



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

**AGENDA**

**Wednesday**

**Regular**

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

**July 15, 2015**

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

**(760) 499-5000**

**Peggy Breeden, Mayor  
James Sanders, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Lori Acton, Vice Mayor  
Eddie B. Thomas, Council Member  
Mike Mower, Council Member**

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LAST ORDINANCE NO. 15-03  
LAST RESOLUTION NO. 15-68

## **CITY OF RIDGECREST**

### **CITY COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY HOUSING AUTHORITY FINANCING AUTHORITY**

#### **AGENDA**

Regular Council  
Wednesday July 15, 2015

#### **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

**Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.**

**Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

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1. City of Ridgecrest City Hall, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
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**

**PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION**

## CLOSED SESSION

- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Lease – Parcel Map 10819, Parcel 36 of the Ridgecrest Business Park – Agency Negotiators Dennis Speer, City Manager, And Gary Parsons, Economic Development Program Manager
- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Lease – Parcel Map 10819, Parcel 5 of the Ridgecrest Business Park – Agency Negotiators Dennis Speer, City Manager, And Gary Parsons, Economic Development Program Manager
- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Lease Or Acceptance – Leroy Jackson Park – Agency Negotiator Jason Patin, Parks Supervisor
- GC54956.9 (d) (1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Liability Claim Of Indian Wells Valley Water District – Claim No. 15-04
- GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City Of Ridgecrest v. Dale Howard

## REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

## CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
- Other

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation By Warren Cox Updating Council Regarding The Median Art Project Alexander
2. Presentation By Ridgecrest Parks And Recreation Regarding Park Irrigation Patin

## CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Acceptance Of An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Strand
4. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Application For And Acceptance Of The State Of California, Office Of Traffic Safety Step Grant Strand
5. Adopt Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Memorandum Of Agreement With Sierra Sands Unified School District For Law Enforcement Services (School Resource Officer Program) Strand
6. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated June 17, 2015 Ford
7. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated July 1, 2015 Ford

## DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

8. Appointment to the Measure 'L' Citizens Advisory Committee Ford
9. Discussion, Revision, And Approval Of A Draft Response Letter Regarding The Kern Grand Jury Report Of May 27, 2015 Speer

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*(Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website)*

### City Organization and Services Committee

Members: Lori Acton; Mike Mower  
Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Council Conference Room B

### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Jim Sanders; Mike Mower  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Council Conference Room B

### ❖ Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee

Members: Jim Sanders; Peggy Breeden  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Conference Room B

**Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee**

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton  
Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 12:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

❖ **Ad Hoc Youth Advisory Council**

Members: Eddie Thomas  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 12:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

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

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every other month at 4:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

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

Members: Lori Acton and Eddie Thomas  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.  
Next Meeting: To Be Announced

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



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

SUBJECT: Median Art Committee Progress Update - Presentations

PRESENTED BY: Warren Cox, Median Art Committee Chairman

**SUMMARY:**

In 2013 Median Artwork appeared within the Drummond Ave. Median without any public oversight. Thereafter, the Planning Commission was assigned the task of Median Art Review and Approval. In 2014 the Planning Commission approved Median Art Project 14-01 by the Ridge Project. Then, in 2014 Caltrans announced plans to construct raised medians on N. China Lake Blvd. Caltrans told the City staff that while they did not intend to place artwork within the medians, the State would work with the City to ensure that monuments could occur.

In order to ensure a wide spectrum of community input, last February the Planning Commission established the Median Art Committee, (MAC), to recommend policies and procedures for the placement of artwork within the City's medians. The MAC members include: Warren Cox, Chairman, Solomon Rajaratnum, Vice Chairman, Leslie O'Neill, Dan Spurgeon, Tex Hoppus, Peggy Shoaf, Debbie Benson, and Mayor Peggy Breeden.

To date, the Median Art Committee has accomplished the following:

- Established the petroglyphic theme for N. China Lake Blvd. / E. Ridgecrest Blvd. monument art sites,
- Identified 18 monument art sites within the Caltrans R-O-W.
- Approved a Median Art Application, Review and Approval Process
- Approved a Median Art Application Form, and
- Encouraged businesses, organizations and individuals to donate artwork, (so far ten art sites have been reserved).

Attached to this staff report are some background materials as well as a PowerPoint presentation providing an update of the MAC progress to date.

FISCAL IMPACT: None  
Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:  
None

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Action as requested:

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## City of Ridgecrest Median Artwork Application, Review and Approval Process for Monuments within the Caltrans R-O-W

### Artwork Applicants

1. Complete Median Monument Application  
Identify proposed location, drawing, narrative, dimensions, height, weight, colors, materials.
2. Submit application to City Planner

### City Planner

1. Logs in Application  
Ensures application is complete.
2. Sends Application to City Engineer, Police, Parks & Rec, Streets for Comments,
3. Place on MAC Agenda  
for review and approval

### Median Art Committee

1. Considers Proposal  
Ensures application is consistent with objectives
2. Recommends that the Planning Commission Approve
3. Staff forwards to Caltrans for Approval

### Caltrans District 9 Bishop

1. Considers Proposal  
Ensures application is consistent with standards
2. Approves Caltrans Encroachment Permit  
subject to conditions

### Planning Commission

1. Public Meeting Item  
Consider Median Art Project (MAP 15-xx)  
Deny or Approve with Conditions
  - \* Traffic Mitigation Plan
  - \* City Encroachment Permit
  - \* Dedication of Artwork to the City
2. Planning Commission Decision  
may be appealed to the City Council  
by applicant, the public or City Council

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## **City of Ridgecrest Median Art Program**

### **ART PROPOSAL APPLICATION**

Project Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Contact Phone & Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Median Site Number: (if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Art project (Attach Rendering, Photos, Drawing, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Attach Artwork Drawing

Artwork Material(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Colors: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist(s) Name & Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Available for Installation: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
(use Back of Application if needed)

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Application complete? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO If not complete, when does the applicant anticipate submitting missing material? \_\_\_\_\_

Circulate proposal to: \_\_\_\_\_Engineering \_\_\_\_\_Police \_\_\_\_\_Streets

\_\_\_\_\_Parks & Rec \_\_\_\_\_Other Departments or Agencies \_\_\_\_\_

Date that Comments are due back: \_\_\_\_\_

Date that Project Proposal to be considered by the Median Art Committee \_\_\_\_\_

# Median Art Committee Progress Report

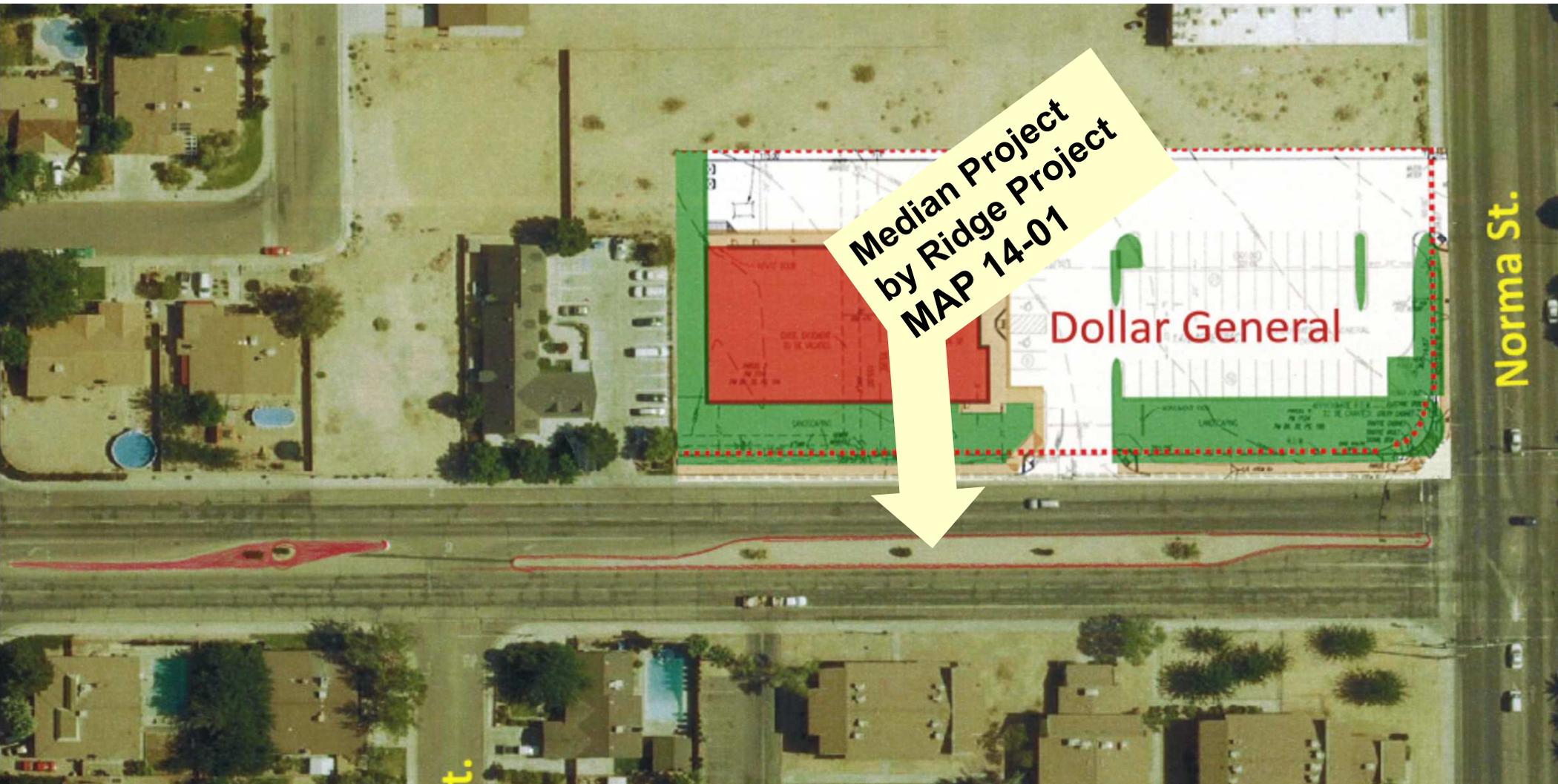




**In 2013 Median Artwork Appeared within the Drummond Median without Public Oversight**



**The Planning Commission was assigned the Task of Median Art Review and Approval**



Median Project  
by Ridge Project  
MAP 14-01

Dollar General

Norma St.

**In 2014 The Planning Commission approved  
Median Art Project 14-01 by the Ridge Project**



**The Planning Commission is responsible  
for review of all Median Art including...**  
**Drummond Ave. Medians**



## S. China Lake Blvd. Medians



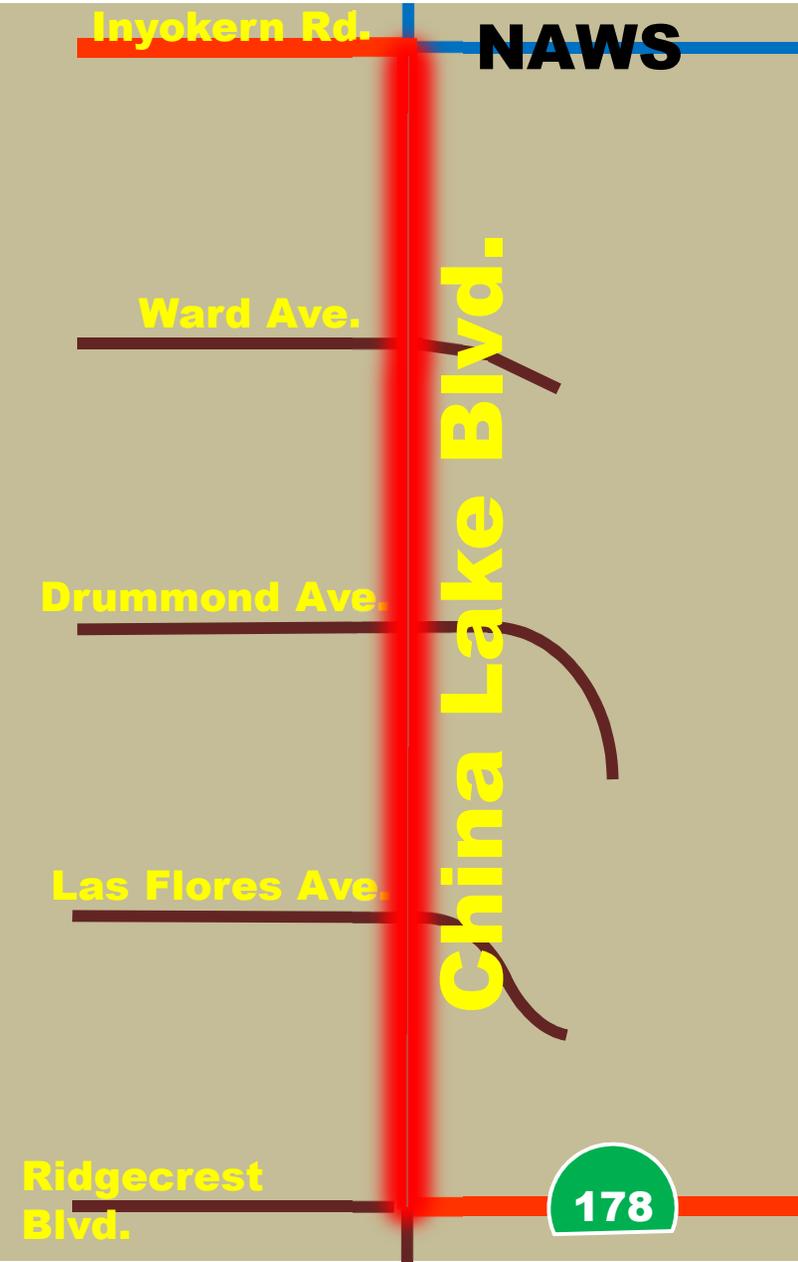
**and Downs Street Medians**



**Then, in 2014 Caltrans announced plans to construct raised medians on N. China Lake Blvd.**

**Caltrans agreed to create locations for Art Work within the new raised medians between Ridgecrest Blvd. and Inyokern Rd.**

**The Planning Commission established the Median Art Committee to include businesses & organizations for creating guidelines and a process for soliciting Median Art donations**





## **Median Art Committee**

**Committee Members:  
Warren Cox, Chairman,  
Solomon Rajaratnam, Vice  
Chairman, Leslie O'Neill,  
Dan Spurgeon, Tex  
Hoppus, Peggy Shoaf,  
Debbie Beson, and Mayor  
Peggy Breeden**

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## appeal to City Council



## City of Ridgecrest Median Art Program ART PROPOSAL APPLICATION

Project Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Contact Phone & Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Median Site Number: (if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_

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Attach Artwork Drawing

Artwork Material(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Colors: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist(s) Name & Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Available for Installation: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Median Art Committee**

**Committee voted to ensure  
that monuments on  
N. China Lake Blvd be  
PETROGLYPHIC**

**A Press Release was sent  
out inviting groups and  
individuals to submit  
applications for artwork  
donations**

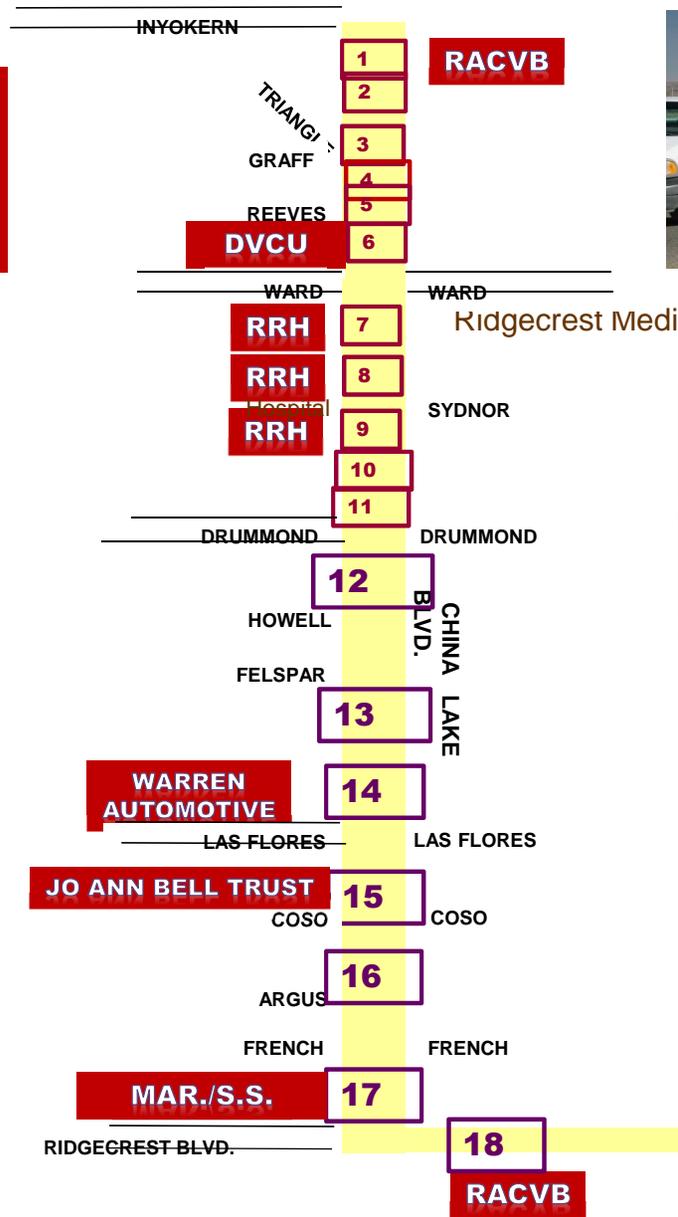




# CLB Median Art Preliminary Allocation of Monument Sites

## Preliminary Monument Allocation

site	sponsor
1	RACVB
6	DESERT VALLEY CU
7	RRH
8	RRH
9	RRH
14	WARREN AUTOMOTIVE
15	JO ANN BELL TRUST
17	MARRIOTT / SWAP SHEET
18	RACVB



Art Site #1



Art Site #7



Art Site #15



**The following three slides offer photographic examples of how the artwork will look within the median islands**



**The MAC standards are between 6' to 10' in height**



**Not to exceed one foot beyond the 4'x4' or 6'x6' squares**



**In conclusion, the Median Art program proposed for N. China Lake Bl. will greatly enhance the City's Petroglyphic Brand**



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

**SUBJECT:**

Request of the Ridgecrest City Council for authorization to accept an 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:**

The Ridgecrest Police Department has been awarded grant funding from the California State Parks States Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grant Program for the 2015-2016 project year. This OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) grant program will provide funding to upgrade and maintain our current OHV equipment that is used for enforcement.

The grant award will provide funding in the amount of \$20,498 with an in-kind match of \$7,000. The police department has a plan to meet this in-kind funding requirement through the use of police volunteers and reserve officers through OHV deployments and events.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Reimbursement grant funding in the amount of \$20,498 with an in-kind match of \$7,000.

Reviewed by Administrative Services Director

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval of Resolution

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Action as requested:

Submitted by: RON STRAND

Action Date: July 15, 2015

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-xx**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN 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 accept a grant for the funds to upgrade and maintain our current OHV equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ridgecrest Police Department is receiving grant funding in the amount of \$20,498 with an in-kind match of \$7,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant period begins September 1, 2015 and ends August 31, 2016, 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 approved this grant with the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division within the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and to sign and execute any and all documents relating to the grant award, including amendments, and is authorized to make any necessary adjustments to the FY16 budget.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS** on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Peggy Breeden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk

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

**SUBJECT:**

Grant Application for State of California, Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant  
**REIMBURSEMENT GRANT- NO MATCH REQUIRED**

**PRESENTED BY:**

Ron Strand, Chief of Police

**SUMMARY:**

The State of California, Office of Traffic Safety is offering local law enforcement agencies overtime grants to conduct Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP) within the City of Ridgecrest during Fiscal year 2015. The period begins October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and ends September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

This is a reimbursement grant that requires no matching funds.

The STEP program provides funding on an overtime basis to employ enforcement and innovative strategies to reduce persons killed and injured in traffic collisions. The funded strategies include:

- DUI/Driver's License Checkpoints.
- DUI roving Saturation Patrols.
- A "Hot Sheet" program to notify patrol and traffic officers to be on the lookout for identified repeat DUI offenders with suspended or revoked licenses as a result of DUI convictions.
- Special enforcement operations which target red light runners.
- Motorcycle Enforcement Operations
- Distracted Driving Operations
- Traffic enforcement operations at intersections with disproportionate numbers of traffic crashes.

This grant provides funds for both overtime enforcement, and for the purchase of the following traffic enforcement equipment:

- DUI Checkpoint Supplies

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approximate revenue to the City in the amount of \$ 82,973.00

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval of Resolution

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Submitted by: RON STRAND

Action date: July 15th, 2015

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY STEP GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Traffic Safety, State of California, is offering Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grants to employ enforcement and innovative strategies to reduce the number of persons injured and killed in traffic collisions, and;

**WHEREAS**, this grant does not require city matching funds, and;

**WHEREAS**, this grant will reimburse the City for actual overtime expenditures and the purchase of safety equipment relating to traffic enforcement, and;

**WHEREAS**, approximately \$ 82,973.00 revenue will be received by the city, and;

**WHEREAS**, this additional funding is to be used for DUI Enforcement, Red Light Enforcement, Seat Belt Enforcement, Speed Enforcement, Distracted Driver Enforcement, Driver's License Enforcement, and the police department will administer said grant.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for this reimbursement grant with the State of California, and to approve, sign and execute any and all documents relating to the grant award, including amendments, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council authorizes the Finance Director to increase the FY16 budget revenue and expenditures in the amount of this grant, and;

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

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS** 15th day of July, 2015, by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Peggy Breeden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk

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

**SUBJECT:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM)

**PRESENTED BY:**

Ronald Strand, Chief of Police

**SUMMARY:**

For several years, the Ridgecrest Police Department has been providing law enforcement services to the Sierra Sands Unified School District – School Resource Officer Program. Each year, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this program is reviewed and approved by the governing bodies.

The agreement for this school year (2015 – 2016) remains unchanged from the previous year.

The agreement is attached to the resolution for your review as **Attachment A**.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are no changes in the reimbursement amounts from the previous year.

**School Resource Officer – Reimbursed at 50% actual cost (an estimated \$70,000)**

Reviewed by Administrative Services Director:

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Recommend approval by City Council authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the SSUSD for law enforcement services (School Resource Officer Program).

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Action as requested:

Submitted by: Ronald Strand

Action Date: July 15, 2015

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-xx**

**RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (School Resource Officer Program)**

**WHEREAS**, the Sierra Sands Unified School District (SSUSD) and the City of Ridgecrest have agreed to enter into Memorandum of Agreement for the police department to continue to provide School Resource Officer services in the school district, and;

**WHEREAS**, the School Resource Officer Program provides law enforcement services to the district helping ensure there is a safe learning environment at the middle and high schools for the students, faculty and staff, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is beneficial to both the City and the school district that this program continue to function, and;

**WHEREAS**, SSUSD agrees to reimburse the City 50% of actual costs of the School Resource Officer Program (an estimated \$70,000).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Sierra Sands Unified School District to provide law enforcement services (School Resource Officer Program).

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS** 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015, by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Peggy Breeden, Mayor

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Rachel J. Ford, CMC  
City Clerk

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**AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the City of Ridgecrest, a Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as “CITY,” and the Sierra Sands Unified School District, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as “DISTRICT.”

WHEREAS, DISTRICT does not maintain a school law enforcement agency pursuant to Section 38000(a) of the California Education Code, and DISTRICT wishes to acquire the services of a sworn peace officer, and

WHEREAS, CITY, through the Ridgecrest Police Department, hereinafter referred to as “RPD,” is willing to provide the service of one sworn peace officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. CITY agrees to provide the services of one sworn peace officer to serve the DISTRICT at secondary schools within the Ridgecrest city limits, specifically Monroe Middle School, Mesquite High School, and Burroughs High School.
2. CITY shall supervise the officer through the command structure of the RPD.
3. DISTRICT shall appoint a designated individual to interface with RPD regarding activities of the officer and to interface with such officer in accordance with a joint operating protocol developed between RPD and DISTRICT.
4. At all times during the term of this AGREEMENT, the officer shall be an employee of the CITY, under supervision and control of CITY, and not an employee or agent of DISTRICT; and CITY shall assume responsibility and liability for the activities of the officer.
5. During the term of this AGREEMENT, DISTRICT agrees to reimburse CITY one-half actual cost incurred by CITY in employing the officer. For purpose of this AGREEMENT, actual cost shall be defined as officer’s salary and benefits, including, but not limited to, health insurance, life insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, PERS, educational incentive pay, uniform allowance, officer safety equipment, and overtime.
6. DISTRICT shall, at its expense, provide CITY with a vehicle suitable for performing the duties of the officer equal to that provided to other RPD officers. In the event that this AGREEMENT is terminated, CITY shall reimburse DISTRICT on a pro rata basis, based on a five-year vehicle life expectancy.

7. THIS AGREEMENT shall be effective September 1, 2015, and remain in full force and effect for a 12-month period ending August 31, 2016. Either party may terminate this AGREEMENT prior to August 31, 2016, by giving ninety (90) days notice to the other party. Notice to CITY shall be in writing, and mailed to or delivered to:

City Manager  
City of Ridgecrest  
100 E. California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Notice to DISTRICT shall be in writing, and mailed or delivered to:

Superintendent  
Sierra Sands Unified School District  
113 Felspar Ave.  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

8. Each party to this AGREEMENT hereby holds the other harmless from all claims or lawsuits for damages to property and for injuries to persons arising from each party's performance of its obligations under this AGREEMENT. This obligation will include providing a defense to lawsuits and related services.
9. In the event any dispute arises between the parties concerning the interpretation or enforcement of the Terms and Conditions of this AGREEMENT, the parties hereto agree to submit any such dispute to arbitration pursuant to rules of the American Arbitration Association. Any decision of the American Arbitration Association shall be binding on the parties hereto. In the event that any matter is submitted to arbitration or if legal action or proceeding is taken in connection with the interpretation or enforcement of this AGREEMENT, whether or not such action is arbitrated or litigated, the prevailing party of any such action, proceeding, or arbitration shall be awarded, in addition to its actual costs incurred, its actual attorneys' fees incurred. Actual attorneys' fees means all attorneys' fees incurred by the prevailing party whether or not such attorneys' fees are deemed to be "reasonable" by a court of competent jurisdiction or an arbitrator. Furthermore, the sole and exclusive remedy for the resolution of disputes concerning the enforcement and interpretation of this AGREEMENT shall be arbitration.

10. This AGREEMENT constitutes the sole and only agreement between the parties hereto. Any prior discussions, agreements or understandings, whether written or oral, are of no force and effect. This AGREEMENT may be modified only by a written agreement executed by both parties hereto.

FOR THE CITY OF RIDGECREST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Breeden, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Speer, City Manager

FOR THE SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Bill Farris, Board President

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Ernest M. Bell, Jr., Superintendent

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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 June 17, 2015

**PRESENTED BY:**

Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

**SUMMARY:**

Draft Minutes of the Regular City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Meeting of June 17, 2015

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

Reviewed by Finance Director:

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve minutes

**CITY MANAGER 'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Action as requested: Approve Draft Minutes

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

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

**June 17, 2015  
5:30 p.m.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Peggy Breeden; Vice Mayor Lori Acton; Council Members Eddie B. Thomas, and Mike Mower

Council Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore James Sanders

Staff Present: City Manager Dennis Speer; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; and other staff

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent Council Members Sanders).*

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Closed Session)**

- None Presented

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**CLOSED SESSION**

GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City Of Ridgecrest v. Matasantos

GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Christopher Calvi v. City Of Ridgecrest

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

- Closed Session
  - Christopher Calvi v. City of Ridgecrest – Council authorized City Attorney to file a motion.
  - City of Ridgecrest v. Matasantos – City Attorney attended hearing with request for additional information. Request was granted for extension. Unusual situation as City Attorney office may be asked to testify and have requested a conference waiver. Potential conflict has been waived.
- Other
  - none

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Regular Session*)

Justin O'Neill

- Introduced Glen Welling of USO to discuss the USO show.
- Offered gratitude to individuals who attended the USO planning meeting.
- Spoke on history of development of the upcoming USO show and Navy's recruitment efforts.

Glen Welling

- Thanked community for hospitality
- Spoke on opportunity to hold USO show at the local USO building
- Celebrating anniversary of the USO
- Spoke on USO ability to bring public and military together

Tex Hopis

- President of IWV Historical Society
- Commented on events at Historical Society beginning August and culminating with 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USO
- Semi-formal dinner October 15, ceremony October 16, show October 17 and wrap up events on Sunday
- Invited the Mayor to sit on the dais for ceremony.

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- Spoke on collaborative for the show and requested active participation and support from the City.

Doug Lueck

- RACVB fully supporting the USO show with marketing and funding.

Tina Warren

- Chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce and committed their support to the USO show.

Warren Cox

- Chair of the Planning Commission
- Spoke on the median art project.
- Distributed handouts of photo's
- Reviewed the application process established for median art
- Affirmed that no City funds were to be used to median art, cost provided by various groups requesting art to be installed.
- Highlighted ideas for median art and received input from Native American tribes in the area.
- Identified sites chosen for installation of median art and the Caltrans restrictions.

Matthew Alexander

- Appreciate support of Council for Median Art Project and identified the committee members.

Dave Matthews

- Regarding USO celebration, expressed hope that USO would include some of the shows that the late comedian statesman Bob Hope put on.
- Spoke on active service in Korea and experience seeing Bob Hope show live.
- Spoke on opportunity to meet with late president George Washington. Commented on statements made regarding being self-sufficient and avoiding debt.
- Commented about the ABC Grant from last agenda and his questioning the constitutionality of some of the actions that can be taken within the grant. Daily Independent article discrepancies in his stated objections and clarified his statements.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Adopt A Resolution To Approve The Professional Service Agreement With The Firm Willdan Engineering To Provide Environmental Assessment, Surveying, And Design Engineering, For Street Improvements And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Sign The Agreement Upon The City Attorney's Review** **Speer**

2. Adopt A Resolution To Approve The Professional Services Agreement With The Firm Of Willdan Engineering To Provide Environmental Assessment, Surveying, and Design Engineering For The Richmond Road Bike Path Project And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Sign The Agreement Upon The City Attorney's Review Speer
3. Adopt A Resolution To Approve A Professional Service Agreement With The Firm Of Willdan Engineering To Provide A Multi-Year Sewer Repair Program, Design Engineering, And Construction Management First Year Replacement Program And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Sign The Agreement Upon The City Attorney's Review Speer
4. Adopt A Resolution To Approve The Professional Service Agreement With The Engineering Firm Of Quad Knopf Inc. To Provide Environmental, Geotechnical, Surveying, And Design Engineering Services, For The East Drummond Avenue Project And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Sign The Agreement Upon The City Attorney's Review Speer
5. Adopt A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgcrest To Levy And Collect Sewer Fees On The General Tax Rolls For Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Speer
6. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Approving Budget Amendment #15-03 Increasing Appropriations And Estimated Revenues In The Annual Budget McQuiston
7. Adopt Resolution Approving The City's Appropriations Limit Of \$20,378,371 For Fiscal Year 2014-15 (GANN Limit) McQuiston
8. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Adopting A Paid Sick Leave Policy Pursuant To AB 1522 For Part-Time/Seasonal Employees McQuiston
9. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgcrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated June 3, 2015 Ford
10. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Special Ridgcrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated June 5, 2015 Ford
11. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Special Ridgcrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated June 6, 2015 Ford

**12. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Special Ridgcrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated June 10, 2015** Ford

Items Pulled From Consent Calendar

- Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

*Motion To Approve Item Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, And 12 Of Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders)*

Item No. 1 Discussion

Dave Matthews

- Asked if all the projects would be under one bid and would contractor be required to work all simultaneously or sequentially
  - Dennis Speer – will be determined after design phase.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 1 Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders)*

Item No. 2 Discussion

Dave Matthews

- Asked if the money had to be used for bike path
  - DS – non motorized transportation only
- Asked about road repair
  - DS - understood

*Motion To Approve Item No. 2 Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders)*

Item No. 3 Discussion

Dave Matthews

- Bid only or work and estimate.
  - Dennis Speer – responded this is developing work plan and preparation for bid.

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Mike Neel

- Asked about public access to map
  - Dennis Speer – will post after the meeting

*Motion To Approve Item No. 3 Made By Council Member Thomas, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders)*

Item No. 4 Discussion

Dave Matthews

- Commented on Drummond getting dippier.
- Commented on inspection of location today and where sagging was observed
- Stated why the sagging has occurred, land behind Navy fence and trenches used as landfill.
- Suggested federal money to help clean up or repair the area.
- Spoke with manager of Good Will and no subsidence of the building has occurred.

Mike Mower

- Correct resolution to read North China Lake Blvd.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 4 Made By Council Member Thomas, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders)*

Item No. 5 Discussion

Mike Mower

- Asked if the list was assessments for each parcel
  - Dennis Speer – commercial rates for each parcel
- Asked what business could generate that large an impact on the sewer
  - Karen Harker – explained based on Hundred Cubic Feet of water received and formula calculations. Depends on type of commercial use such as car wash, laundromat, automotive. First 7100 cu. ft. of water is free, and then excess water is calculated by the formula. 80% given as pass thru.

Peggy Breeden

- Asked if commercial has been notified of the increase to the rates
  - Karen Harker – yes, many have been notified and the rate structure was set by Prop 218 hearing. Quoted the number of homes and commercial properties billed and noted that the amount of protests received did not exceed 50% so the proposed rate structure was approved.

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Mike Mower

- Concerned about the amount of taxes being billed and the impact on the businesses.

Lori Acton

- Responded about the rates not being raised for 20 years and the process for setting the rates.

Karen Harker

- Reviewed Exhibit A which is the commercial rate that will be billed this year.
- Have been communicating with the businesses that have a high rate and encourage them to work with the water district to install a new meter that will identify water used in the building and not charge them for landscaping.

Mike Mower

- Commented on the amount of water used for swamp coolers and other functions.

Stan Rajtora

- Opposed to the increase because it is not needed and does not make sense. Currently in recession and money is not needed. Don't need additional taxes.
- Commented on original statements of reserve needed to bond the new treatment plant.
- Spoke on the wastewater loan payback due in December raising the reserve to \$14.7 million.
- Have 3 times the reserve needed to bond the new treatment plant
- No need for a slush fund, need to be sure we don't overtax people.
- People who should pay are the ones who will be using it over the next 50 or 60 years, not those using it today.
- Currently don't have the plant ready for building.
- Strongly suggested retaining rates this year and apply next year.

Peggy Breeden

- Asked for the reason behind the 50% increase.
  - Dennis Speer – based on financing plan to be able to afford construction of new plant by 2017. Explained process for developing the original financing plan and changes for tertiary plant addition to the new plan being developed now.
- Asked for justification for the 50% increase this year versus smaller increases over more years.
  - Dennis Speer – explained the various scenarios and what was voted for by the Council at that time.

Lori Acton

- Rationale was to raise the rate by a set percentage in a set amount of time. Best way to handle at the time was a smaller increase the first year and larger increases the following years. Should have been doing the 3% increases for the past 20 years and would not have had to do a large increase now. Pipes are beginning to erode and need to be repaired.

Stan Rajtora

- Commented on the \$4 million reserve.
  - Dennis Speer – that is an operating reserve for after the plant is constructed.
- Reviewed the numbers and they are clear the analyst was projecting a \$4 million reserve.
- Suggested postponing the increase a couple years.
- Commented on tertiary plant and the need for a buyer to purchase the water which should pay for the plant.
- Commented the proposal was for sewer plant and not a water plant, feels the tertiary should come before the public in another prop 218 hears.
  - Dennis Speer – spoke on financing issue if plant is located on the base. Project was re-scoped to consider two sites and new treatment plant with secondary and tertiary. Report due to Council in October with cost comparisons for two locations. Additional costs including operational costs with a tertiary. Numbers forthcoming in October. If at that time Council can review the numbers.
- Stated that would be the time to decide whether to increase the fees.

Carol Vaughn

- Explained the impact to non-commercial citizens. Reviewed her math which equated to a 150% increase in 3 years.
- Commented on rents not increasing.
- Rents and fees have been low for so long the people don't have the money to put back into the buildings.
- Commented people don't have the money with the increases. Need to get the prosperity up before increasing taxes.

Stewart Brielle

- Property owner in the City so impacted by decisions of the Council.
- Have to pass increased fees on to renters.
- Previous Council had no plan at the time the fee increase occurred.
- Requested delaying the fee increase for a while.

Dave Matthews

- Against this item.

Mike Neel

- Gave history and percentages of increases from 2013 and by 2016 original fee is tripled.
- Commented on impact to large population and significant chunk of their livelihood will be affected.
- Commented on tertiary plant would be fraud on the public and requires another Prop 218 hearing. Commented on Prop 218 hearing being a joke and undemocratic.
- Told joke about bartender squeezing lemon.
- Compared this rate to squeezing a lemon.
- Commented on no necessity to charge the fee. Requested Council hold the increase for a while.

Tom Wiknich

- Requested clarification of rate being approved and the monthly rate.
- Commented on the department store and retail category. Asked for clarification of formula.
  - Karen Harker – responded. Strip mall may have one meter servicing several businesses. Formula based on water going thru the meter. Majority of water used and being charged is restroom facilities. Commercial versus residential, residential is a flat fee. Commercial is based on water usage.
- Compared residential use at a flat rate and consumption rate could be higher if calculated the same as commercial.
  - Karen Harker – would have to speak with consultant regarding this.
  - Wayne Lemieux – clarified the EPA regulation that says we cannot discriminate between residential and commercial. Sanitation agencies are required to consider the strength of sewage and commercial can be toxic or benign. When designing rates for sewer, can statistically treat residential the same but commercial structures the rate structure is very complicated. One side cannot subsidize the other and is difficult to determine if one has an advantage. Part of the fee is to be used for constructing facilities which are sized by demand so becomes a question of flow until you get to the treatment plant. Fairly common to use metered water for commercial fees because is unfair to use number of sewer fixtures. This matter is not an agenda item to establish rates, these were established in 2013. This is to decide if you want to collect the rates on the tax rolls. If Council wants to consider rate change we can work on getting it on the agenda with proper notification to the public. Commented on Prop 218 hearing, rates can only be reduced, not increased again. In October, depending on the cost analysis, you can reconsider the rates for reduction or have a new round of Prop 218 hearings. If you want to consider lowering rates, don't adopt at tonight's meeting, get on agenda

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before August 18 and make a decision. If you don't put on the tax rolls for collection the overhead is larger. Good reasons to put on the tax rolls.

- Bottom line on the rate, it is small retail versus residential. Lowest water usage is the commercial building and yet it has the highest rate.
- Asked how this applies for commercial businesses working under home occupancy permit.
  - Mike Mower – doesn't apply to home occupancy.

Mike Mower

- Asked for clarification of rates.
- Asked how many total dollars would be collected this year with the increase.
- Asked how much money would need to be reserved to bond a new plant.
  - Dennis Speer – consultant stated that after the plant was constructed then needed a \$4 million operational reserve. For bonding needed 1/3 for each phase.

Tom Wiknich

- Asked how it is fair to businesses that are competing with commercial from their homes.
  - Peggy Breeden – isn't fair and in my opinion need to make home operators understand. Not on the agenda for discussion tonight
  - Wayne Lemieux – if running home occupation then cannot be a greater burden on the area than a home. Can't have additional parking, sewage, etc.
- Rate for car wash, what about mobile car washes dumping water into the street and down the sewer system, how are they being charged?
- Asked Council to have future agenda item to discuss application of the rates.

Stan Rajtora

- No problem with fees being on the tax bill.
- Saw nothing in the accompanying brief about 1/3, 1/3, and 1/3.
- What neighbors do doesn't matter, only what our costs are. If we need to build something then need to pay for it. Has nothing to do with what other cities do.
- Commented on other cities having more fluid building, housing, and property tax

Lori Acton

- Asked City Manager about discussion of reducing rates if capaCity was not needed.
  - Dennis Speer – rates established based on actual costs for construction and could lower rates in the future.

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Mike Mower

- Can't lower rates tonight
  - Wayne Lemieux – if you vote to put this on the tax rolls, if there is a possibility you are going to lower the rates then should not vote to approve this tonight.

Lori Acton

- Agree with discussing lowering the rate and then discuss again in October

Peggy Breeden

- Commented on tertiary treatment and for us to not go for tertiary treatment is remiss.
  - Wayne Lemieux – if you want to make tertiary part of the rate then need another Prop 218 hearing.
- Suggested after October information received do another 218 hearing.
  - Dennis Speer – if this isn't put on the tax rolls then will not receive any revenue. Suggest return to Council with no increase option and a second meeting to approve the reduction. Only have 2 meetings to approve whatever rate is being proposed. If you want to direct staff we can come to next meeting with no increase or a discussion of lower rates and options then another meeting adopting the reduced rates. Have to have something approved by second meeting of July for tax rolls or we receive no revenue.

Lori Acton

- Motion to approve this now, second by mower.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 5 Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders,)*

Item 6 discussion

Dave Matthews

- Asked where money is coming from.
  - Rachelle McQuiston – money is set aside in the fund but didn't anticipate spending that much in one year. The other item, we did not budget for this but will get more money back.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 6 Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders,)*

Item 7 discussion

Dave Matthews

- Asked where the state got the information regarding population.
  - Rachele McQuiston – do not have the answer for the State action.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 7 Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders,)*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**13. Public Hearing And Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting A Mitigated Negative Declaration For The Ridgecrest Commercial Specific Plan Offsite Improvements Project** **Parsons**

Dennis Speer

- Presented staff report
- Requirement of Lahontan and Department of Fish and Game

Public Hearing Opened at 7:50 p.m.

Chester Cornelius

- Objects for following, lighting having no effect in the area which is not true. Plan as stated, non-impact, means no mitigation required which is open to whatever lighting they want instead of dark sky lighting. Secondly the flood requirements show one flood basin sump 10ft x 900ft. No mention of drainage. City ordinance requires 7 day drainage and reminded Council of this. Part of Walmart plan is to extend the drainage ditch. Ditch breeds mosquitos annually and is not treated or drained in 7 days. Requested plan be readdressed.
  - Lori Acton – Kern County requires dark skies so is being addressed. Water Ad Hoc is addressing the drainage plan.
- Requested this be addressed before declaration is signed.
  - Dennis Speer – these will be addressed in the process.
  - Peggy Breeden – is in the Walmart plan and discussion is happening.
  - Loren Culp – current drainage master plan does require drainage in 7 days. Walmart is submitting a plan which includes drainage in both sump and Bowman Channel as a condition.
- Again stated could not sign without mitigation being corrected.

Public Hearing Closed At 8:02 P.M.

*Motion To Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting A Mitigated Negative Declaration For The Ridgecrest Commercial Specific Plan Offsite Improvements Project Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders,)*

**14. Public Hearing And Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Certifying The Negative Declaration Prepared For The Housing Element Update As Adequate Under The California Environmental Quality Act, Adopting The Updated Housing Element Of The General Plan For 2015 – 2023, And Directing Staff To Submit The Updated Housing Element To The State Department Of Housing And Community Development For Certification** Alexander

Matthew Alexander

- Presented Staff Report
- Introduced Consultant Amy Sinsheimer who presented PowerPoint summary of the housing element.

Public Hearing Opened At 8:14 p.m.

No public comments made.

Public hearing closed at 8:15

*Motion To Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Certifying The Negative Declaration Prepared For The Housing Element Update As Adequate Under The California Environmental Quality Act, Adopting The Updated Housing Element Of The General Plan For 2015 – 2023, And Directing Staff To Submit The Updated Housing Element To The State Department Of Housing And Community Development For Certification Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders)*

**DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

**15. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council, The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Successor Agency, Ridgecrest Housing Authority And Ridgecrest Financing Authority Adopting The Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2015-16, Establishing Appropriations, Estimating Revenues, And Establishing The Policies By Which The Budget May Be And Shall Be Amended** McQuiston

Rachelle McQuiston

- Presented Staff Report
- Responded to questions raised at the June 15 special meeting.

Peggy Breeden

- Mr. Sanders relayed to the Mayor that he is happy with the budget as it stands now.

Rachelle McQuiston

- If approved now, staff will bring back the fee schedule and a full budget book at another Council meeting.

Mike Neel

- Commented on the problem getting increased TOT during Petroglyph Festival, suggested revising the process for getting the data.
- Commented on police department overspending in the 2014-2015 budgets. Suggest they take a hit in the appropriate budget for overspending by ½ million dollars. City could save money by telling police they have to take a cut.
  - Rachelle McQuiston – this was discussion for end of year budget projections for the current year.
- Referring to last year's spending.
  - Rachelle McQuiston – reviewed original budget for legal and the current actuals. Will have to find out the numbers.
- Reviewed services and charges which have doubled over the past two years.
  - Rachelle McQuiston – this is grant and tax monies received for specific items. Discussed payments to other entities.
- Commented on revenue having not gone up to equate to a large increase in expenditures.
- Suggested saving money in parks and recreation programs offered to the public.
  - Peggy Breeden – these programs pay for themselves and do not cost the City money for these programs.
- Asked how the manpower and overhead can be funded. If the programs were not here then would the staff positions be necessary.
  - Rachelle McQuiston – there is only one staff position funded from this, parks maintenance is another budget items. All other positions are paid by the fees from the programs.
- Asked for total cost for staff positions per person. Would like to see these numbers.

Tom Wiknich

- Asked about televised meetings.
- Commented on past presentations of summary budgets.
- Commented on transparency.
  - Mike Mower – had multiple hours of meeting and only 1 member of the public attended.
  - Rachelle McQuiston – can provide a summary budget on the website.
  - Dennis Speer – Presented a 41 slide presentation on the first day of the hearings.
  - Peggy Breeden – public has some responsibility and during the hearings there was two people who attended the first meeting and then Chip Holloway was the only person who attended the second meeting. You can only be given so many opportunities but if you don't avail yourself of this then can't be corrected now.

Dave Matthews

- Commented on incomplete summary. 3 meetings held and summary does not mention the adjournment to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 15 Adopting The Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2015-16, Establishing Appropriations, Estimating Revenues, And Establishing The Policies By Which The Budget May Be And Shall Be Amended, Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders)*

**16. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Approving Continuing Appropriations And Year-End Transfers McQuiston**

- *Item No. 16 pulled with the passing of the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget*

**17. Adopt A Resolution Designating The Voting Delegate And Alternates To The 2015 League Of California Cities Annual Conference Ford**

Rachel Ford

- Presented Staff Report

Voting Delegate: Jim Sanders  
1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Lori Acton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate: Mike Mower

*Motion To Approve Item No. 17 Made By Council Member Breeden, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sander*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*(Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website)*

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

Members: Lori Acton; Mike Mower  
Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Council Conference Room B

- No report

### **Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Jim Sanders; Mike Mower  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Council Conference Room B

- No report

### ❖ **Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee**

Members: Jim Sanders; Peggy Breeden  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Conference Room B

- No report, next meeting July 20 at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B

### **Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee**

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton  
Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 12:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- No report

### ❖ **Ad Hoc Youth Advisory Council**

Members: Eddie Thomas  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 12:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- No report

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

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every other month at 4:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- Will meet next month

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

Members: Lori Acton and Eddie Thomas  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.  
Next Meeting: To Be Announced

- No report

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

Lori Acton

- Water Ad Hoc discussed Bowman drainage ditch and future plan. Will meet monthly the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Peggy Breeden

- Kern COG meeting received a survey of what is happening in the county. Survey has been added to the agenda for July 1.
- Economic development town hall meeting. Committee meeting next Monday at 6:00 p.m. Encourages anyone who wants to attend to participate.
- League of California Cities meeting in Mammoth tomorrow.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Dennis Speer

- Received an email from Kern COG alerting that road improvement funds and outstanding projects need to be invoiced by end of July because funds may not be available. New Transportation Act anticipated and federal dollars will be stopped after October 1. City Engineer will fast tract projects and get invoices to District 9 before deadline.
- Have made a provisional offer, per personnel rules, to fill Finance Director vacancy and conduct recruitment within 6 months of appointment. Offer has been made to Tyrell Staheli who will begin on July 7.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mike Mower

- Asked for update on China Lake Blvd
- Thanked IT for correcting clock

Eddie Thomas

- Thanked citizens who attended town hall meeting and thanked Mayor for working so hard to put this together
- Being on Council was difficult in dealing with previous Council decisions. Hard to make the decisions tonight.

Lori Acton

- Condolences to Little Deer Durvin on the passing of her husband.
- Will email specific answers to speakers questions.

Peggy Breeden

- Is difficult when you don't like what you have to vote on, not totally in approval but have to vote to move forward. Isn't easy to be on City Council. Remember when I had a life but I raised my hand.
- Thanked all those who served before us.

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:55 p.m.**

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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 July 1, 2015

**PRESENTED BY:**

Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk

**SUMMARY:**

Draft Minutes of the Regular City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Meeting of July 1, 2015

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

Reviewed by Finance Director:

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve minutes

**CITY MANAGER 'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Action as requested: Approve Draft Minutes

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

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

**July 1, 2015  
5:30 p.m.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Peggy Breeden; Vice Mayor Lori Acton; Council Members Eddie B. Thomas, and Mike Mower

Council Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore James Sanders

Staff Present: City Manager Dennis Speer; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City Attorney Keith Lemieux, and other staff

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Add Item No. 9 To Discussion and Other Action Items  
Amend resolution for item no. 3  
Move presentation 2 to presentation 1

**9. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing Renewal Of A Professional Service Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And World Economic Development Alliance (WEDA) Parsons**

*Motion To Add Item No. 9 To The Agenda As A Need Arose Item Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).*

*Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** *(Closed Session)*

- None Presented

**CLOSED SESSION**

GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Public Disclosure Of Potential Litigant Would Prejudice The City Of Ridgecrest

GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Christopher Calvi v. City Of Ridgecrest

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

- Closed Session
  - Undisclosed litigation – Kern College District – after consultation Council directed staff to request time periods be tolled so staff and School District can meet.
  - Christopher Calvi v. City of Ridgecrest – Council authorized City Attorney to defend the case on behalf of the City
- Other
  - Legislative update – Updated Council on Department Of Finance (DOF) language on the State budget trailer bill that would have ended the existing claim regarding solar loan – language did not make it into the bill. Matter has been sent back to Assembly to establish task force to discuss the matter further. No meetings scheduled at this time. Suspect the DOF will not give issue up but court action is safe for now.
  - Trailer bill regarding drought response, authorizes local water district to penalize up to \$10,000 for irresponsible water usage. Appears to authorize City Code Enforcement to enforce the Water District ordinance. If of interest to staff and Council then looks to be possible.
  - Question arose regarding use of position when making public statements. As individuals Council members have free speech rights, however if speaking formally on behalf of Council requires a vote of the Council. Question of when can an elected speaks as a Council member. No Brown Act or formal regulation, only policy. Is improper for a Council Member to state they are speaking on behalf of Council without a vote and if it does

happen and Council as a whole are not in agreement then can discuss at a subsequent meeting. Appropriate advice when speaking in public, Members are allowed to identify their position providing they make it clear they are speaking as an individual without the authorization of the Council and views do not reflect the views of the Council as a whole. Important for people to know the position.

- Peggy Breeden – commented on the locality pay bill but couldn't do so as the Mayor. Questioned writing a response on City letterhead.
- Easy to misconstrue if on City letterhead.
  - Peggy Breeden – do not have the ability of calling all Council members and asking for their consent, this violates the Brown Act.
- Suggested making a standing policy regarding the use of letterhead.
  - Peggy Breeden – requested an agenda item for next meeting, Keith will work with staff to draft resolution and policy.
- Keep in mind statements will be made on individual behalf and not binding to the City.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Regular Session*)

Dave Matthews

- Commended Keith Lemieux on statements
- Wished Rachelle McQuiston well in her new position
- Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday

Robert Eierman

- Commented on illegal speed limit signs on China Lake Blvd. and Police enforcement of the speed limit. Quoted regulations regarding posting of speed limits in construction zones. Commented on safety of workers and when they are present. Regulations state signs will be covered. Requested public announcements be rescinded and apologies made to individuals who have been cited. Commented on fostering disrespect for construction workers and police. Asked City Council to discuss with Chief Strand to rectify the situation.
  - Dennis Speer – commented the posting is Caltrans and the police are enforcing what Caltrans has posted. Only enforcement is under the City authority. Can contact Caltrans regarding the posting.
  - Mike Mower – commented on the point of when workers are actually working.
  - Dennis Speer – protects safety when workers are working but also when there are openings in the street or cones and barricades which could cause obstruction. Safety for drivers. Will have the discussion with District 6.
  - Eddie Thomas – questioned the traffic control plan submitted to City.
  - Dennis Speer – part of their enforcement, City notified of what they are doing but no traffic control plan submitted. Not under our jurisdiction.

- Peggy Breeden – brought subject up at the last Caltrans meeting. Was told they would discuss with contractor, asked Dennis for update at the next meeting.

#### Mike Neel

- Distributed documents, motion for award of attorney fees regarding Dale Howard. Have spoken about this before and requesting each Council Member to respond support or oppose. Names will be placed in the paper next week. Feels this action against Mr. Howard is despicable and will ruin Mr. Howard. Provided 2 copies of motion for public review.
- Asked Council to bring specific laws back for consideration as they go against American freedoms.

#### Ron Porter

- Spoke on the abuse of laws today. Country founded on individual liberty and freedom. Spoke on common sense. Spoke on zoning laws to protect health and safety. Spoke on the Dale Howard case. Commented on peacocks and a car leaking oil as the only items creating a violation. Cannot infringe on an individual when absolutely necessary then only for the health and safety of society. Suggested meeting on the zoning code in the future. Commented on citizens not being involved in the decision to prosecute and spend thousands of dollars. Commented on City Attorney being the one to file this and not a contract attorney regarding receivership. Commented on the term Nuisance being defined in an ambiguous way. Commented on keeping civil society and not government having more power as the basis for laws. Spoke on Code Enforcement Officer moving forward and not punishing someone.

#### Dave Matthews

- Support most of what has been said and spoke on Code Enforcement. Related story of veteran with acreage living in trailer totally self-sufficient without utility hookup.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation To Council By The Lions Club Of The Annual Independence Day Fireworks Display** Ford

Steven Morgan and Members of the Lions Club showed a brief video advertisement for the annual Independence Day Fireworks Display. Encouraged Council and citizens to attend this Saturday for the event, gates open at 6:00 p.m., food available. Fundraiser parking lot for Boy Scouts. County Parks do not allow fireworks. Asking everyone to come and enjoy the event.

## **2. Community Survey Presentation by Becky Napier of Kern Council of Governments Speer**

Becky Napier of Kern COG presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding the Kern County Community Survey for 2015 focusing on East Kern County results.

Peggy Breeden

- Very impressed with the overall survey and commented on the similarities of our community compared to the rest of the county.

Dave Matthews

- Reviewed the data and was impressed. Have lived in residence in Ridgecrest for 47 years and has never been included in the survey.
- Commented on telemarketers
- Commented on landline phones having service in a disaster whereas cell phones will not have service.
- Noticed increase in jobs which is something Ridgecrest is working on.
- Noticed as a whole we want to conserve open space yet increase jobs. Asked how to do this with an increase in population. Suggested patrolling borders and stop the illegals from coming here.

Tom Wiknich

- Commented on a sample of 1200 with over 500,000 people in the county. Asked about the distribution of the sample.
  - Becky Napier – responded, 200 in east kern, 200 in west kern, 200 in mountains, and the balance in central valley. Calls are random dialed. Want to look at ethnicity as well as male/female and economic.

Carol Vaughn

- Younger people have disconnected home phones. Asked about age sampling and length of time people have lived in the area. Age and tenure could be revealing.
  - Becky Napier – yes, last portion of survey is demographic. Entire survey is available online.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Adopt A Resolution Approving Contract Change Order Number Twenty-Seven With The Contractor, Griffith Company, For The West Ridgecrest Boulevard Project; Authorizing The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Sign Contract Change Order Number Twenty-Seven; Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Notice Of Completion; Authorizing The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion And Authorizing The City Engineer, Loren Culp, To Sign Progress Payment Number Eleven, The Release Of Retention, After Recordation Of The Notice Of Completion Speer
4. Adopt A Resolution Approving And Adopting A Transit Policy Mandated By The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) For Service Criteria For Complementary Paratransit Speer
5. Adopt A Resolution To Approve The Professional Service Agreement With The Firm Of Willdan Engineering To Provide Construction Management, Geotechnical & Inspection Services For Offsite Public Improvements For The Super Wal-Mart Construction Project And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Execute The Agreement Contingent Upon The City Attorney's Review And Approval Culp
6. Adopt A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving The Attached Salary Schedules For Employee Classifications McQuiston

### Items Removed From Consent Calendar

- Item Nos. 4, 5, and 6

*Motion To Approve Item No. 3 Of Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breedon, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).*

### Item No. 4 Discussion

#### Dave Matthews

- Asked about the changes implemented on the fixed route system
  - Dennis Speer – FTA programs administered by Caltrans. After review they found Caltrans should have required operators to adopt these policies so they came back to Caltrans and mandated we adopt the policies. Revision to the mandated policy is we deviate  $\frac{3}{4}$  of mile from the fixed route.
- Deviation is only for ADA compliance
- Asked about making arrangements prior to riding.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 4 Of Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).*

#### Item No. 5 Discussion

Tom Wiknich

- Asked for timeline of project
  - Loren Culp – spoke with Walmart today and asked for schedule. Mr. Nelson was not certain if he could give specific timeframe for groundbreaking. We were told by engineers to expect project duration of 12 months. Not able to give specific starting date. Anxious to try and award project around the first of this month and assuming award is given could see some movement in next couple months. Not official statement. City will not move forward until we see activity on the project.

Dave Matthews

- Understood groundbreaking was supposed to be in July
  - Mike Mower – have gone out to bid for construction.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 5 Of Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Thomas, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).*

#### Item No. 6 Discussion

Dave Matthews

- Seems to be adjusting pay schedules but only one listed is for PEAR.
  - Rachele – CalPERS requires format change and amounts have not changed. This is correction for 2013.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 6 Of Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).*

## DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

7. **Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council, The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Successor Agency, Ridgecrest Housing Authority And Ridgecrest Financing Authority Adopting The Fee Schedule And Establishing The Policies By Which The Budget May Be And Shall Be Amended** **McQuiston**

Rachelle McQuiston

- Presented Staff Report, this is final step to adopt fee schedule and policy for amending the budget.

*Motion To Approve Item No. 7 Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).*

8. **Grand Jury Report And Discussion Of Council Response To Forward To The Grand Jury** **Speer**

Dennis Speer

- Presented Staff Report

Peggy Breeden

- Recommendation was for diversification and we were called a 'company town'

### Public Comment

Dave Matthews

- Asked if the interview was telephone or conducted locally
  - Dennis Speer – personally attended
- Commented about the amount of money spent to come here and tell us something we have known for years.

Peggy Breeden

- Read highlights of the report.
- Very good report which gave us action items. Read the recommendation to develop a broader employer base.

Al Huey

- Asked if they come here on their own or was it a request by someone.
  - Rachelle McQuiston – part of the job duties.
  - Dennis Speer – receive reports annually.

Peggy Breeden

- Response should thank them for their input and then need to act on their recommendations.

Mike Mower

- Perhaps update them on the economic development town hall.

Peggy Breeden

- Gave an update of the economic development committee and resulting sub-committees. Timelines to meet and respond back to the chair of report committee and when recommendations will come back to Council.
- Working on finding ways to make the community grow.

Al Huey

- Response to company town, might enlighten grand jury this company doesn't pay taxes.

Lori Acton

- Additional comments about investing in our community.

Keith Lemieux

- Consensus of content and direct staff to develop letter to come back to Council at next agenda.

**9. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing A Professional Services Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And World Economic Development Alliance, And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Contract Parsons**

*Item Added As A Need Arose Item Prior To Adoption Of The Agenda*

Gary Parsons

- Presented Staff Report
- TAB funding and no impact to General Fund

Peggy Breeden

- Clarified request for Council action.
  - Gary Parson – reviewed scope of work and request for Council approval to sign the agreement. Gave examples of industries targeted and marketing campaign.

Lori Acton

- Renewing contract already in place and service is comparison of Kosmont retail development whereas WEDA is industrial development.

Mike Mower

- Asked about the budgeted amount
  - Gary Parsons – budgeted over \$100,000 including other items. Promotion and advertising budget is part of this. Within the overall industrial budget.

Peggy Breeden

- Clarified total industrial development budget.

### Public Comment

Al Huey

- Asked about cost incentive if we sign by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Asked Council to consider a special meeting.

Tom Wiknich

- Asked clarification of 3 projects
  - Dark Fiber – data transmission
  - SMOG – Research and development for auto industry emission control for heavy equipment
  - Airplane manufacturer to be referred to Inyokern

Gary Parsons

- These are existing businesses with no startup costs

*Motion To Approve Item No. 9 Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*(Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website)*

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

Members: Lori Acton; Mike Mower  
Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Council Conference Room B

Lori Acton

- Discussed permit process for construction
- Discussed sewer impact fees and Navy formula for payment of their usage

Mike Mower

- Commented sewer fees have increased 4 times in the past years for Navy use.

**Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Jim Sanders; Mike Mower  
Meeting: 3rd Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Council Conference Room B

- No report

❖ **Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee**

Members: Jim Sanders; Peggy Breeden  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Conference Room B

- Next meeting, Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. No meeting due to holiday.

**Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee**

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton  
Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 12:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Justin O'Neill

- Gave report from collaborative meeting.
- Looking at doing a Broadway show or headline group to attend the USO event.
- Council needs to consider use of park and Kerr McGee center.
- Questions of insurance coverage.
- Met with Chief Strand to discuss safety and traffic control
- Potential to pull outside visitors and do not anticipate problems
- Parking and hotels need to be considered.
- City consideration requested for financial costs and volunteer support. Marketing fund should be addressed and where the funds can be attained, approximately \$2000 for printing costs.
- USO has committed stage and sound needs for a headliner group.
- Need to work to secure portable toilets, chairs, and other basic needs.
- Working on developing a draft budget
- Joint effort in spirit but money support is one sided. Working to get as much volunteer assistance as possible.
  - Peggy Breeden – requested Justin bring back firm idea of what the City is being asked for in support.
- All depends on USO commitment at the national level. Can put together more at that time.
  - Lori Acton – requested in-kind support in the report.

❖ **Ad Hoc Youth Advisory Council**

Members: Eddie Thomas  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 12:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- No report

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

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every other month at 4:00 p.m. as needed  
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- No report

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

Members: Lori Acton and Eddie Thomas  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.  
Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Eddie Thomas

- Read Director's Report. *(Copy Available In The City Clerk's Office)*

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

Peggy Breeden - League of California Cities

- Many bills being developed which need responses.
- Commented on bill which allows people to park a car in front of your house and live in it.
- Sometimes responses are required more quickly than meeting dates so looking to develop a way Council can respond.

Eddie Thomas

- A lot of bills and many of which would have been missed if we had not attended the meeting.

Peggy Breeden – Kern COG

- Caltrans announced they will be completed with China Lake Blvd by mid-November.

Lori Acton – broadband roundtable

- Report is out and FCC has voted to expand lifeline program as a broadband necessity. Includes landlines. Goal is to have 98% of the public with broadband.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Dennis Speer

- Attended TTAC meeting – transportation fund will have no money by September so federal government needs to pass another transportation bill by October or all highway projects will cease.
- Today is first day of state reducing gas tax which will reduce the amount of revenue we receive from the gas tax for road maintenance
- State route 14 projects proposed to expand 4 lanes have been bumped another 2 years. Hoping to develop more passing lanes under public safety.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lori Acton

- Cefund.org to see broadband study results
- Thanked everyone who serves and have served our country including first responders.

Eddie Thomas

- Outstanding turnout with baseball tournament, hotels full, restaurants busy. Should see a spike in TOT and tax revenues. If not, need to find out why the numbers are not reflecting events like these. Proud to be a part of the organizations
- Thanked City clerk for making Council smile.

Mike Mower

- Wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Peggy Breeden

- Heard repeatedly about City watering lawns when not supposed to. Have contacted one group of water watchers. Asked for staff to explain why we are not following the water time, address the needs of the fields. Want to have these answered once and for all so we don't keep getting these pictures. Received photos at 3pm and at 5:30 p.m. Asked staff addresses this with the public.
- Spoke on the wheel chair expedition. Was very interesting and thanked Eddie for pushing me as I would never have made the S-turns. Asked for explanation from Dennis Speer about the rescue islands and bulb-outs. Spoke on observations of two citizens trying to navigate the pattern and comments about the difficulty of trying to maneuver around the bulb-outs. As a driver, I almost hit someone who came out from around a bulb-out. Do not have 3 foot clearance around the bulb-outs.
  - Dennis Speer – share the road signs are being installed. This is the law in all 50 states. Commented on percentages of bicycles/auto accidents being small. Most bicycle accidents are with pedestrians and individually with a very low percentage with autos. Cross walks with rescue island is to protect pedestrians. If these are removed we will not have any cross walks at these locations. Can only put cross walks at controlled intersections. The rescue island aids the pedestrian by shortening the amount of time the pedestrian is unprotected as they cross the street. Only have to look one way as they cross each lane and can wait in the center for traffic to clear.
- Not suggesting we remove anything. Did not like it at first but it has grown on me and I think it is beautiful. Just want to make sure everyone is safe. Time will tell.

Peggy Breeden *(continued)*

- Economic Outlook discussion meeting put out a map for people to look at for potential annexation. Not written in stone and is not a sure thing that this is going to happen. Want to find out what people think about the idea. Idea is to annex out to highway 395 and potentially bring industrial/commercial business from the highway down into Ridgecrest. Want to hear everyone's ideas. We are revenue challenged and need to find a way to increase revenue to the City. Commented on sales tax and increased visibility for people passing by on the highway. This is my idea, not set in stone. Want to hear input so call me at (760) 382-3563. Build and grow for today and plan for tomorrow.
- Wished everyone the best Independence Day and remember those who fought for our freedom.

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:30 p.m.**

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Rachel J. Ford, CMC  
City Clerk



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

**SUBJECT:**

Appointment to the Measure 'L' Citizens Advisory Committee

**PRESENTED BY:**

Rachel J. Ford – City Clerk

**SUMMARY:**

Measure 'L', a ¾ cent sales tax increase, was approved by voters on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. When the item was placed on the ballot, the City Council opted to create an advisory body to focus specifically on the corresponding revenues as a safeguard to ensure the appropriate expenditures of the funds. The ordinance specifies term limits for committee members. An excerpt from the ordinance reads as follows:

**Sec. 3-2.115. Terms of Office.**

- (a) Of the members of the committee first appointed, two shall be appointed for terms of one year, two shall be appointed for terms of two years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years. Succeeding members shall be appointed for terms of four years. The secretary's term shall be designated by the City Manager. All members shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

The following vacancy needs appointment to the Measure 'L' Committee to complete the original terms:

1. Replacement for Eddie B. Thomas (Resigned upon election to City Council and interim appointment of Mike Peterson) – Term expires July 2015

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Fiscal Impact

Reviewed by Finance Director

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Staff recommends the City Council select a member to serve on the Measure 'L' Citizens Advisory Committee for the 4 year term.

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Action as requested: Staff recommends the City Council select a member to serve on the Measure 'L' Advisory Committee for a 4 year term

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**MEASURE 'L' CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**APPOINTMENT HISTORY**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>
2012	George 'Andy' Anderson	Jul-13	Steve Morgan
	Lance 'Scott' Garver	Jul-13	Jason Patin
	Mike Peterson	Jul-14	Jerry Taylor
	Phil Salvatore	Jul-14	Chip Holloway
	Eddie Thomas	Jul-15	Ron Carter
2013	George 'Andy' Anderson	Jul-17	Council
	Lance 'Scott' Garver	Jul-17	Council
	Mike Peterson	Jul-14	Jerry Taylor
	Phil Salvatore	Jul-14	Chip Holloway
	Eddie Thomas	Jul-15	Ron Carter
2014	George 'Andy' Anderson	Jul-17	Council
	Lance 'Scott' Garver	Jul-17	Council
	Robert Gould	Jul-18	Chip Holloway
	Ronald Carter	Jul-18	Dan Clark
	Eddie Thomas	Jul-15	Ron Carter
2015	George 'Andy' Anderson	Jul-17	Council
	Lance 'Scott' Garver	Jul-17	Council
	Robert Gould	Jul-18	Chip Holloway
	Ted Rebulton	Jul-18	Peggy Breeden
	Mike Peterson	Jul-15	Eddie Thomas

**Ordinance 12-02**

**Sec. 3-2.115. Terms of Office.**

- a) Of the members of the committee first appointed, two shall be appointed for terms of one year, two shall be appointed for terms of two years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years. Succeeding members shall be appointed for terms of four years. The secretary's term shall be designated by the City Manager. All members shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.
  
- b) Should a member of the committee fail to attend three consecutive meetings, unless excused for cause by the chairperson, that member's office shall be deemed vacant and the member's term ended. The committee secretary shall immediately notify the City Council and City Clerk of such termination.

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

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion, Revision, And Approval Of A Draft Response Letter Regarding The Kern Grand Jury Report Of May 27, 2015

**PRESENTED BY:**

Dennis Speer – City Manager

**SUMMARY:**

At the City Council meeting of July 1, 2015, Council reviewed the Kern County Grand Jury report dated May 27, 2015 and directed staff to draft a response letter for Council review and approval.

This item is for discussion, revision, and approval of the draft Council's response to the Grand Jury report as required by the instructions received with the report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

Reviewed by Finance Director

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Discuss, revise, and approve the draft response letter to the Kern Grand Jury

**CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Action as requested:

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Presiding Judge  
Kern County Superior Court  
1415 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 212  
Bakersfield, Ca 93301

Subject: Response to Grand Jury final Report of May 27, 2015

The City of Ridgecrest would like to thank the Grand Jury for its efforts and visit to our community. Your input, and resulting findings, recommendations and report are of great assistance in our working towards providing the very best services and living conditions for the citizens of Ridgecrest.

Your finding and recommendation regarding the City of Ridgecrest's need for widening its economic base since Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake represents a very large part of our economy and work force is well taken.

The City is currently actively working towards diversification of its economy in several ways which we feel will implement your recommendation.

The City recently committed over one million dollars of its Tax Allocation Bond funding to aid several new start up companies to be located within the City, this in an effort to provide more opportunities for employment within the City and to diversify our economy. It has also contracted with the business recruitment firm of World Economic Development Alliance to aid in recruiting existing firms to relocate to Ridgecrest. Additionally we are currently working with four firms who are considering relocating to Ridgecrest with several more in the pipeline. Finally the City has held a town hall meeting on economic development which has resulted in the formation of several advisory working groups made up of local community citizens, with the goal of developing an economic development plan for the diversification and growth of the City's economy.

The City of Ridgecrest would again like to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their efforts and recommendations and will utilize this important information in our continued efforts to provide a better community for our citizens.

Sincerely

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