, and furloughs cut hours requiring Monday closures. Lost the Zumba classes to In-Shape gymnasium. Requesting stability so new programs can be started.
- Referenced costs and loss of enrollment.
 - Ponek – been discussing new programs but hard to begin with the uncertainty of staffing and schedules.
- Requested explanation of reduced revenues in Kerr McGee center.
 - Expenditures including resurfacing floor and new chairs for events cut into revenues.
- Requested what the plan would be if Council authorized 1 additional recreation coordinator and other staffing.
 - With one more recreation coordinator will re-open Kerr McGee center on Mondays. Will bring plan back to council.

Lori Acton arrived at 3:03pm

Chip Holloway

- Questioned preschool revenue reductions and schedules.
 - Jim Ponek – responded that a full-time supervisor would be required.
- Day Camps are managed by the Recreation Coordinator.
- Reviewed budget for Senior Center.

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Public Comment opened at 3:06pm

Mike Neel

- Commented on interruption of meeting by swim team.
- Quoted Ronald Reagan
- Commented that each number listed was negative.
- Reviewed facilities costs and subsidizes from the general fund.
- Commented on discussion of adding a recreation coordinator as being inaccurate.
- Suggested taking out half the plants in the medians to reduce costs.
- All recreation programs cost money and questioned where Council would be getting the money.
- Commented on fixing streets and suggested cutting parks & recreation to fund street repairs.
- Comment of contracting programs. If possible to fully fund program then is reasonable plan.
- Suggested transferring all maintenance staff, eliminate programs thereby eliminating parks director, secretary and some staff. Keep gymnasium open with limited staff.
- Suggested leasing fields means spending funds to improve fields then turning control to other agencies. Should not happen.
- Spoke on general philosophy, consider who is paying for and benefiting from programs which are special interest groups. Parks should benefit the whole town, example of park.
- Special interest programs are being subsidized by the City.
- Consider constitutional responsibility.

Chip Holloway

- Mentioned everyone in community has open access to all programs so not catering to special interest groups.

Mike Neel

- Objects to tax dollars being used to subsidize individual classes that majority of persons do not utilize.

Jason Patin

- See programs and parks as both quality of life and is benefits to community keeping youth off streets and improves economic development to attract new businesses.

Mike Neel

- Takes offense to the inference that if kids are not playing soccer they will all be breaking into cars.

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Terry Beyer

- Spoke on committee organized to try and solve problems within the parks department.
- Purpose is to help cut cost of parks & recreation department.
- Mentioned other youth from neighboring towns to frequent programs in ridgecrest because they are not offered in their town.
- May 9 at 6pm in kerr mcgee center meeting with local organizations to try and find ways to help cut costs for parks & recreation.
- Commented on election and working on alternatives that might be part of election.
- Asked council to slow down because some programs, if cut, will not be restarted.
- Initial meeting set out mission of committee.
- Goal is to help with maintenance of fields and fundraisers.
- Recognize that closure of the pool will solve some problems for a short time, looking for ways to continue to support the pool and work together to find better solutions.

Dora Barns

- Coach for Burroughs swim team and teacher.
- Spoke on supporting programs in addition to swimming pool.
- Related story of parents situation in Arizona where property values are decreasing and crime is rising due to not having programs available to the youth and not attracting people to community.
- Spoke on connection with the military base.
- Does not want quality of life to go away or property values to go down due to loss of programs.

Mike Stafford

- Spoke on life in the community
- Supports youth programs.
- Asked about sponsorship from local businesses. Mentioned competition between businesses. Sponsorship would generate pride in the individual fields.
- Coaches football and mentioned other cities coming to Ridgecrest for games.
- Commented on the condition of the baseball fields and injuries which relates to increased insurance costs.
- Losing numbers because prices are getting too high.
- Suggested utilizing donations from community thru sponsorship.
- Commented on tournaments bringing other communities to Ridgecrest.
- Spoke on history of football in high school as a revenue generator.
- Related experience with local football organization.
- Suggested utilizing ROP program from high school to provide part time employees.
- Commented on local super bowl attended out of town, cannot be hosted in Ridgecrest due to lack of lighting.
- Not concerned about medians.

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Jerry Taylor

- Requested explanation of numbers provided in the expense and revenue report.
 - Jim Ponek – responded
- Commented that fields are costing money. Continue to incur cost without eliminating program does not make sense.
- Grass area of freedom park compared to grass area of Jackson park is comparable.
- Do not understand why no discussion of browning out freedom since all infrastructure is already at Jackson.
- Have a supportive supervisor.
- Not about who owns something but the quality of services provided.
- Community has prepaid for services via taxes and expect something in return.
- Mentioned priorities and people willing to stand up to help.
- Asked council to set priorities.
- Mr. Speer will hopefully be receiving a letter from current estate of Kerr McGee which releases obligation for calling Kerr McGee.
- Love idea about private sponsorship of fields.
- Lost revenue by closing preschool on Mondays, suggested alternative to cover facilities on Monday.

Dan Clark

- Asked Mr. Ponek how much staff were needed to fulfill county maintenance.
 - Ponek – minimum 2 full-time staff at approximately \$40k each plus part time for health facility.

Jim Ponek

- Reviewed original recommendation for City to own Jackson Park.

Dan Clark

- Clarified that maintenance would need 2 additional staff members to continue maintenance of Jackson Park.

Jerry Taylor

- Suggested not taking on new additional burden, just maintain level of service currently in existence. Still 4 years on the contract, take it off the table.
- Asked why we are watering and maintaining the grass at freedom park.
- Asked why we are maintaining Denny's park.
- Suggested keeping useful fields and eliminating others.
- Suggested eliminating other expenditures such as benefits package and future employee retirement and benefit packages.

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Mike Tosti

- Gave history of involvement in youth sports since 1967.
- Asked if municipal codes going to stay in place.
- Representing group that wants to take over programs at Jackson Park for soccer, baseball, and others. Community outreach program basis comes from Lodi. Fields are maintained by community.
- Will be leasing thru county August 1. Can cancel lease with Jackson Park because this organization will assume the lease.

Mary Flattman

- Long time resident
- Supported swimming pool.
- Official for USA swimming.
- Referenced national and international swim meets attended.
- Spoke on benefits of swimming such as goal setting, time management, as well as life saving skill
- spoke on importance of quality of life thru sports.
- Commented about revenue received from restaurants and lodging from sporting events.
- Encouraged Council to keep Pinney Pool and remember the kids are the future.

Recess at 4:02pm and resumed meeting at 4:07pm

Nadine Stichen

- Commented on family experience with exercise class which is no longer offered. Senior situation should be addressed.
- Seniors enjoy watching children play sports so they do utilize the programs even though they may not participate directly.
- 3 and 4 generations use the programs.
- Comments about contracting government which is difficult.
- School district employees are waiting for the time when we hit bottom and begin to come back.
- Care about the programs being offered, asked council for a budget that can be maintained.

Jerry Taylor

- Echoed advantages of volunteers taking over programs and once owned by non-profit organization opens up additional grant opportunities.
- Commented city's rejection of offer from outside organization building new bathrooms.

Closed public comment at 4:14pm

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Lori Acton

- Asked if maintenance outsource has been explored.
 - Yes and is not cheaper
- What is ROP used for.
 - Front desk gym attendants, did not work in maintenance due to restrictions but have hired from the program.
 - Paid in past but not paid at this time.
- Asked for explanation on programs why all budget numbers vs. actual are far apart
 - Ponek - Past reporting system is difficult and working with finance to get a better system.
- Asked why revenues were dropping.
 - Ponek – division has been dismantled. Lost staffing due to budget cuts, furloughs, position cuts. Trying to piece the program together. Requests things to be settled down so can begin to build back up.
- Suggested department head take time to lock and unlock facilities and allow volunteers to run program.
 - Ponek – explained how decision to close Mondays was made.
- Questioned why money making programs have been dropped.
 - Ponek – explained that instructors have been lost and new programs vary, anticipate new classes to improve.
- Commented on swim lesson program being largest generator of revenue. Asked about why schedule changed
 - Explained 40 minute lessons.
- Suggested bubble idea for enclosing the pool and whether staff have looked at the option to provide costs.
 - Ponek – suggested looking at future expansion of facility with TAB funds.
- Commented that as a band-aid could put a bubble on and run the pool year round seems to make sense while we wait for TAB funds.
- Commented that public wants programs and parks but we do not have a parks plan.
 - Ponek – provided parks plan
- Asked about utilizing landscaping agencies to maintain medians.
 - Ponek – have done contract in past until council eliminated contracts. Then staffing reduced so now looking at volunteer organizations.

Dennis Speer

- Reviewed Council Action upon completion of department presentations.

Lori Acton

- Commented that most presentations were not received until arrival at the meeting. Reminded Council that Monday evening was reserved for adjournment and suggested the desire to review information received.

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Jason Patin

- Agrees with Lori Acton about the need to review numbers and have discussion another day.

Jim Sanders

- Supports adjourning to Monday to hold continued conversations.

Chip Holloway

- Needs more information including an org chart showing staffing cuts and shifts. Requesting full time equivalent information.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – numbers presented are assuming no decrease to staffing outside 1 maintenance and 2 vacant police positions.
 - Dennis Speer – with police the assumption was to backfill with Measure 'L' or they would have to lose officers.

Lori Acton

- Has the overview but no actual review of staffing levels and functions.

Chip Holloway

- Commented of amazement in attaining a 1.4 million dollar reduction by only losing 1 staff member. Gives more room to create a reserve.

Dennis Speer

- Reminded council that Measure 'L' funds were requested to support budget.

Rachelle McQuiston

- Thanked staff and department heads for assisting with putting information together.

Chip Holloway

- Want to relieve as much as possible from Measure 'L'

Discussion Adjourned To Wednesday, May 1 Regular Council Meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- Thanked department heads for preparing presentations and assisting with gathering information
- Thanked council
- Cal-Recycle Public hearing May 21 in Sacramento to consider removal of compliance order for Ridgecrest.

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lori Acton

- Thanked public for input and attendance.
- Thanked staff and departments for putting together information
- Special thanks to Rachelle

Jim Sanders

- Grateful for staff time in putting together and Mrs. McQuiston has done an excellent job and appreciate her hard work.
- Regardless of changes seen in Ridgecrest, potential is present with those changes.
- Believe there are solutions which will satisfy the budget and still maintain many of services provided.

Chip Holloway

- Thanked public who attended. Not convinced Saturday is the best time and those who really care will find the time to attend.
- Apologized and thanked Mrs. McQuiston for driving her crazy.
- Quote: hard to commit suicide when jumping from a basement window.
- Thanked fellow council members.

Jason Patin

- Think when discussions are completed Wednesday that the decision will not be too hard.
- Have to feel safe and then protect infrastructure including parks. We created parks and is our responsibility to maintain them.
- Grateful have never had to use the police and fire but glad they are there.
- Need to figure out how parks can stay. Proposal does not close anything, just need to shift things around.
- Have to do the responsible thing by making necessary cuts and not counting on one time money and build a reserve.
- All want to get to the baseline and begin to build rather than cut
- Thanked staff who spend a lot of time behind the scenes dealing with us
- Each department head has to fight for their employees. Need to stop talking about cuts and employees can feel secure and want to stay.

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Dan Clark

- Desert mountain division met in Ridgecrest yesterday, thanked Chip and Ricca for creating a wonderful experience for visitors to our community. Made our City proud.
- Thanked Dennis Speers, best approach to the budget in terms of numbers and presentations. Feel confident will come to reasonable budget conclusion.
- Thanked Mrs. McQuiston for taking an old system and folding into new system with accurate information and number.
- Thanked department heads.
- Asked if there are enough people in parks and streets to do the jobs being asked. Need to consider that in our deliberations.
- Are we penny wise and dollar foolish?

Chip Holloway

- Confirmed request from police and public works includes Measure 'L' so need to still look at 1.2 million in cuts.

ADJOURNMENT at 4:53pm

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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

SUBJECT:

Minutes of the Regular City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Meeting of May 1, 2013

PRESENTED BY:

Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Draft Minutes of the Regular City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Meeting of May 1, 2013

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: May 15, 2013

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL

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

**May 1, 2013
5:30 pm**

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Daniel O. Clark; Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Patin; Vice-Mayor Marshall 'Chip' Holloway; Council Members James Sanders and Lori Acton

Staff Present: City Manager Dennis Speer; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City; City Attorney Keith Lemieux (via teleconference) and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

- None Presented

CLOSED SESSION

GC54956.9 (b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation - City of Ridgecrest v. Matosantos et al.

GC54956.9 (b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Verizon California, Inc. v. State Board of Equalization, et al.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation - City of Ridgecrest v. Matosantos et al. – received report – no reportable action taken
 - Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Verizon California, Inc. v. State Board of Equalization, et al. – received report – No reportable action taken
- Other
 - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Neel

- Provided handout to Council regarding DUI Saturation Patrol scheduled to be conducted by Police Department
- Spoke on news item from Pentagon regarding soldiers being prosecuted for demonstrating their faith. Read news article.
- Read historical statements and proclamation from congress establishing the National Day of Prayer in 1779.

Dave Matthews

- Asked for clarification regarding adjourned budget hearing and if public comment would be available during the balance of the hearing.
- Recapped discussions at the Ridgecrest Public Lands meeting with Bureau of Land Management.
- Concerned citizens attended to discuss the Garlock area which, under the renewable energy plan, the provision is made that agencies can build their site on currently inhabited land. Recommend City keep watch on the process as fences are being erected and could impede progress on public land.
 - Lori Acton – spoke on her involvement with the CAPP process and is working closely with BLM and County to monitor the process.
 - Chip Holloway – reminded that Steve Morgan is City's appointee at Quad-State and working to get Kern County to reinstate their participation. Encouraged Dave Matthews to meet with Supervisor Gleason.

Paul Vanderwerf

- Commented on church services attended as an active duty service member.
- Quality of life concerns. Mentioned general plan for parks and recreation and committees that were to be appointed but to date have not been staffed.
- Commented on the recreation Master Plan which has not been developed over the past three years.
- Process has been neglected the past three years.

Closed Public Comment at 6:29pm

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation Of A Proclamation For Be Kind To Animals Week To Representatives Of The Ridgecrest Humane Society Ford

- Council presented a proclamation to representatives of the Ridgecrest Humane Society

2. Presentation of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan by Robert Ball of Kern Council of Governments Ford

- Robert Ball of Kern COG gave a PowerPoint Presentation to Council pertaining to the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. *(copy available in the City Clerk's Office)*
- Requesting input from City by mid-June.
 - Lori Acton - asked for plans of public meetings and date of final plan
 - Robert Ball – meetings are being scheduled and final plan is anticipated for September.
 - Chip Holloway – asked for a review of the funding level which shows 6.5 million and should be 9 million.
 - Lori Acton – reviewed regional travel statistics.
 - Jim Sanders – asked how strategy was changing the way transportation is planned.
 - Robert Ball – responded with brief explanation including sustainable community's component and inclusion analysis of how to meet the state CO2 goals.
 - Chip Holloway – suggested ultimate goal of California is to put housing as close to jobs as possible to reduce transportation costs.
 - Lori Acton – mentioned Navy restrictions pertaining to building height.

Dan Clark – added item to infrastructure agenda.

Chip Holloway – expressed apologies to member who was called to active duty and could not attend the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Accept And File The Investment Reports For Quarter Ending March 31, 2013 McQuiston
4. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting And Reaffirming The City's Annual Statement Of Investments And Delegating The Authority To Make Such Investments To The City Treasurer McQuiston
5. Approve A Resolution To Approve The Agreement With The Engineering Firm Of Hall And Foreman Inc. To Provide The Application Preparation For The City Of Ridgecrest Concerning The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Execute The Agreement Upon The City Attorney's Review And Approval Speer
6. Approve A Resolution To Approve The Agreement With The Engineering Firm Of Hall And Foreman Inc. To Provide The Application Preparation For The City Of Ridgecrest Concerning The California Safe Routes To School Program, (SR2S) And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer To Execute The Agreement Upon The City Attorney's Review And Approval Speer
7. Approve A Resolution Approving The Final Contract Change Order Number Two, Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Notice Of Completion, Authorizing The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion And Authorizing The Release Of Retention On The College Heights Boulevard Project Phase III Between Franklin Avenue And Jarvis Avenue Speer
8. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Regular Council Meeting Dated April 17, 2013 Ford

ITEMS PULLED

None

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

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

9. **Approve A Resolution To Approve General Plan Amendment (GPA 13-01), A Request To Amend The General Plan For 2 Parcels: 1) APN 067-031-11, (822 N. Balsam Street) Containing 3900 Square Feet From RM (Residential Medium) To C (Commercial) And 2) APN 067-031-12, (828 N. Balsam Street) Containing 6500 Square Feet From C (Commercial) To RM (Residential Medium Density)** Alexander

Matthew Alexander

- Presented staff report including photos of the project site and proposed zone changes.

Chip Holloway

- Asked about original request for light industrial.
 - Matthew Alexander – Planning Commission reviewed request and identified medium density residential as being more appropriate.

Jim Sanders

- Asked about what brought the need for zoning.
 - Owner intends to sell and real estate requires.

Public Comment

- None Presented

10. **Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Zoning Map For Zone Change ZC 13-01, A Request To Amend The Zoning Map For 2 Parcels: 1) APN 067-031-11, (822 N. Balsam Street) Containing 3900 Square Feet From Undesignated To CG (General Commercial) And 2) APN 067-031-12, (828 N. Balsam Street) Containing 6500 Square Feet From Undesignated To R-2 (Multi-Family Residential)** Lemieux

Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Zoning Map For Zone Change ZC 13-01, A Request To Amend The Zoning Map For 2 Parcels: 1) APN 067-031-11, (822 N. Balsam Street) Containing 3900 Square Feet From Undesignated To CG (General Commercial) And 2) APN 067-031-12, (828 N. Balsam Street) Containing 6500 Square Feet From Undesignated To R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) Made By Council Member Holloway , Second By Council Member Sanders . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

Requires A Second

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Zoning Map For Zone Change ZC 13-01, A Request To Amend The Zoning Map For 2 Parcels: 1) APN 067-031-11, (822 N. Balsam Street) Containing 3900 Square Feet From Undesignated To CG (General Commercial) And 2) APN 067-031-12, (828 N. Balsam Street) Containing 6500 Square Feet From Undesignated To R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) Made By Council Member Holloway , Second By Council Member Acton . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

Requires A Second

Council Reconvened The Adjourned Budget Hearing Of April 27, 2013.

11. Council Will Reconvene To The Budget Hearing Which Was Adjourned From April 27, 2013 And Continue Discussions With Possible Action To Approve A Resolution Adopting The Budget For Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Speer

Discussion Opened at 7:08 p.m.

Dennis Speer

- Presented staff report reviewing previous budget discussions.

Rachelle McQuiston

- Updated Council on Measure 'L' funding.
- Franchise Tax Board project is \$1.9 million, council has the option to stay with original projection of \$1.8 which is a conservative approach.

Dennis Speer & Ron Strand

- Reviewed requests for Measure 'L' funding from Public Works and Police for Council to consider.

Jason Patin

- Requested scenario if one officer was cut.
 - Ron Strand – responded

Jim Sanders

- Requested breakdown of impact fee uses.

Chip Holloway

- Requested information of how impact fees have been utilized and time table for use.

Jason Patin

- Reminded public to keep in mind that the issues with Police and Public Works are related to Measure 'L'

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Jim Ponek

- Presented amendments made to original proposal on April 27, 2013
- Reviewed cost to maintain medians
- Reviewed estimates to xeroscape Freedom Park vs. mowing existing lawns.

Dennis Speer

- Reminded Council the Parks department was initially asked to cut \$220k and new proposal only cuts \$55k.

Jim Ponek

- Referenced initial proposal which meets the Council's request to cut the budget.

Chip Holloway

- Asked what programs would be added if 1 additional recreation coordinator were included
 - Jim Ponek – Stated Spring and summer soccer, youth sports activities and extra rentals.
- Reviewed fees and anticipated revenue increases or reductions anticipated with the proposals

Jason Patin

- General feeling on having another brown park is we already have enough brown parks.
- Need to think outside the box rather than just looking at increased fees, stop putting the burden on the patrons.
- If fees are increased they will cease to exist. Patrons will not be able to pay the fees. Need to ensure the fees do not exceed the cost of use.

Jim Sanders

- Clarified intention to review xeroscape. Wants to know the cost to maintain if the park is xeroscape.
- Asked for explanation of how costs have been built into the proposal.

Dan Clark

- Asked for a review of the Pinney Pool expenses and revenue.
 - Jim Ponek – complied.
- Pinney Pool staying open is included in both options.

Lori Acton

- Questioned swim lesson time length and suggested shorter times with more lessons.
- Asked about cost for year round bubble over the pool.
- Reviewed staffing needs by facility and function.

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Jason Patin

- Has issue with giving Jackson Park back to county. Taxpayers have paid for infrastructure already. Why use impact funding to put facilities on Freedom Park and give other infrastructure to County?
- Asked for some outside the box thinking. Sports organizations have come forward who are willing to help. By not figuring out how to generate revenue then doing a disservice to the public.

Lori Acton

- If cuts are made as suggested, could cut department down to 4 F/T employees.
- Inquired how Mr. Poniek would prioritize.
- Suggested that if facilities are cut then don't need the same amount of staffing.
- Suggested utilizing additional staff elsewhere.
- Commented that Freedom Park is under-utilized because there are no tables.

Public Comment

Andy Anderson

- Would like to see ideas for paying over time some increased fees.
- Requested Pinney Pool have different fee for residents and higher fees for outside city.
- Referenced man-hours indicated in the maintenance staffing. Suggested overhauling staffing to coincide with cuts.
- Asked about tennis courts and charges for lights.
- Suggested field lights be pay-as-you-go.
- Measure 'L' requests exceed anticipated funds. Reminded Council that public safety is number one priority and commented about jail releases.

Mike Neel

- Asked about overall of salary schedules for management staff and supervisors.
- Suggested cutting Council benefits.
- Measure 'L' funds reviewed requests and noted police backfill and increases. If police receive funds asked for it will continue because is being used for salaries, leaving no funding for streets. Most citizens drive the streets and if streets are not repaired will have difficulty getting the measure passed again. Police have alternative funding sources, but streets will continue to deteriorate.
- Public recreation proposals coming tonight from citizens will save City funding.

Paul Vanderwerf

- Problem with ball field and grass is there are no lights. Physically has enough lights to light up the field and are available to anyone who wants to use them.
- Commented that there are Assets available in the community
- Suggested ball players take the freedom park grass and sod the ball fields.
- Garden club is putting together designs for City and are looking for volunteers.
- Spoke on award Mike Lemming received at the fairgrounds.
- Boy scouts are assisting with raised bed projects for grass.
- Suggested cutting back with volunteers at parks and let staff fix the roads.
- Makes no sense to use full time employees cut grass over part time employees
- Asked for clarification on expense/revenue figures
- Suggested approaching DART to do the routine maintenance at Jackson Park and expand to city parks.
- Suggested getting away from fee for service and utilize volunteers.
- Have a commitment for computer registration at no cost to the City.
- Suggested a pond uses less water than grass.
- Asked again for review of revenues

Morgan Rameriz

- Disappointed in soccer not being offered
- Considering moving because soccer is not offered.
- Comments on doing the best for her child.
- Mentioned the 5 a side goals not being available.
- Soccer community is worried about being able to hold event next month.

Mike Tosti

- Reviewed presentation made for Jackson Park
- Asked questions on parks proposal.
- Requested itemized budgets for each program held at Jackson Park (budget and actual)
 - Ponek – reviewed proposal numbers.
- DART is interested in taking over Jackson Sports complex maintenance and have attained 2 sponsors for soccer and flag football at Jackson Park.
- Made comments about youth soccer, flag football and high school functions
- Fields are currently turning brown and valve is broken.
- Family works with flag football and volunteer's time and labor to maintenance.
- Geese have eaten most of the grass.
 - Chip Holloway – suggested a hybrid program of maintenance between City and volunteer organization.
- Reviewed multiple area of personal involvement and impacts of agencies associated with who want to utilize Ridgecrest fields.

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Dave Ignall

- Thanked athletes who stayed to support keeping the sport complex open
- Referenced a joke.
- Referenced cost to xeroscape a park and reduction with no water. Compared to current condition of ball fields.
- Related history of growing and living in Ridgecrest.
- Read statement on morals and ethics and impact of sports on youth.
- Requested Council keep fields open for youth and future generations.
- Shared story of Mayor Clark attending games during campaign and promise to take care of fields and facilities if elected.
- Asked Council to do what is right for the youth.
- Spoke on obligation to follow promises.

Jed McLaughlin

- Spoke as President of Football Association.
- League was selected as chapter of the year.
- Not asking for help. Volunteers have not asked City to do anything. Have done what they can to improve facilities.
- Not asking for facilities to be turned over now, but to repair the fields and then ask association to work out something.
- Fields are ready to blow up, water lines breaking. Fix it then ask the leagues for help.

Unknown Speaker

- Questioned \$25k for computer system, suggested better prices available. Trying to cut costs and is unnecessary expense.
- Commented on electric for tennis courts and pool and multiple parks. Kerr McGee electric is paid by the football and baseball sports league.
- Contributing more for these sports more than other groups. Asked Council not to cut the programs.
- Over 350 baseball players who raise funds to pay expenses. Not asking City to pay the bills.

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Dave Matthews

- Measure 'L' comment on public works needs, code enforcement and graffiti removal are being performed by police.
- Comments on percentages of Measure 'L' going to each department.
- Parks Department comments on conditions in past. Sports received as a youth were attained by school system.
- Related activities during summer time including summer jobs as paper carrier and lawn mower.
- Suggested school system should be providing programs for the youth.
- Questioned Freedom Park. Need to make distinction between the actual Freedom Park which is the gazebo and fountain but the grass behind City Hall is different.
- Questioned why fences were needed, should be available to all public.
- Added comments about things Mr. Neel stated regarding salaries.

Michael Reed

- Asked Council to save the fields.

Usef Odeh

- Thanked Council and staff for listening to public, understand what they are going through
- Comments on business and community
- Understand City is governed. Sees what Mr. Ponek goes through. Need to get back to understanding we are human beings and need to have communication
- Have personally raised up to \$7,000 for the fields. A lot of people willing to step up and take control of the fields to keep them going.
- Recommend putting together financial committees to help try to generate money. Community needs to help come up with conclusion.
- Commented on team and ways to generate revenue. Ways to do it like charging \$1.00 per person to enter a park.
- Willing to support and help if Council will authorize it.
- Commend Chief Strand on doing a great job dealing with AB 109 and the setback he has to deal with.
- All people and need to remember that.

Chip Holloway

- Thanked Usef for all he has done in the community and taking pride in his businesses.

Usef Odeh

- Thanked Chip for cleaning medians every Sunday.
- Commented that West Ridgecrest needs help on paving.

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Lori Acton

- Thanked Usef for offering solutions.

Scott Garver

- Comments on Measure 'L' and backfill for police. Started as 2 officers, then 3, then 7 and now 14.
- Conflict for both departments. Artificial number given to police, no one is expecting him to come up with a net loss.
- If department is taken to 19 officers then City problems are worse than cutting grass. Not realistic to expect police to operate with only 19 officers.
- If have to give close to what is requested, then will have to do without roads.
- Seems arbitrary to ask for the cut then give it back thru Measure 'L'.
 - Rachele McQuiston – cut a chunk from parks and other departments. If other departments are cut more then there won't be a department
- Then departments will be cut and grass will be brown.

Dan Clark

- Want to get to the point in the budget that we don't have to backfill with Measure 'L' in the event that it is not reinstated in 4 years.

Rachele McQuiston

- All departments were proportionally cut. Other budget units not supported by Measure 'L' were cut more.

Jason Patin

- All departments were cut proportionally based on the size of their budget. Percentage of general fund.

Recess at 9:14pm and reconvened at 9:20pm

Tom Wiknich

- Comments of 11:30pm people trying to get into store, calls 911.
- Commented on citizen requiring help and 911 being called.
- Humanized topic. Nothing more important than adequately staffed police department.
- Most important thing to make sure there are enough officers, everything else will fall in after that.
- Referenced Mike Tosti's offer and suggested Council accept the offer. The offer saves City \$50k.
- Other offer of lights if City decided to use it. Suggested getting the offers on paper. Quantify the offer and let someone else take over the financial responsibility. Liked the questions asked by Lori Acton. Need answers for those questions.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked if anyone knows when the parks impact fees will expire. Have to be used relative to growth, not maintenance and have to be given back if not used.
 - Dennis Speer – will verify that information.
- Agree with financing offers
- Asked Council to keep in mind that roads were to be paid with RDA.
- Citizens are offering to do things and City has not allowed in the past. Needs to change.
- Suggested City pays utilities and let organizations take care of labor. Creative not financial support. As private organizations they can go after grants for financial for labor.
- Do not try to compete with organizations.
- Numbers of parks modified proposal should be reviewed before putting into the budget.
- Comments about actual numbers and comparisons with staffing needs.
- Commented on percentages cut from budgets. Cautioned about transparency and commitment for Measure 'L' funds and credibility.
- Referenced past measures that did not pass. Consider where will go if measure does not pass again.
- Asked for community development budget cuts and proposal showing what City has realized for the funds expended.
- Need a baseline budget without Measure 'L'

Brad Days

- Council jobs are tough because less money available.
- Need all the sports in Ridgecrest, does not want to see the Jackson Park go to waste due to the infrastructure City has put into the facility
- Spring Soccer has been cut, gave statistics on soccer impact
- Anticipated increase to baseball and basketball that did not occur.
- Encouraged maintaining soccer
- Referenced discussions with other organizations.
- Listed improvements soccer organization has contributed.
- Commented on lack of cost to City for watering because electricity is paid by baseball and football which runs the pump for the well.
- Boards are working together to take care of the grass.
- Soccer cannot commit to take care of the pump.
- Commented on attempts made in past to work with City to maintain the soccer fields.
- Asked Council to not cut the programs. City is obligated to provide infrastructure including for the youth to play sports.
- Asked City to work with organizations to come up with plan that will work to keep the fields open.
- Commented that if youth don't have sports they will find other things to do that will not help the police department.

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- Lori Acton – asked for clarification of comments regarding installation of sod but not being allowed to water.
- Organization was not allowed to run a water line and water during the winter months so sod died.
- Commented about improvements that need to be made which would ease the maintenance costs.

Brandon Rey

- Spoke on supporting the youth and sports.
- Asked about the watering schedule.
 - Jim Ponek responded
- Asked if citizens were allowed to monitor watering.
- Want to make sure there will be consistent watering for the remainder of this year.
- Asked Council to not take anything away from the kids.
- Dirt is hazard to children's ankles and knees.
- Comments on the fee increase. Suggested fee increase would be accepted if there were improvements to the fields.

Closed Public Comment at 9:48 p.m.

Measure 'L' discussion

Lori Acton

- Reviewed the Public Works request for matching funds.
- Asked for per mile cost to pave a road and for clarification of pavements projects under the PMS plan.
 - Dennis Speer – reviewed PMS study on public works presentation.
- Suggested 60% to police and 40% to roads with additional cuts elsewhere that will provide fund dollars to general fund and funnel to police. Keeps police whole and give roads the matching funds.

Jim Sanders

- Hoping to find enough cuts elsewhere to give police and roads 50% of Measure 'L'.

Chip Holloway

- Reviewed necessary Measure 'L' needs for Public Works. Adjusted numbers on each line item taking the request to \$965,706.00.
 - Dennis Speer – needs programmed projects in engineering and streets, maintenance worker I, crack filler machine without tire roller \$931,706 total. If other funds available, will need another engineer 1 or 2 to manage projects. PMS is not addressed in amended request.
 - Rachele McQuiston – minimal salary savings due to hiring delay in positions.

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- Preference is to give to streets and find other cuts to get where we need to be with Police.
 - Rachele McQuiston – confirmed the proposal of Measure ‘L’ split to Roads 56% and Police 44%.

Jason Patin

- Have serious Public Safety issue. Not willing to patch a few streets and risk Public Safety.
- Suggested giving .5 million to roads and 1.29 million to police and if more comes in then goes to roads. Equates to 28% to roads and 72% to police.
- Is still using one time funding and each year using less Measure ‘L’

Chip Holloway

- Estimate having to come up with additional cuts of over \$500k.

Dan Clark

- Of the opinion that need to begin moving money toward streets. Looking at \$56% to police and balance of 44% to streets and use police impact fees to fund balance. Understood could maintain safety and add a police vehicle.
 - Ron Strand – reviewed legal uses for impact fees

Lori Acton

- Is comfortable with Mayor’s proposal

Rachele McQuiston

- To cut \$568k from general fund, need Council direction.

Jason Patin

- Won’t agree with the proposal until reviews the potential cuts.

Jim Sanders

- Need to discuss ideas for cuts in general fund to satisfy police budget.

Chip Holloway

- Reviewed plan to cut \$568,000 from general fund including \$200k in employee adjustments and \$90k in impact fees.

Dan Clark

- Handout of suggested cuts.
- Discussion of potential savings from legal budget.

Keith Lemieux

- Agreed with the \$46k cut from RDA legal.

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Dan Clark

- Looking at approximately \$100k in savings that could be folded into Chip's suggested revision.

Lori Acton

- Clarified proposal from Dan Clark

Dan Clark

- Proposal is to move funding from the legal and RDA general fund and personnel adjustments to public works to fund some of the Measure 'L' request.
- With that will dovetail into Chip's suggestion and can take a look at leaving either Kerr McGee or Jackson Park open.

Lori Acton

- Requested to continue discussions while can digest number. Process is backwards and need to work on general fund cuts first.

Jim Sanders

- Suggested adjourning until numbers can be presented.

Suggestion was made to adjourn to Monday, May 6.

Dennis recommended settling the Measure 'L' split and then could adjourn to general fund.

Consensus is to split with \$1 million to Police and \$800k to Streets. 56% to Police and 44% to streets.

Motion To Split Measure 'L' At 56% To Police And 44% To Streets Made By Council Member Acton, Second Council Member Sanders. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 3 Ayes (Clark, Acton, Sanders); 2 Noes (Holloway & Patin); 0 Abstain And 0 Absent

Meeting Adjourned to May 6, 2013 at 4:00pm

Reconvened Meeting At 4:00pm On May 6, 2013

ADJOURNED SESSION – 4:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

Dennis Speer

- Presented introduction of process

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Rachelle McQuiston

- Reviewed changes made at the May 1 meeting and identified areas to be revisited at this meeting.

Jason Patin

- Asked about the cuts made which reduced Parks obligation down to \$117k vs. \$220.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – cuts made to legal allocations reduced the amount of cuts needed by Parks. Some concern that City may experience a major legal issue in the coming year and not have sufficient funds available.
 - Keith Lemieux – recent litigation has been unusually heavy so estimates are for the typical litigation history.
- Asked for clarification of legal budget number.
 - Dan Clark – reviewed the amounts allocated for legal

Jim Ponek

- Presented handout of estimated participation for facilities 2012 totals.
- Reviewed original staffing cuts of 1 person and changes to proposal with litigation cuts allow putting the one staff person back into the budget.
- Reviewed proposed cuts.
 - Dan Clark asked what savings would be realized if pool was closed
- Approximately \$55k this year and up to \$75k for consecutive years.
 - Chip Holloway – clarified the staffing numbers.
- Dan Clark – asked for clarification of how much Parks needed to cut.

Jim Sanders

- Intent of Measure 'L' funds was that any additional funding found would be given to police to make them whole.

Jim Ponek

- If one F/T maintenance worker goes back, that leaves \$50k to put back into the parks budget, recommend Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex which is City owned and plans for TAB funds, suggested making that a premier park, end lease with Jackson Sports Complex, maintain Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex better than in past.

Dan Clark

- Soccer is good revenue generator, can we recapture that funding.
 - Jim Ponek – recommend running spring soccer season in Freedom Park with no lights. Switch lighting proposal from soccer to football fields.
- Can we recapture revenue from flag football?
 - Jim Ponek - If lights are installed before December then possible.

Lori Acton

- Clarified youth sports 25 additional acres available, can a soccer field be placed at that location rather than freedom park.
 - Jim Ponek – when TAB funds become available, can be a discussion. Shortage of fields is biggest issue. Recommending 2 fields at Freedom Park and when TAB funds are available then look at moving everything to one location.
- Clarified that it would be feasible and asked about lights at the fields now.
 - Lights on baseball but need lights on football fields and can use fund 18 redevelopment impact fund.
- Asked if still considering having organizations take over the maintenance costs.
 - They could help but City would be the lead. Furloughs are over and additional hours available plus staff formerly working Jackson Park would be reassigned to Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex.
- Clarified proposal to keep Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex and asked for percentage of additional help expected by other organizations.
- Asked for estimated number that other organization participation would equate to.
 - Jim Ponek – recommended that City maintain 100%.

Jim Sanders

- Asked for clarification of why City would not accept outside participation at this time.
 - Jim Ponek – organizations have expressed unwillingness to assist with fields in the current condition. Asking for 100% participation from all organizations and the City to bring fields back up to standard.
- Requested more clarification and wants to make sure we go into this with level of confidence that we will be able to maintain the fields at this level. Organizations have expressed desire to help; need to know what level of participation we are going to allow.
 - Jim Ponek – referenced past experience with having a dedicated maintenance staff to maintain fields. Organizations assisted with striping, irrigation, and sod.
- Jackson Sports complex proposed to end lease, what is being proposed to cut if County does not agree to release City from the lease.
 - Dan Clark – met with Mick Gleason who assured the county would release the lease without liability.
- Requested clarification of Ridgecrest Senior Center proposal.
 - Jim Ponek – terminating lease with senior nutrition, re-negotiate the lease and have nutrition program to pay entire cost.
- Asked for timeline of the senior nutrition lease.
 - Jim Ponek – Can cancel contract with 90 calendar day written notice which put us into the first month of the new fiscal year.

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Jason Patin

- Asked Mr. Ponek to go thru and explain where the cuts were being made.
 - Jim Ponek – Jackson Sports Complex, \$60,500, ending lease, non-labor costs effective August 1, 2013. Senior center \$35,000. Irrigation to 52 medians \$42,000. Extra savings request putting into Kerr McGee sports complex.
- Asked for explanation of senior center cuts.
 - Jim Ponek – reviewed the cost to the City for operating the nutrition program and option to renegotiate that cost.
- Now have two items totaling \$95,000 that not sure will happen with County. Most probable thing that can happen is the Jackson Park complex but having trouble passing a budget on probables.

Dan Clark

- Referenced potential pool cuts.

Lori Acton

- Each median ranged from \$153 to \$256 per month costs to the City.
 - Dennis Speer – large portion of median irrigation is paid by grant, which would need to turn the grant back over to the issuing authority.

Rachelle McQuiston

- Asked if Jackson Park is eliminated, is it necessary to add back the 1 full-time maintenance worker.
 - Jim Ponek - Suggested using that person to maintain other facilities

Dan Clark

- Reviewed participation numbers presented for each complex.

Lori Acton

- Clarified total number of cuts proposed as \$117k. Referenced Helmer's Park and suggested cut Jackson, Helmer's, and partial medians. Could use water trucks and part time person.

Chip Holloway

- Asked Mr. Speer about Measure 'L' discussion.
- Asked about restrictions on impact fee funds.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – responded.
- Do not like the idea of getting rid of Jackson Park or adding fields in Freedom Park.
- Referenced email from Kern County that promises \$75,000 to help fund Jackson park.
- Suggested cut seniors, medians, and Helmer's to total 87k in cuts. Give up facilities then do not need as many staff and propose cutting three maintenance workers. Add back \$33k to maintain Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex and Jackson sports complex at net zero with promise to pay \$75k. Take 2 maintenance workers from parks and put into public works. Maintain facilities and contract Jackson Park out to Mike Tosti.

General discussion about proposal for Jackson Park.

Jim Ponek

- Negotiation on the table was \$125k and City maintains entire facility including buildings.
- Reviewed previous discussions. Do not recommend the idea because trying to save all the facilities and Mr. Tosti has offered to take over Jackson facilities.
- Fields are horrible so recommending soccer move to Freedom Park and City put additional funds into fixing existing fields at Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex.

Jim Sanders

- Reviewed additional cost to maintain Freedom Park.
- Requested additional 10K in cuts to compensate for increased maintenance.
- Requested clarification of numbers.
- Referenced the \$35k for senior and requested a contingency plan should the County not release the contract.

Dennis Speer

- Intent of the hearing is to make cuts now and come back to Council with balanced budget.

Dan Clark

- Reviewed options presented.

Jim Sanders

- Suggested stick with original proposed cuts and give the savings to police department.

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Lori Acton

- Senior center has already said would not renegotiate a new contract.
- Hate losing Jackson sports complex but privatization is ok.
- Good with Helmer's park going away. Private group has volunteered to take over the park as a community garden and would take over all lights and irrigation for total of \$27k savings to City.
- Suggest layoff of ½ maintenance worker at 18K.

Jason Patin

- Referenced Measure 'L' discussion and promise to fund police with additional savings.

Dan Clark

- Asked for some kind of consensus within the 5 options.

General discussion of Measure 'L' action.

Rachelle McQuiston

- Police would be receiving \$1 million of Measure 'L' and Public Works would receive \$800k.

Dan Clark

- Reviewed the discussion and split of Measure 'L' with caveat of using impact fees to purchase a vehicle. Keeping 31 officers + 1 vehicle.

Jason Patin

- Was a 3-2 vote and thought the shortfall was to be made up with general fund. Police are currently missing \$210k.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – Chief Strand recommended not filling the 2 vacant positions.

Ron Strand

- Reviewed savings and cuts made due to not receiving \$290k of measure 'L' funding.
- Reviewed \$90k impact fees.
- Use impact fees for vehicle and keep 2 vacant positions unfilled.

Lori Acton

- Requested clarification of officer's needed, 31 or 33.

Ron Strand

- Previously asked if could maintain public safety with 31 and answer was yes, however overtime budget would be higher.

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Jim Sanders

- Love having parks programs but suggesting take police from 31 to 32 officers.

Dan Clark

- Comments about balanced community can have 50 officers but if youth are not engaged then 50 would not be enough.

Jim Sanders

- Currently operating at the low end of what is needed and City.
- City does not have to do everything for the youth, others can help

Chip Holloway

- Reminded Council that police had already cut their budget and Council left them short on Measure 'L' funds.

Jason Patin

- Feel senior center is unrealistic
- Not in favor of cutting water off to medians
- Jackson has to go back to County.
- Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex needs to be maintained, other ways to get it done than just through the budget; organizations are willing to help, need to let them help. Have to stop tying their hands and work with them. Will be a savings to the City and then can focus on funding a police officer. They want to help us and have a contractor who will maintain the complex for \$33k per year and previously cost City \$120k.
- Have no reserve and need police officers.

Lori Acton

- \$33k for contractor at Kerr McGee youth and no employee costs.
- Cut Jackson at \$60k and Helmer's at \$27k and let garden club have Helmer's.
- Shift maintenance worker costs to Public Works.

Jim Ponek

- Commented on anticipated added costs to repair vandalism, irrigations lines, etc.

Dan Clark

- Five options, suggested eliminating options and get down to 2.
- Chips option of using one year option for Jackson park
 - 3 against.

Chip Holloway

- Asked what public works lost in cuts
 - Dennis Speer – PMS maintenance

5 minute recess

Reconvened at 5:30pm

Dan Clerk

- 5 options, turned microphone to Chip Holloway

Chip Holloway

- Nothing in budget is guaranteed for more than one year. County will legally have to go to bid to justify paying city \$75k; if bids come in lower then City loses and if higher could potentially get more money. This buys time to protect over \$2 million in City funded infrastructure. Multiple offers by private citizens but no guarantee these organization will actually be willing to write the check. This has been the City's premier facility for years. To discount Jackson Park and talk about building somewhere else and lose over \$2 million in improvements is irresponsible and hopefully this is only a short term problem that can hopefully fund in the future.

Dan Clark

- Initial thought is close Jackson and the pool. Concerned about litigation and who will be liable for injury or damage. Like having another year without sacrificing infrastructure. Consider doing a town hall meeting and including all agencies willing to step up with labor and in-kind service to go over legal obligations should pumps break or someone get injured. Would have a year to modify efforts and clarify legal. Might not be a bad idea to take the County's proposal and work with entities to clarify the type of support they are willing to put forth and identify the legal issues. Be clear about legal concerns.

Chip Holloway

- Jackson Sports Complex is a know entity. All other options are based on an unknown outcome. Examples of lights, schedules. Adjusting capacity.

Jason Patin

- Park is not going away, just changing how things will be done. Use of park will still be available but run thru the County. If we use this option then in a year would have to do this all over again. Would prefer we have a plan.

Chip Holloway

- Recreate programs in a different location.

Dan Clark

- Some programs will go away unless someone is willing to run those programs.

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Lori Acton

- County will privatize if we turn over to them. Still going to be there and still have programs just not with the City. we don't have funding to run the programs but there are people willing to step up and run those programs. Just putting ourselves in the position of kicking the can down the road. Do not think delaying this another year is the smart thing to do. Later we may be in a position to negotiate and help, but not right now.

Jim Sanders

- Agree we are not in a position to accept this contract. See opportunity to see how the programs survive under private hands. Think will be a good thing for Ridgecrest.

Dan Clark

- Option 1 is to get rid of Jackson Park, senior center, and irrigation to Helmer's park.
 - Lori Acton – will not support getting rid of senior center because the seniors built it and County will not continue to operate it.
 - Jason Patin – not willing to close senior center
 - Chip Holloway – support median being dry but save senior center.
 - Jim Sanders – ask but have other option on senior center.

Option 2 close pool and give Jackson park back

- Jason Patin – not the pool
- Chip Holloway – no
- Jim Sanders – yes
- Lori Acton - no

Option 4 cut everything and give balance to police

- Jim Sanders – full cut but possible not in this order
- Lori Acton – not these cuts
- Jason Patin – support if money goes to police and maintains programs
- Dan Clark – does not support

Option 5 cut Jackson, helmers parks to garden club; cut .5 maintenance employee

- Jim Sanders – yes
- Lori Acton – yes
- Chip Holloway – not maintenance
- Jason Patin – not maintenance
- Dan Clark – not maintenance

Cut Jackson, cut Helmer's.

Chip Holloway – give maintenance workers to Dennis from cut parks.

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Lori Acton

- if contracting Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex, put maintenance from that park to public works.
- Asked Mr. Ponek what maintenance works on during the winter.
 - Jim Ponek - Rehab of facilities and rental set-up and tear-down.

Review of suggested options:

- Option 1 cut Jackson Park to County, re-negotiate Senior Center, cut Helmer's Park to garden club
- Option 2 cut Jackson park to county, Helmer's park to garden club, contract Kerr McGee sports complex, and move 1-2 labor to streets

Dennis Speer

- Clarified that the numbers mentioned were total expense to maintain the two parks.

Lori Acton

- Asked if all Council agreed on Jackson and Helmer's Park.
- Suggested cutting half irrigation to medians and use our truck and well water twice weekly.

Public Comment opened at 6:05pm:

Jerry Taylor

- Suggested spreadsheet for future
- Agree with Jason of not kicking can down the road.
- Revenue will not change overnight, will be there for future years.
- Comments of Measure 'L' being one-time funding.
- Agree with taking advantage of people willing to help today.
- Helmer's park has minimal overhead costs in labor; \$27k includes park repairs.
- Suggested looking at other costs in the budget. Example of \$100k salaries.
- Referenced usage numbers for programs and fees.
- Suggested eliminating \$100k salary and supplement fee structure for participants.
- Encouraged Council to accept options offered by organizations. Already cover the organizations under City insurance policy.
- Suggested doing something with the roads and maintaining police department.
- Exemplified North Norma street deterioration.
- Should not recreate something already built. Keep in mind the multi-use center was supposed to be built at Freedom Park.
- Freedom Park is under used more than other parks.
- Suggested looking at median costs with Water District and use SMART irrigation timers.

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- Well-water is not free, cost of pump and electricity. Referenced cost to City even with solar park.
- Commend Jason for wanting to go this direction.

Mike Neel

- Asked about other areas of the budget not yet discussed.
- Referenced cuts made to police and public works.
- Tired of parks and recreation
- No discussion of reductions to Council benefits
- Department Head salary reductions not discussed
- Cut Economic Development Manager position
- 800K of Measure 'L' for streets is not enough
- Cut parks full amount and funnel savings to streets or Measure 'L' won't pass again.
- Comments from public about Council not putting Measure 'L' funds to streets.
- Assumption of reduced legal costs, Dale Howard cases will drag into 2014 and referenced a federal case against the City with more legal costs. Savings may not be there. Civil case will go to trial.
- No discussion of reducing retainer fees yet.
- Support idea of turning Jackson Park over to individual groups.
- When private organizations begin running programs, may not need a Parks Director and could change position and salary.
- If Jackson Parks stays operational then leave soccer at Jackson Park. Do not need to increase programs. Release City's ownership and supervision. Do not add more cost.
- Asked why Council are raising questions about contracts, should be Parks Director.
 - Lori Acton – when discussing positions, is done in private.
 - Keith Lemieux – preferable to discuss individuals in closed session, this is a general budget discussion.

Paul Vanderwerf

- Referenced proposal for garden club
- Litigation comments referencing cardio equipment. Original room assignment was where the offices are now. Not legal space allowed around equipment at the present location. Suggest moving office staff from parks out of weight room and put exercise equipment in that location.
- Handout to Council referencing supervisors files.
- Parks & recreation keeps black book of participation for volunteers and officials which needs to be corrected.
- Commented on administrator code of ethics and administrative procedures.
- Referenced website links to national standards
- Suggested using adhoc committees and parks plan.
- Did not understand participation numbers
- Referenced quality of participation.

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- Not all sports will bring in the same revenue
- Need to keep pool open and keep facilities
- Suggested contracting Jackson Park and if it works then do same with other parks.
- Commented on TAB funds. Should be spent the same regardless of who is running the fields.
- Overall general fund is zero balance with no reserve. Encouraged Council to listen to accountant.

Justin O'Neill

- Comments of new involvement from community but methods have not been explored to see the benefit
- One benefit to kicking can down the road would give Council time to absorb costs
- New ideas should be explored before jumping in.
- Comments of suggestions made regarding TAB funds and sequestration issues.
- Offsetting decision for one year may be helpful
- Encouraged Council to see which organizations could absorb what costs.
- Not an easy community to fund raise in and encouraged further exploration to identify organizations who can help.
- Comments of need for central organization headed by City.
- Town hall meeting a good idea to bring organizations together and find out who can absorb what.

Terry Beyer

- Parks and Recreation Citizens Committee meeting announced
- Working with quality of life committee to identify organizations and fundraising opportunities.
- Tracking information to parks and recreation director and Council.
- Extended invitation to all organizations.
- Jackson Park contract to Mr. Tosti will help maintain use of the fields.
- Thursday, 6pm at Kerr McGee informational meeting for organizations.

Mike Tosti

- President of Cerro Coso boosters and have raised funds to support programs.
- Example of basketball tourney supported with rotary club.
- Commented on loss of students due to grades and efforts to attract students from other cities.
- DART has submitted proposal to county to help maintain Jackson park. NAWS is willing to work as a volunteer group.
- Reviewed other groups working with programs on volunteer program and groups who are short of funding. Getting offers for help.
 - Lori Acton – suggested joint use of college basketball courts.
- Mentioned tournament involvement.

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Robert Lowe

- Agree with comments made; ok to give Jackson Park to private organizations.
- People offered to donate lights, construction companies, and lawn services.
- Let people handle it.

Brad Hayes

- Comments on Jackson park.
- Mentioned City loss of revenue with private agency taking over programs
- Encouraged Council to consider keeping programs for another year with County offer.
- Comments of staffing to maintain facilities. Suggested seeing how many workers will be needed without the Jackson and Helmer's park and where else could those persons be used to better maintain facilities before giving them to streets.
- Made comments about baseball costs for the program, registration fees, snack bar, and other fundraisers.
- A lot of organizations willing to help but don't think City should get out of everything. Part of infrastructure.
- Comments of good relationship with parks in the past. Willing to continue helping and need to not be limited.
- Suggested Council give more guidance to Mr. Ponek.
- Mentioned option of \$75k from County for another year.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked if medians had 2" water main. May be paying for large meter from ready to serve.
- Suggested working with Water District to reduce costs. Exemplified fairgrounds issues.

Closed public comment at 6:52pm

Jim Ponek

- Reviewed revenue options from associations and possible new recreation coordinator to open on Monday's and increase fees and rentals begin January 2014.

Dan Clark

- Alternative suggestion, close Jackson, close Helmer's, add revenues from associations, new recreation coordinator, and raise fees and rentals.

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Lori Acton

- Asked for clarification of how a new recreation coordinator would increase revenues
 - Jim Ponek – keep building open 7 days per week, increase programs and rentals.
- Asked about possibility of commission based individual.
- Suggestion of indoor soccer for little tykes.
 - Jim Ponek – need options for adult sports.

Dan Clark

- Option alternate – Close Jackson, Give Helmer's park to garden club, add one new recreation coordinator, increase fees and rentals.

Jason Patin

- Not in favor of adjusting fees up 50%. Need to justify that participants are not paying more than the cost of the program.
- If adding \$50k back into budget, need to justify how exactly the revenue increases will happen.
- In favor of outsourcing parks to the people. Need to let people who are willing to help us do exactly that.

Rachelle McQuiston

- Clarified numbers

Jim Sanders

- Question about recreation coordinator option. Eliminating Jackson park and programs will go away
 - Planned on continuing programs this year and hopefully generating new programs for next year with a new staff person for Kerr McGee center. No assurances.
- Do not want to see Freedom Park developed into more fields. Community is not losing fields.

Chip Holloway

- If not developing 2 soccer fields in Freedom Park then no justification to Recreation Coordinator.

Lori Acton

- Requested a scenario of soccer costs breakdown and knowledge of number of participants needed for each program. Asked for breakdown for each program.

Chip Holloway

- Would support a 10% increase for 5 years versus a 50% in one year.

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Dan Clark

- Freedom Park has grass, it takes a coordinator to run the program and then can generate revenue. At mid-year if numbers are not there, then can reexamine it.

Lori Acton

- Programs are already at Jackson Park and only looking at one program per season at Freedom Park. Just have to line it and put in goals.
 - Jim Ponek - Would probably run more Saturday and Sunday programs. Without lights still a lot can be done on that park.
- Do not want to see us invest funds or redevelop the whole thing.
 - Jim Ponek - Already have everything needed, minimal cost. Could do adult sports program with increased fees to maintain fields.
- Lori Acton – ok with option 3 if fee increases are over a 5-year spread.
 - Brad Hayes – for non-profit, revenue varies annually so effects how much can contribute.
- Suggested grass be moved to another location.

Reviewed Option 3

Jackson Park released to Kern County, Helmer's Park released to the Garden Club, Add one Recreation Coordinator, raise fees additional \$20K, and renegotiate association agreements, purchase a credit card system.

Jason Patin

- Does not support option 3

Chip Holloway

- Opposed Option 3. Give soccer to Mr. Tosti and run Kerr McGee with part time staff.
 - Jim Ponek - if not hiring a full-time then could hire part-time with decent wage. Suggested part time 1000 hours at \$20 per hour.
- focus on one thing, suggested pre-school
 - Jim Ponek – were losing money on preschool and need staffing available. Suggested a portion of several programs and rentals would benefit by Sunday opening.

Lori Acton

- Asked for clarification of why current preschool program cannot run on Monday's.
 - Jim Ponek – gave explanation of problems experienced in past with shortened staff. Past budget cuts caused program to be cut.
- suggested contracting boys and girls club to run programs.
 - Jim Ponek – can look at for Sundays and some Saturdays and Mondays. Still need to have staff in the building.

Option 1 reviewed

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- senior center renegotiated; Jackson park released to County, & Helmer's park released to garden club
 - Majority Council rejected this option because of Senior Center

Option 2 reviewed

- Jackson park released to County, Helmer's park released to Garden Club, reduce irrigation to medians by one half
 - Majority Council rejected this option.

Option 3 reviewed

- Jackson park released to County, Helmer's park released to Garden Club, Increase fees for programs and rentals by 17k in 2014; reduce irrigation to medians by one half.

Motion To Approve Option 3 Giving Jackson Park To County; Giving Helmer's Park To Garden Club; Increasing Fees By 17k; Cut Median Irrigation By 20K Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Sanders. 4 Ayes (Clark, Holloway, Sanders, and Acton), 1 Noes (Patin) 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.

Dennis Speer

- Brings to conclusion the Information staff needs to draft budget to bring back to council.

Lori Acton

- Requested breakdown of program costs from Mr. Ponak.

Jim Sanders

- Proposed \$100K in personnel changes to discuss and shift back to public works and police.

Chip Holloway

- Looking to make other cuts to restore funds cut from Public works.
- Reviewed Measure 'L' requests and discussed lease option for vehicles and equipment. Willing to pursue this option and have a line item for a leasing program to make police whole and public works close to whole.

Lori Acton

- Clarified lease proposals for police cars and public works equipment including crack filler and tire roller.

Rachelle McQuiston

- Clarified that cuts made still assumes that one full-time maintenance position will be cut. Will review the numbers.

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Jason Patin

- Reviewed suggestion of filling the gap in public works with additional cuts, and wants to do the same for Police.
- Stated that raising fees on people who are willing to do things themselves to help is not right.

Jim Sanders

- Asked if 2 persons were needed at building department counter, suggested reducing by one position.
 - County reimbursement of \$44k equates to 1/3 of the time.
- Recommended decreasing the scope of the Economic Development Program Manager contract from \$90k to \$40k for and suggested City Planner fill in 50% of the time.
 - Dennis Speer – reviewed discussion of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) approvals and responsibilities. Recommend current status remain in place at this time.

Chip Holloway

- Will pursue lease options and further discussion of moving maintenance worker from parks to public works.

Dennis Speer

- Clarified Council direction.

Lori Acton

- Suggested one more meeting mid-may with further discussion with staff.

Dan Clark

- In favor of getting final draft before June 5 meeting.

Lori Acton

- Requested budget a minimum of 1 week prior to adoption meeting.

Rachelle McQuiston

- Confirmed a draft budget would be presented to Council at least one week prior to the June 5 meeting.

Close No. 11 budget hearing

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Organization

Members: Dan Clark, Jim Sanders
Meeting: 3rd Tuesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: May 21, 2013

Jim Sanders – announced next meeting

Community Development Committee

Members: Jason Patin, Chip Holloway
Meetings: 1st Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: May 2, 2013

Jason Patin – reviewed last meeting including presentation of unmanned aircraft program, update of economic development projects.

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Dan Clark, Jason Patin
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: May 8, 2013

Dan Clark – announced next meeting

Quality Of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Lori Acton
Meeting: 2nd Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: May 9, 2013 (Dark in June, July, December, and January)

Chip Holloway – announced next meeting in august

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

Members: Jim Sanders, Jason Patin
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 4:00 P.M., Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: May 21, 2013

Jason Patin – have not met.

Veterans Advisory Committee

Members: Jason Patin, Lori Acton
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month At 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: May 20, 2013

Dan Clark – reviewed committee fundraising efforts and stand down planning.

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Jason Patin, Chip Holloway
Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.
Next Meeting: May 1, 2013 at location to be announced

Chip Holloway – announced next meeting and read director’s report.

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Acton

- Updated IWWWD management group regarding sustainability plan and public meetings scheduled in June.
- IWW Economic Development changes coming.

Chip Holloway

- Announced East Kern Air Pollution Control Board meeting date of May 9 at 1:00 in Council Chamber regarding new pistachio farm.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- Attended TTAC meeting at Kern COG where it was announced three calls for projects with deadlines. Will be reviewing applications under new guidelines and may not do as well as in past.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lori Acton

- Boys And Girls Club Mud Run is June 8th, encouraged community to participate
- HDRA race was successful and working to bring in double the racers if they make this part of the regular circuit
- Working on bringing other events to that area
- Interesting budget process and thanked staff and citizens who have provided feedback and information.

Jim Sanders

- Thanked staff for work put into the budget discussions. Definite learning experience and have taken a lot out of it.
- Want more community involvement.
- Great comments and level of enthusiasm. Need to harness that now.
- Would like to see more organization of volunteers
- Want to look at priorities in future budgets.
- Thanked staff again.

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Chip Holloway

- Apologized for laughing during comments, was remembering editorial in past papers.
- Would like to see this (budget) come back at May 15 Council meeting for draft.

Jason Patin

- Would like to see budget at May 15 Council meeting so final approval can be at June 5 meeting.
- Agrees with Mr. Sanders about moving forward with volunteers
- Still disagree with raising fees on the same people who are willing to help us.
- Need to accept the help and work with the people. Hope council will move that direction in future.

Dan Clark

- Thanked Mr. Speers and Mr. McQuiston. This is the most thorough budget have been able to work with.
- Department of resources recycling and recovery have submitted letter removing compliance order against the City of Ridgecrest.
- We paid \$30K fees and am hoping thru our attendance would like the fees back when we were innocent.
- Announced May 9 hearing regarding LAHONTAN water amendment and use designation. Encouraged public to attend.
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was inspirational
- May 18th pancake breakfast fundraiser for 50th anniversary of City. 8-12 at Elks Lodge. \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child.
- Thanked staff for work on budget and thanked colleagues for their support.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:09pm

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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

SUBJECT:

Discussion and approval of a resolution designating a voting member and alternate to attend the League of California Cities annual business meeting and represent the City of Ridgecrest.

PRESENTED BY:

Rachel J. Ford – City Clerk

SUMMARY:

The League's 2013 Annual Conference is scheduled for September 18-20 in Sacramento. An important part of the Annual Conference is the Annual Business Meeting (*at the closing General Assembly*). At this meeting, the League membership considers and takes action on resolutions that establish League policy.

In order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, the City Council must designate a voting delegate. The City may also appoint up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote in the event that the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity

Council will discuss and select a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate to serve as our voice at the League of California Cities annual business meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a resolution designating a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate to attend the annual business meeting of the League of California Cities

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve a resolution designating both a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate for the annual business meeting of the League of California Cities.

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities hosts an Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, business meetings and actions occur at this conference; and

WHEREAS, the conference will be held September 18th through 20th, 2013 in the City of Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the City Council must approve voting delegates by adoption of this resolution by City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest hereby designates _____ as the voting delegate and appoints _____ as the alternate voting delegate .

APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of May 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Daniel O. Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

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Council Action Advised by August 2, 2013

PLEASE NOTE: You are receiving this letter and form earlier than usual because hotel space near the Sacramento Convention Center for the Annual Conference will be especially tight this year. As a result, we want to encourage you to make your hotel reservations early.

April 26, 2013

TO: Mayors, City Managers and City Clerks

**RE: DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
League of California Cities Annual Conference – September 18 - 20, Sacramento**

The League's 2013 Annual Conference is scheduled for September 18 - 20 in Sacramento. An important part of the Annual Conference is the Annual Business Meeting (*at the General Assembly*), scheduled for noon on Friday, September 20, at the Sacramento Convention Center. At this meeting, the League membership considers and takes action on resolutions that establish League policy.

In order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, your city council must designate a voting delegate. Your city may also appoint up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote in the event that the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity.

Please complete the attached Voting Delegate form and return it to the League's office no later than Friday, August 23, 2013. This will allow us time to establish voting delegate/alternates' records prior to the conference.

Please note the following procedures that are intended to ensure the integrity of the voting process at the Annual Business Meeting.

- **Action by Council Required.** Consistent with League bylaws, a city's voting delegate and up to two alternates must be designated by the city council. When completing the attached Voting Delegate form, please attach either a copy of the council resolution that reflects the council action taken, or have your city clerk or mayor sign the form affirming that the names provided are those selected by the city council. Please note that designating the voting delegate and alternates **must** be done by city council action and cannot be accomplished by individual action of the mayor or city manager alone.
- **Conference Registration Required.** The voting delegate and alternates must be registered to attend the conference. They need not register for the entire conference; they may register for Friday only. To register for the conference, please go to our website: www.cacities.org. In order to cast a vote, at least one person must be present at the

- Business Meeting and in possession of the voting delegate card. Voting delegates and alternates need to pick up their conference badges before signing in and picking up the voting delegate card at the Voting Delegate Desk. This will enable them to receive the special sticker on their name badges that will admit them into the voting area during the Business Meeting.
- **Transferring Voting Card to Non-Designated Individuals Not Allowed.** The voting delegate card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates, but *only* between the voting delegate and alternates. If the voting delegate and alternates find themselves unable to attend the Business Meeting, they may *not* transfer the voting card to another city official.
- **Seating Protocol during General Assembly.** At the Business Meeting, individuals with the voting card will sit in a separate area. Admission to this area will be limited to those individuals with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate or alternate. If the voting delegate and alternates wish to sit together, they must sign in at the Voting Delegate Desk and obtain the special sticker on their badges.

The Voting Delegate Desk, located in the conference registration area of the Sacramento Convention Center, will be open at the following times: Wednesday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 19, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; and September 20, 7:30–10:00 a.m. The Voting Delegate Desk will also be open at the Business Meeting on Friday, but not during a roll call vote, should one be undertaken.

The voting procedures that will be used at the conference are attached to this memo. Please share these procedures and this memo with your council and especially with the individuals that your council designates as your city's voting delegate and alternates.

Once again, thank you for completing the voting delegate and alternate form and returning it to the League office by Friday, August 23. If you have questions, please call Mary McCullough at (916) 658-8247.

Attachments:

- 2013 Annual Conference Voting Procedures
- Voting Delegate/Alternate Form



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Annual Conference Voting Procedures 2013 Annual Conference

1. **One City One Vote.** Each member city has a right to cast one vote on matters pertaining to League policy.
2. **Designating a City Voting Representative.** Prior to the Annual Conference, each city council may designate a voting delegate and up to two alternates; these individuals are identified on the Voting Delegate Form provided to the League Credentials Committee.
3. **Registering with the Credentials Committee.** The voting delegate, or alternates, may pick up the city's voting card at the Voting Delegate Desk in the conference registration area. Voting delegates and alternates must sign in at the Voting Delegate Desk. Here they will receive a special sticker on their name badge and thus be admitted to the voting area at the Business Meeting.
4. **Signing Initiated Resolution Petitions.** Only those individuals who are voting delegates (or alternates), and who have picked up their city's voting card by providing a signature to the Credentials Committee at the Voting Delegate Desk, may sign petitions to initiate a resolution.
5. **Voting.** To cast the city's vote, a city official must have in his or her possession the city's voting card and be registered with the Credentials Committee. The voting card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates, but may not be transferred to another city official who is neither a voting delegate or alternate.
6. **Voting Area at Business Meeting.** At the Business Meeting, individuals with a voting card will sit in a designated area. Admission will be limited to those individuals with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate or alternate.
7. **Resolving Disputes.** In case of dispute, the Credentials Committee will determine the validity of signatures on petitioned resolutions and the right of a city official to vote at the Business Meeting.



CITY: _____

**2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE FORM**

Please complete this form and return it to the League office by Friday, August 23, 2013. Forms not sent by this deadline may be submitted to the Voting Delegate Desk located in the Annual Conference Registration Area. Your city council may designate one voting delegate and up to two alternates.

In order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting (General Assembly), voting delegates and alternates must be designated by your city council. Please attach the council resolution as proof of designation. As an alternative, the Mayor or City Clerk may sign this form, affirming that the designation reflects the action taken by the council.

Please note: Voting delegates and alternates will be seated in a separate area at the Annual Business Meeting. Admission to this designated area will be limited to individuals (voting delegates and alternates) who are identified with a special sticker on their conference badge. This sticker can be obtained only at the Voting Delegate Desk.

1. VOTING DELEGATE

Name: _____

Title: _____

2. VOTING DELEGATE - ALTERNATE

Name: _____

Title: _____

3. VOTING DELEGATE - ALTERNATE

Name: _____

Title: _____

PLEASE ATTACH COUNCIL RESOLUTION DESIGNATING VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES.

OR

ATTEST: I affirm that the information provided reflects action by the city council to designate the voting delegate and alternate(s).

Name: _____ E-mail _____

Mayor or City Clerk _____ Phone: _____
(circle one) (signature)

Date: _____

Please complete and return by Friday, August 23, 2013

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

SUBJECT:

Executive Summary and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget Projections

PRESENTED BY:

Rachelle McQuiston – Director of Finance

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Council request, the Director of Finance has actively researched revenue and expenditure projections for the remaining Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget.

At time of posting of the agenda, the projections worksheet was in process. These projections and the impact to the current budget will be presented and discussed at the Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Discussion item only, no action required

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Discussion and possible direction to staff

Submitted by:
(Rev. 02/13/12)

Rachelle McQuiston

Action Date: May 15, 2013

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