



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

AGENDA

Wednesday

Regular

**Closed Session 5:30 p.m.
Regular Session 6:00 p.m.**

September 16, 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. 15-04
LAST RESOLUTION NO. 15-xx

CITY OF RIDGECREST

CITY COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY HOUSING AUTHORITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

AGENDA

Regular Council
Wednesday September 16, 2015

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL

100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.

Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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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>

Pursuant To California Government Code 54953 (B) (1) An Additional Call In Location Has Been Established For Council Members Who Will Attend This Meeting via Teleconference At 681 S. Western Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

- GC 54956.9(b)(1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Public Disclosure Of Litigant Would Prejudice The City Of Ridgecrest And Would Jeopardize Its Ability To Conclude Existing Settlement Negotiations To Its Advantage.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
- Other

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation Of Employee Service Awards Council

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving Contract Change Order Number One For A Zero Dollar Value With The Contractor, Super Seal & Stripe, Inc., On The Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing And Striping For Twelve Intersections And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer To Sign Change Order Number One Speer
3. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Rescinding Resolution No 15-64 And Amending And Approving A Transit Policy Mandated By The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) For Service Criteria For Complementary Paratransit Speer
4. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated August 19, 2015 Ford
5. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated September 2, 2015 Ford

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

6. **Discussion And Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Supporting The Military Banner Program As A Signature Event Of The City And Authorizing Special Event Insurance Coverage** Breeden
7. **Discussion And Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Supporting The 2015 USO Event As A Signature Event Of The City And Authorizing Special Event Insurance Coverage** Breeden

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: 4th Wednesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Council Conference Room B

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Jim Sanders; Mike Mower
Meeting: 2nd 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: 1st Monday 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: 1st 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: 2nd 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: 3rd 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: 1st 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:
Service Award Presentations

PRESENTED BY:
Mayor and City Council members

SUMMARY:
Service recognition awards presented by the Ridgecrest City Council to employees who have reached milestones of five (5) or more years of employment during the second quarter (July - September) 2015 with the City of Ridgecrest.

15 Years
Anna Ball
Rachel Ford

5 Years
Daniel Leroy

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE
Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:
Presentation of certificates to the employees by City Council members.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:
Present Service Awards

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon

Action Date: Sept. 16, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Approve Contract Change Order Number One For A Zero Dollar Value With The Contractor, Super Seal & Stripe, Inc, On The Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing and Striping for Twelve Intersections And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer To Sign Change Order Number One

PRESENTED BY:

Dennis Speer, Public Works Director

SUMMARY:

With the finishing of the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing and Striping for Twelve Intersections a modification to the project required a change to the plans and specifications. The change to the plans and specification was a delay in the project due to the vendor unable to receive twelve non-perforated sleeves because of a plant production issue.

Therefore, the contractor had to produce a vendor who could still meet the Caltrans standards and specifications and receive authorization to proceed forward with the new vendor.

Change Order #1	Delay of project due to finding a new vendor	\$ 00.00
	TOTAL	\$ 00.00

The funding source for this project will come from the capital improvement project fund non-building 018-4760-430-4601, project Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing and Striping for Twelve Intersections ST1201.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Contract Change Order Number One For A Zero Dollar Value With The Contractor, Super Seal & Stripe, Inc, On The Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing and Striping for Twelve Intersections And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer To Sign Change Order Number One

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR A ZERO DOLLAR VALUE WITH THE CONTRACTOR, SUPER SEAL & STRIPE, INC, ON THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE FIVE SIGNING AND STRIPING FOR TWELVE INTERSECTIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, DENNIS SPEER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE

WHEREAS, With the finishing of the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing and Striping for Twelve Intersections a modification to the project required a change to the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, The change to the plans and specification was a delay in the project due to the vendor unable to receive twelve non-perforated sleeves due to a plant production issue; and

WHEREAS, The contractor had to produce a vendor who could still meet the Caltrans standards and specifications and receive authorization to proceed forward with the new vendor; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 was a delay of the project in finding a new vendor and had a zero dollar value to the order; and

WHEREAS, The funding source for this project will come from the capital improvement project fund non-building 018-4760-430-4601; and

WHEREAS, The project code Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing and Striping for Twelve Intersections is ST1201; and

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

1. Approves Change Order Number One, to Super Seal & Stripe, Inc, that provides a zero dollar value to the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing and Striping for Twelve Intersections
2. Authorizes the City Manager, Dennis Speer, to execute Change Order Number One, to Super Seal & Stripe, Inc,

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST

Peggy Breeden, Mayor

Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk

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CITY OF RIDGECREST

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER No. 1

DATE: 7/30/15

Project Name: (HSIP) Cycle 5 Signing and Striping for 12 Intersections
Willdan Project #: 103530
Federal Aid Project #: HSIPL-5385(052)
Contractor: Super Seal & Stripe, Inc.

You are hereby directed to make the described changes from the plans and specifications or do the following described work not included in the plans and specifications on this contract.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Cost, (working days). Includes handwritten note 'Super Seal and Stripe MBS' and rows for original contract amount, change orders, and revised contract amount.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE, ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES, AND PRICES TO BE PAID:

Table with 9 columns: Item, Description, Contract Qty, Change Order Qty, Adjusted Contract Quantity, Unit, Unit Cost, Change order Cost, Time Ext. Working Days. Includes one row for 'No cost time extension due to delays in delivery of steel non-perforated sleeves.'

TOTAL THIS CHANGE ORDER: \$ - 4

Requested: [Signature] Construction Manager/Resident Engineer

Date: 8/20/15

Approved: [Signature] City Engineer

Date: 8/24/15

Approved: Public Works Director

Date:

We the undersigned Contractor, have given careful consideration to the change proposed and hereby agree, if this proposal is approved, that we will provide all equipment, furnish all materials, except as may be otherwise noted above, and perform all services necessary for the work above specified, and will accept as full payment therefore the prices shown above.

Accepted: Super Seal & Stripe Contractor

Date: 08/13/2015

[Signature] Trevor Madden By:

Estimator/Project Mgr Title:

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

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO 15-64 AND AMENDING AND APPROVING A TRANSIT POLICY MANDATED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR SERVICE CRITERIA FOR COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT

PRESENTED BY:

Dennis Speer, Public Works Director

SUMMARY:

The City of Ridgecrest Transit Department received from FTA that we Mandate a Policy for Service Criteria for Complementary Paratransit. This was approved on July 1, 2015 by the City Council for the City of Ridgecrest need Resolution No 15-64.

Resolution No 15-64 needs to be rescinded a Resolution approved and adopted to amend the police by adding language under the "Response Time" Number 4, the time a rider is able to call in for an advance trip (see attached Exhibit A in red).

The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) found that the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) was not compliant in requiring complementary paratransit service. Subsequently, FTA developed a service criteria policy which mandates that agencies receiving 5311 funding adopt this policy. The City of Ridgecrest receives 5311 Funding. This policy has been reviewed by staff and minor adjustments have been made due to our current deviated –flex route system. This Policy follows FTA guidelines and adheres to FTA regulations.

The City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit will provide complementary paratransit service to origins and destinations within a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed route.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Rescinding Resolution No 15-64 And Amending And Approving A Transit Policy Mandated By The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) For Service Criteria For Complementary Paratransit

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested:

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO 15-64 AND AMENDING AND APPROVING A TRANSIT POLICY MANDATED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR SERVICE CRITERIA FOR COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT

WHEREAS, the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) found that the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) was not compliant in requiring complementary paratransit service; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No 15-64 is rescinded and a new Resolution is approved and adopted to add language under the "Response Time" number 4, the time a rider is able to call in for an advance trip

WHEREAS, FTA developed a policy which mandates that agencies receiving 5311 funding adopt this policy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ridgecrest receives 5311 funding; and

WHEREAS, this policy has been reviewed by staff and minor adjustments have been made to accommodate our current route system according to FTA guidelines.

WHEREAS, The City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit will provide complementary paratransit service to origins and destinations within the routes with a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed route; and

WHEREAS, The corridor will include an area with three-fourths of a mile radius at the ends of each fixed route; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Rescinds Resolution No 15-64 And Amends A Resolution Approving A Transit Policy Mandated By The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) For Service Criteria For Complementary Paratransit

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of September 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST

Peggy Breeden, Mayor

Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"

City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit Policy for Service Criteria for Complementary Paratransit

City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit shall provide complementary paratransit service to origins and destinations within corridors with a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed route. The corridor shall include an area with a three-fourths of a mile radius at the ends of each fixed route.

Within the core service area, City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit also provides service to small areas not inside any of the corridors but which are surrounded by corridors.

For purposes of this paragraph, the core service area is that area in which corridors with a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed route merge together such that, with few and small exceptions, all origins and destinations within the area are served.

Jurisdictional boundaries. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit is not required to provide paratransit service in an area outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction(s) in which it operates, if the entity does not have legal authority to operate in that area. However, City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit shall take all practicable steps to provide paratransit service to any part of its service area.

Response time. City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit shall schedule and provide paratransit service to any ADA paratransit eligible person at any requested time on a particular day in response to a request for service made the previous day. Reservations may be taken by reservation agents or by mechanical means (e.g., answering machine).

- (1) City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit shall make reservation service available during at least all normal business hours of the Ridgerunner Transit's administrative offices, as well as during times, comparable to normal business hours, on a day when the Ridgerunner Transit's offices are not open before a service day.
- (2) City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit may negotiate pickup times with the individual, but the entity shall not require an ADA paratransit eligible individual to schedule a trip to begin more than one hour before or after the individual's desired departure time.
- (3) City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit uses real-time scheduling in providing complementary paratransit service.
- (4) The entity may permit advance reservations to be made up to 14 days in advance of an ADA paratransit eligible individuals desired trips. When an entity proposes to change its reservations system, it shall comply with the public participation requirements equivalent to those of § 37.137 (b) and (c)"

City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit accepts NEXT DAY reservations for an ADA paratransit eligible individual's desired trips.

Fares. The fare for a trip charged to an ADA paratransit eligible user of the complementary paratransit service does not exceed twice the fare that would be charged to an individual paying full fare (i.e., without regard to discounts) for a trip of similar length, at a similar time of day, on the entity's fixed route system.

The fares for individuals accompanying ADA paratransit eligible individuals, who are provided service under Sec. 37.123 (f) of this part, shall be the same as for the ADA paratransit eligible individuals they are accompanying.

A personal care attendant shall not be charged for complementary paratransit service.

City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit reserves the right to charge a fare higher than otherwise permitted by this paragraph to social service agencies or other organizations for agency trips (i.e., trips guaranteed to the organization).

Trip Purpose Restrictions. City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit does not impose restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose.

Hours and Days of Service. The complementary paratransit service shall be available throughout the same hours and days, as the Ridgerunner Transit's fixed route service.

Capacity Constraints. City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit **does not limit** the availability of complementary paratransit service to ADA paratransit eligible individuals by any of the following:

- (1) Restrictions on the number of trips an individual will be provided;
- (2) Waiting lists for access to the service; or
- (3) Any operational pattern or practice that significantly limits the availability of service to ADA paratransit eligible persons.
 - (i) Such patterns or practices include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (A) Substantial numbers of significantly untimely pickups for initial or return trips;
 - (B) Substantial numbers of trip denials or missed trips;
 - (C) Substantial numbers of trips with excessive trip lengths.
 - (ii) Operational problems attributable to causes beyond the control of City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit (including, but not limited to, weather or traffic conditions affecting all vehicular traffic that were not anticipated at the time a trip was scheduled) shall not be a basis for determining that such a pattern or practice exists.

Additional Service. City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit provides complementary paratransit service to ADA paratransit eligible individuals exceeding that provided for in this section. However, only the cost of service provided for in this section may be considered in any City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit request for an undue financial burden waiver under Sec. Sec. 37.151-37.155 of this part.

City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit Policy for Providing Complementary Paratransit Service for Visitors.

(a) City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit provides complementary paratransit service under § [37.121](#) of this part and make the service available to visitors as provided in this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, a visitor is an individual with disabilities who does not reside in the City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit service area where City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit provides coordinated complementary paratransit service.

(c) City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit shall treat as eligible for its complementary paratransit service all visitors who present documentation that they are ADA paratransit eligible, under the criteria of § [37.125](#) of this part, in the jurisdiction in which they reside.

(d) With respect to visitors with disabilities who do not present such documentation, City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit may require the documentation of the individual's place of residence and, if the individual's disability is not apparent, of his or her disability. City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit shall provide paratransit service to individuals with disabilities who qualify as visitors under paragraph (b) of this section. City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit shall accept a certification by such individuals that they are unable to use fixed route transit.

(e) City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit shall make the service to a visitor required by this section available for any combination of 21 days during any 365-day period beginning with the visitor's first use of the service during such 365-day period.

In no case shall City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit require a visitor to apply for or receive eligibility certification before receiving the service required by this section.

In many cases City of Ridgecrest, Ridgerunner Transit will contact the visitor's transit agency directly to get a copy of their eligibility certification.

[56 FR 45621, Sept. 6, 1991, as amended at [61 FR 25416](#), May 21, 1996]

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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 August 19, 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 August 19, 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**

**August 19, 2015
5:00 p.m.**

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

CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Moved the following two litigation matters from closed session to next meeting
 - GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Cameron Rainwater v. City Of Ridgecrest et al.
 - GC54956.9 (d) (1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Liability Claim Of William Johnson – Claim No. 15-05

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Closed Session)

- None Presented

CLOSED SESSION

- GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Cameron Rainwater v. City Of Ridgecrest et al.
- GC54956.9 (d) (1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Liability Claim Of William Johnson – Claim No. 15-05
- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Lease or Sale – Parcel Map #10819 Lots 34, 35, and 36 – Agency Negotiator Economic Development Program Manager Gary Parsons
- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Sale – Parcel Map #10819 Lots 29 and 30 – Agency Negotiator Economic Development Program Manager Gary Parsons
- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Sale – Parcel Map #10819 Lots 22 and 46 – Agency Negotiator Economic Development Program Manager Gary Parsons
- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Lease or Sale – Parcel Map #10819 Lots 5 and 6 – Agency Negotiator Economic Development Program Manager Gary Parsons
- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Lease – Tract Map #1771, A Portion Of APN # 419-073-16 – Agency Negotiator Economic Development Program Manager Gary Parsons

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Cameron Rainwater v. City Of Ridgecrest et al.
 - Pulled prior to approval of agenda
 - GC54956.9 (d) (1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Liability Claim Of William Johnson – Claim No. 15-05
 - Pulled prior to approval of agenda
 - GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Lease or Sale – Parcel Map #10819 Lots 34, 35, and 36 – Agency Negotiator Economic Development Program Manager Gary Parsons
 - No Reportable Action Taken

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 - No Reportable Action Taken
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 - No Reportable Action Taken
 - GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Lease – Tract Map #1771, A Portion Of APN # 419-073-16 – Agency Negotiator Economic Development Program Manager Gary Parsons
 - No Reportable Action Taken
- Other
- None

PUBLIC COMMENT (*Regular Session*)

Christina Witt

- Poker Run raised \$4100 for 'Remember the Fallen'.
- Commented on Parks Website hours and exhibit August 31-September 12. Concerned about citizens being able to view the exhibit on normal days off. Wants to ensure ample time for people to view and leave notes.
- Wants to make sure the Kerr McGee center is open for the vigil and parade of 1000 flags.
 - Dennis Speer – will work with staff for accommodations.

Dave Matthews

- Commented on Water Ad Hoc summary of meeting in the Daily Independent and removal of trees in Medians.
- Referenced Biology and green plants expelling Carbon Dioxide. Expressed concern about removal of landscaping and taking away all green.
- Cautioned removing trees and later regretting the action.
- Commented on replanting and clear cutting and the value of trees which provide shade in the hot weather.

Red Benson

- Reiterated Christina Witt's comments and concerns about the Kerr McGee Center hours for viewing the exhibit for 'Remember the Fallen'
- Local advertisements and China Lake public relations have concerns about center being open for the parade and on 9/11 candle light vigil
- Referenced Lancaster law enforcement and motorcycle club who will be coming to escort the exhibit.
 - Lori Acton – volunteered to personally come down to keep the doors open.

Sophia Merck

- 5:30 p.m. tomorrow night public utilities commission hearing regarding broadband rights at the Marriot. Encouraged public to attend.

Andy Anderson

- Announced Ridgecrest Exchange Club, sponsor of the parade of 1000 flags, offering a donation of \$25.00 engraved dog tag on each flag honoring a fallen hero. Contact exchange club for application form.

Eric Bruin

- Desert Valley Credit Union has LED upgrade as result of EH Group.
- Projects developed for 2016 and 2017 to advance toward a renewable energy footprint by 2018.
- Already experiencing up to a \$9000 annual savings.
- Commented on possibilities of \$10,000 grant with a \$1,000 match from the business can help with reductions in energy and business will additionally receive energy rebates.
- Invited Council to visit facility to see the upgrades to the lighting.
 - Lori Acton – questioned whether the lighting is following the dark skies.
- Highlighted the light effects and guarantees.
- Cost values and opportunities for businesses. Light is cleaner and brighter

Justin O'Neill

- Desert Valley Board Member and testified to the cost savings and encouraged Council to continue with the grant program.
- Spoke on broadband survey and announced locations citizens can go to for filling out and submitting the survey.
- Looking to get an idea of internet usage in the valley.
- Referred to the CPUC hearing and encouraged citizens to attend.
- Encouraged everyone to participate in the survey.
 - Peggy Breeden – speakers only have 3 minutes to speak at the CPUC hearing.
 - Lori Acton – need a good turnout. The more stories citizens can bring the better for our community.

Peggy Breeden (speaking as a citizen)

- Want to tell citizens of something and be fair and honest.
- Have repeatedly heard how City was not using water responsibly.
- Jason Patin requested to give presentation which he did.
- Met with Jason Patin and Randy Brown to find out why we are watering the way we do.
- Two parks on IWV Water and are being watered exactly as the ordinance requires.
- All other parks are on wells. Quoted participants in parks and exemplified Freedom Park. Provided handouts for the public.
- Read prepared statement regarding park usage and watering requirements.
- Spoke on Council reviewing options for xeriscaping.
- Encouraged public to talk to Mayor and staff rather than posting on internet.
- Asked if community wanted staff to stop watering.
- Provided photos of families enjoying the parks.
- Parks are for the community.

Sophia Merck

- Appreciate what the committee is trying to do with water sustainability.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked if water meters are installed on the wells
- Asked if micro-climate water systems have been installed.
- Units are down to around \$200 and connect to the home system and reads the weather conditions and soil to water smartly.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation Of Certificates Of Achievement To Members Of The IWV Youth Baseball Pony Division Team** Council
- Council presented individual certificates of achievement to members of the IWV Youth Baseball Pony Division All Star Team recognizing their successful season placing 2nd in the division.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Approving Authorization To Award A Construction Contract To CS Legacy Construction Inc. For The Construction Of Improvements To The Existing Public Works Corporate Yard Site Improvements And For The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Execute The Contract** Speer

3. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving Authorization To Award A Construction Contract To JTS Construction For The Construction Of A Bus Maintenance Garage, Vehicle Service Station, New Bus/Carport And Existing Building Remodel And For The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Execute The Contract Speer
4. Adopt A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving A Contract Change Order Number One With The Contractor, Traffic Development Services, For The Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 5 Traffic Signal Modification For Seven Intersection And Authorizing The City Manager, Dennis Speer To Sign Change Order Number One Speer
5. Adopt A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving Contract Change Order Number Two With The Contractor, Traffic Development Services, For The Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 5 Traffic Signal Modification For Seven Intersection And Authorizing The City Manager, Dennis Speer To Sign Change Order Number Two Speer
6. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council For Authorization To Award A Construction Contract To JTS Construction For The Construction Of A Concession Stand At The Kerr McGee Sports Complex And For The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Execute The Contract Patin
7. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated August 5, 2015 Ford

Items Pulled From Consent Calendar

- Item No. 2

Motion To Approve Item Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, And 7 Of Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

Item No. 2 Discussion:

Eddie Thomas

- Commented on bid amounts and the difference.
 - Dennis Speer – bid error on high bidder which multiplied their bid. Can only accept the low bid.

- Loren Culp – confirmed the second bidder had made an error in their mobilization costs.

Mike Mower

- Asked for clarification of account numbers
 - Dennis Speer – these are special sources of funding which must be reported to the State and are identified so accounting can distribute the funds as required.
 - Tyrell Staheli – explained the funding sources. Will put down account description in future.

Motion To Approve Item No. 2 Of Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

8. **Discuss And Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Approving Budget Amendment #16-01 Adjusting Appropriations And Estimated Revenues In The Annual Budget** **Staheli**

Dennis Speer

- Presented Staff Report and purpose to balance the budget.
- Departments were requested to provide proportionate cuts
- Option for Council to consider will be presented by Finance Director

Tyrell Staheli

- Reviewed PowerPoint explaining current finance system and budget module.
- Reporting software, COGNOS which pulls data from budget module.
- Reviewed spreadsheets used to develop the current budget and problems discovered upon entering spreadsheet data into the system.
- Identified shortfalls and how they occurred.
- Reviewed approved budget as allocated to various departments
- Reviewed funds that cannot be cut.
- Reviewed other funding sources including Measure 'L', Redevelopment; Engineering
- Reviewed General Fund appropriations which were used for cuts to balance the budget.
- Proposed deferring new financial system for one year and then each division amounts were cut proportionally.
- Rather than lay off employees we would rather defer financial system for one year. Have experience with current system and feel can use this year. System is old but has had periodic upgrades.
 - Mike Mower – asked the age of system

Tyrell Staheli *(continued)*

- Eddie Thomas – asked if the system was the reason for the deficit
 - Tyrell- system is old and was not originally used for this budget, once data input errors were discovered in the spreadsheets.
- Peggy Breeden – system is antiquated. Were the errors due to the system or lack of knowledge of the system?
- Eddie Thomas – asked how hard it would be to receive reports if information is requested.
 - Tyrell – depends, some reports are already written, others may take a couple hours to write the first time.
- Lori Acton – this is an old system but is helpful that Tyrell knows the system and can get the right information.
- Jim Sanders – asked about the impact to each department.
- Proposed reductions reviewed and highlighted certain cuts proposed.
- Reviewed two options for Police Department.
 - Jim Sanders – requested clarification of Measure ‘L’ carryover.
 - Peggy Breeden – make sure we understand the carryover was allocated but not expended immediately due to project timelines.
 - Lori Acton – questioned Measure ‘L’ funds that were leveraged to fund streets.
 - Peggy Breeden – asked where the other cuts came from.
- Only people cut was from police department and the unfilled planning intern.
 - Peggy Breeden – asked about services and the impact.
- Not in general fund or finance, possibly in Parks and Recreation.

Jason Patin

- Gave overview of cuts made to the Parks and Recreation budget.
- Most cuts came from capital improvement projects and contingency funds for facilities and medians; equipment purchases; extra parks maintenance.
- Do not believe any programs or services will be impacted.
 - Lori Acton – is there a way to use TAB funds for capital improvements.
- Should be alright without using TAB funding. Will always have the issue with contingency for facilities.
 - Peggy Breeden – asked about xeriscape improvements and pushing these back for one year.
- Other monies for projects but general fund dollars won’t be as much as we hoped.
 - Peggy Breeden – what is going to make next year better.
 - Tyrell Staheli – won’t have the county payment but will still be significant shortage. Some forecast for growth in sales tax according to tax accountant.
 - Lori Acton – asked if we are also looking at shift to property taxes and fire contract.
 - Tyrell Staheli – new businesses and County discussions as well as economic development opportunities.

Jason Patin *(continued)*

- Peggy Breeden – do you see maintenance deferred costing more in the long run due to the deferment? Want to make sure we don't defer maintenance that will cost twice as much next year.
- Spoke with maintenance supervisor and believe his projections. Still going to do what we do, not going to stop maintaining. Only talking about capital improvements like repainting buildings and upgrades.
 - Jim Sanders – concerned about unexpected issues like pump going out, how these items will be funded.
- Have impact fees available and if funds are needed will come back to Council.

Ron Strand

- Reviewed cuts already made in the general fund budget including patrol vehicles and equipment.
- Currently at full staff of 32 officers. \$300,000 would be salaries for officers.
 - Eddie Thomas – asked about officer and specialties.
- Reviewed impact to public safety and positions including patrol and detectives.
- Mentioned impacts of County and State bills that have increased crime in community.
 - Peggy Breeden – asked for approximate cost to recent shooting event locally and the Jawbone Canyon manhunt.
- Still looking for shooting suspect and have already expended several man-hours.
- Assisted Jawbone Canyon 350 hours and supplied equipment for use.
- Working together and combining resources is the only way we can maintain public safety in this valley.
 - Lori Acton – spoke on proactive versus reactive.
- Quoted recent reductions of crime until passing of state assembly bills which released criminals back into society.
- Commented on gangs.

Dennis Speer

- Reviewed public works and general fund losses.
- Public Works only affects general fund through engineering.
- Reallocated funds for engineer to projects which are separate funding sources. Exemplified Walmart and billing time to the project.

Tyrell Staheli

- Reviewed General Government proposed cuts.
- Reviewed Finance department cuts with Lori Acton

Jim Sanders

- Proposing cuts which is not the target goal, where is the other \$50,000 coming from.
 - Tyrell Staheli – proposition funds that were not previously expended.

Eddie Thomas

- Anticipate additional revenues, are the anticipated cuts.
 - Will not have room to expand. PERS rates continue to climb and the greater amount is for the Police Department so will have to absorb those costs.

Peggy Breeden

- Asked if there are other options. Suggested option 3 using TAB funds to put into roads and use the previously allocated Measure 'L' funding be moved to cover police.
 - Mike Mower – all TAB funds are committed so if we take then will have to take from somewhere else.
- Was in support of spending TAB economic development funds for small businesses but don't think we can support it right now. We can commit but this is our City, Police Department, and Streets. We took an oath to support our City and sometimes we have to make the hard decisions. we have to honor the spirit of Measure 'L'. if the \$350,000 small business grant TAB funds, take what we need and use to support streets then use Measure 'L' funds for public safety.

Mike Mower

- Heard from people everywhere this week with ideas on roads versus streets.
- Suggested hiring freeze and don't replace that person.
- Don't want to see police take a 10% cut.
- There are a lot of streets that need paved and signage that needs replaced.
- Unless I hear something strong, I am in favor of this suggested with a hiring freeze.

Lori Acton

- Don't want to lose officers. Hate taking money from businesses but think at this time is the best thing to do. If we get the \$3 million back from the state then we put it back. In favor of taking TAB funds for streets and divert Measure 'L' funds to Public Safety until other funds come available.

Peggy Breeden

- Don't want to completely raid Economic Development but want to compromise.

Dennis Speer

- Understand trying to make streets whole by reallocating TAB funds.
- Really dealing with General Fund money and Measure 'L' is technically general fund but specifically for public safety and streets.
- Tend to agree in this situation, Measure 'L' specific purposes are for Public Safety and Streets maintenance. No specific allocations but have to maintain level of service.

Public Comment

Andy Anderson

- Gave perspective of Measure 'L' funding and majority feel priority is for repair and maintenance of streets.
- Reason for carryover was due to split paving season and was to be used for streets in the second half of paving season
- Reallocation double punishes street maintenance in order to fully fund police.
- If there is any hope of renewing this tax then suggest thinking carefully of not doing a fair budget cut and taking Measure 'L' funds to pay for public safety while other departments take cuts.
 - Lori Acton – clarified the money being moved to police will immediately be replaced by TAB funds.
- If amount of money stays the same then no problem.
 - Peggy Breeden – you are an honest and decent man and ask you to let people know.

Jerry Taylor

- Presentation is a good budget presentation but is not a good presentation for Council to defend the fact they are not taking Measure 'L'
- Only two years away from having to get Measure 'L' passed again, need to start moving toward a no Measure 'L' budget.
- Chief is doing good things with the money but now message leads people to feel roads are being cut.
- If TAB funds are not on contract then not really committed. Council can re-evaluate the allocations made by previous Council and look at return on investment.
- Return on investment selling the public that you are spending the Measure 'L' funds wisely is much higher than giving it to small businesses.

Paul Wheeler

- Can't believe a cut to police department is being considered at this time. Chief Strand has done an admirable job of keeping this community safe.
- No one knew how much money Measure 'L' would bring in, and requested Council locates other avenues rather than cutting police officers.

Andy Anderson

- Asked about restrictions on TAB funds for streets.
 - Dennis Speer – have to be projects, cannot be used for maintenance. Do have projects that would qualify. Measure 'L' funds are for maintenance and TAB funds are for projects.
- Compared strings attached to Gas Tax funds.

Jim Sanders

- If a reconstruct of street project needs done it can be completed with either TAB or Measure 'L'

Tom Wiknich

- Asked about perception where the only option of cutting positions is where we can use Measure 'L' funds to pay for those positions. No other department has offered positions.
 - Dennis Speer – City has been reduced by 42 positions since 2009 and police did not experience any positions lost. I am filling in 4 other positions.
- Just bringing up the perception when looking at a hard cut.
 - Dennis Speer – request was a proportionate share of cuts and if the other departments found ways of making cuts without cutting staff then hat's off to them.
- Chief has done excellent job and he and officers will do whatever you request of them. Cutting positions will affect moral and quality of service.
- Commented on officers going to court and transporting prisoners in addition to patrol. Police protection is the most important service Council must do for the City.
- Exemplified multiple calls and domestic calls without backup and dangers to officers.

Stan Rajtora

- Clarified police budget.
 - Tyrell Staheli – delta between funding cut request is the money they already receive from Measure 'L'
- If their budget is \$6.5 million then the cut should be equivalent.
- Commented on rationale and transfers.
- Have to believe there is a lot of money that has nothing to do with salaries; don't see any cuts to other lines.
 - Jim Sanders – Chief Strand already made non-salaried cuts during the first round of budget cuts in June including vehicles.
 - Lori Acton – Measure 'L' is dedicated and not looked at as general fund money.
- Would not recommend reducing the force by 4 people but do think need to look at reducing by 1 or 2.
- Council's in past have always wanted to spend more money we have, is time to stop spending.
- Need to get a new system for financial accounting. Need a system where anyone on the dais can look into the system and find the numbers needed and understand what is going on. The sooner we get a new financial system the sooner we will avoid having meetings like this. Urge keeping the \$150,000 in the budget and move forward.

Stan Rajtora *(continued)*

- Every year there is something more important and next year there will be something else more important. Have to grit our teeth and purchase the new financial system which is needed.
 - Lori Acton – have possible funding source available that does not use general fund money.

Dave Milam

- Thanked Mayor and Council for this tremendous undertaking you are burdened with.
- Commented on transparency, salaries, and pensions.
- Supports Mr. Mower's wisdom in option 3 with hiring freeze.

Dave Matthews

- Left last meeting unaware that Mr. Speer said we were in financial trouble.
- My suggestions will probably not solve current problem but need to start thinking about for near future.
- Suggested looking at portion of property tax that comes back to City, is this something we need to put before Grand Jury?
- Suggested volunteer fire department, convert one of the two stations to a volunteer station.
- Is there a possibility of a police reserve force?

Jerry Taylor

- Recommend against spread, ask each department to give twice the percentage, then look at the list and prioritize it.
- Suggested taking this back to staff and look at it again.
- Roads are important but if this Council sets priorities then may not have straight percentage cuts.

Ted Ribulton

- Commented on Measure 'L' funding received for street maintenance and public safety. Allocation is set by Council.
- Commented on Measure 'L' ability to maintain staff funding when other significant funding had been lost.
- Police had received most of Measure 'L' and agree with the need for public safety.
- Streets accomplishments need to be advertised, have paved 7 streets. Needs to be communicated to the public.
- Speaking as individual, not as a member of Measure 'L' committee.

Dave Matthews

- Commented on water bill and increases for basic services.
- Asked if City can implement surcharge on parks services and other services provided by the City.

Public comment closed at 8:23 p.m.

Mike Mower

- Proposed accepting Option 2 with hiring freeze added
- Would be nice to see options of cuts made and if Measure 'L' is not renewed we will be looking at losing half the staff.
- If I purchase something out of town, I pay their sales tax and it is at times higher than what we pay here.

Eddie Thomas

- Agree with Mr. Taylors suggested review with comparison of actual cuts.
- Asked if we can look at this again and get more numbers.
 - Dennis Speer – curious about the need for numbers, department heads have looked at this and if this is micro-managed then Council may be placing burden that cannot be managed.

Jim Sanders

- If each department wasn't already cut to skeleton crews then would be a good idea. There is no money and comfortable going forward tonight.
- Losing 4 officers is not an option and cannot accept this as a solution. Crime is not going down and we are staffed at the lowest levels for the size of our community.
- Regardless of when we do this am good with option 2.

Eddie Thomas

- Asked Jim and Lori what the driving force was that previously made cuts.
 - Jim Sanders – this is very similar of a previous budget.
- So this is similar to how it is usually done.
 - Lori Acton – trying to do what is fair but have to balance the needs of the City. Not willing to compromise safety but want to keep the roads whole. Not losing or taking measure 'L'. Exemplified various options that could result in savings.

Dennis Speer

- Motion for option 2 with hiring freeze and direction to staff to bring back TAB allocations.

Eddie Thomas

- Asked for clarification of staffing from Dennis Speer
 - Dennis Speer – reviewed 42 staffing cuts made in the past 4-5 years. Layoff of staff in other positions would impact departments already cut. Exemplified street crews running 18 people in past and now have 5. Cannot tell Council we are overstaffed anywhere and same with supplies.

Mike Mower

- Commented on late 1980's and early 1990's had a surplus but state started City and county monies. Vote of people was state could no longer take monies so they took RDA.

Peggy Breeden

- If we accept option 2 then understand the money will be replaced. Ask staff for solutions. Do not want to take anything out of Measure 'L' that was promised. Want to make sure the minute we have extra money it goes toward economic development. We are low on revenue and need to get it back by investing in economic development.

Motion To Approve Option 2, Direct Staff To Return At Next Meeting With Proposal To Dedicate Streets Projects With TAB Allocations And Implement A Hiring Freeze Resolution Made By Mower, Second By Sanders. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

Peggy Breeden

- Asked community to not look at this as Council abandoning Measure 'L'.

9. Review A Request From The China Lake Museum Foundation For A Donation Of \$50,000 From Tax Allocation Bond (TAB) Funds For The Establishment Of An Off Base Museum Building Parsons

Gary Parsons

- Presented Staff Report

Mike Mower

- Would love to see the museum move off the base but in the letter they alluded to fees to be paid to the City and County. Requested a list of the fees to see if there are other options available.
- Not in favor of using TAB funds which are already allocated.

Peggy Breeden

- Maturango Museum previously made request for fees and would like information on what was done with their request. There are other non-profits who would like assistance but do not want to set precedence.
- In favor of the museum being on this side of the fence but would like to see potential tax income and other factors.

Lori Acton

- Museum had high dollar sponsors which other groups have not had. There is a lot already given to them so would like to see the number of what the City has already done.

Jim Sanders

- Table it.

Discussion tabled with concurrence of the Council.

**10. Discussion And Adoption Of A Resolution Of Commitment And Support Of
The Petroglyph Festival** **Breeden**

Dennis Speer

- In terms of the budget has been voted on and approved. Just formalizing the process. RACVB has requested the remainder of the \$8000 discretionary funding.

Jim Sanders

- This is a great thing and good for community, however with the budget cuts we have to make then not in favor of committing this.

Lori Acton

- Asked to table this for a breakdown of in-kind services. Need to know what RACVB now needs with the \$2000 reduction.

Mike Mower

- Had \$10,000 set aside and committed \$2000 to USO so looking to table. Not sure what will change in the next two weeks.

Peggy Breeden

- Think we need to vote our conscious.

Public Comment

Jerry Taylor

- Reminded Council of tourism assessment for RACVB to generate revenue to run events like these. Suggest doing in-kind but at this time don't understand why they need funds when they have their own revenue source which may be increasing with per diem potentially going up. They have a revenue stream and at some point in time then money has to stop coming from the City.
- You enabled them to generate their own revenue.

Peggy Breeden

- Asked for the tourism district money going directly to the RACVB
 - Tyrell Staheli – approximately \$200,000
- City gave them \$50,000 for improvements to a sign which has not been done. Suggested using some of those funds.
 - Jim Sanders – those were TAB funds so cannot be used for soft costs.
 - Lori Acton – TID revenue is \$20,250 per month.

Council Member Mower Made A Motion To Approve With The \$8000, No Second Received Therefore Motion Dies.

Council Member Sanders Made A Motion To Modify The Resolution To Include In-Kind Contributions And Eliminate The \$8,000 Cash Donation, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 3 Ayes (Council Member Thomas, Acton, Sanders); 2 Noes (Mower, Breeden); 0 Abstain; and 0 Absent

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: 4th Wednesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Council Conference Room B

- Meeting next Wednesday

Infrastructure Committee

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

- Meeting tomorrow

❖ **Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee**

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

Jim Sanders

- Xeriscaping discussion around City Hall and Kerr McGee with minimal impact for use 55,000 square feet. Looked at beautiful designs for xeriscaping with little or no water use. Still discussing.
- Grey water use ordinance discussion. Options presented by Mr. Culp. Sample ordinance will be discussed involves mandatory and voluntary provisions. Developers would be required to put in stub-outs should homeowner choose to install pumps at a later time.
- Next meeting September 17 and all future meeting moved to 3rd Monday of each month with no December meeting.

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton
Meeting: 1st 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: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- Meeting soon

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

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

- No meeting

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

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

- Next month

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Lori Acton

- Jawbone committee – state department changing grant requirements so workshop coming in January and need our grant writers to attend.
- DRACP will be out before WEMO. Judge allowed extension to January and DRACP will be here in September

Peggy Breeden

- Median art committee – issues with CalTrans regarding costs with installation and maintaining art. Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- Bowman corridor group will meet next Tuesday.
- Kern COG tomorrow and Jim will be attending while I attend PUC meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- Special revenue funds are for specific purposes.
- Attended workshop on sustainable communities which was informational and enlightened but also depressing. 60% Cap and trade money will be going to housing and of the 40% left will include mass transit including light rail and high speed rail, transit system, bicycles and paths and if there is any money left will go toward street maintenance.
- Various grant funding sources reviewed with assessment based on City participants and grouped cities in demographics as Green, Yellow, and Red lights. Green should go after the funding, yellow should try, and we fall in the red light.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jim Sanders

- Thanked staff and colleagues for successful meeting, depressing but successful.
- Every year we have to do this, ran on policy of fiscal stability and budget and we keep fighting but is uphill battle. Every budget cycle we are presented with another obstacle. We have a great Council or we would be in worse condition. Have been making good fiscal decisions that are leading us to a path of fiscal stability. Thanked staff for being responsible with the little we give.
- Excited about the wall of remembrance coming here and thanked Christina Witt and others for their efforts. Thanked staff for efforts to stay open during the viewing times.
- Thanked police for their assistance with manhunt and current shooting search.
- Trying times and thanked everyone for their help.

Lori Acton

- Thanked staff and especially Mr. Parsons. Having to shift money around sucks but priority is public safety. Spoke with sheriff officer who was present and shot at fugitive. Officers are willing to take a bullet for us and thank them for the work they do to keep us safe.
- Proud of our City. Parade of 1000 flags and remembrance wall is exciting. Parade begins at the bowling alley.
- Thanked staff, we keep asking more from them and they always step up.
- Thanked fellow Council, these are hard decisions and we try to balance. We have a good team.

Eddie Thomas

- Council Members Acton and Sanders have summed up everything.
- Personally want to thank the staff, this is hard to work thru and the after affects we have to deal with makes us pray harder for the City.
- Thanked community for bearing with us and praying for us. Regardless there will be people who don't like what we do. But have to do what is best for City.

Mike Mower

- Comment on newspaper articles, did not attend chamber luncheon with Kevin McCarthy because I had a meeting with him later. We do attend to City business.
- Did not know about budget deficit before last meeting because I believe we don't criticize staff in public and want to think about what I say before I speak. Requested prior notification in future of big items like this.
- Love Ridgecrest and want to see it succeed but will have to do it on our own.

Peggy Breeden

- Would like Council comments earlier in the meeting because public is gone. Have read Facebook and am sick of it. People telling us we don't discuss broadband and that we are unmotivated and go along to get along. Want people to know our comments earlier. Requested a discussion item for next agenda regarding agenda format.
- League of California Cities meeting in September, 5 resolutions to approve so asking all Council to review and have staff give advice.
- Bug letter distributed which explains what is going on. I write a press release which has gone out and received a call from associated press for comments. Some of hotels are being posted as being full of bedbugs. Specifically directed the letter to visitors. Hotels and stores have no control over this infestation. Asked citizens to spread the word. Problems are in Lone Pine with piles of bugs on the side of the road.
- Want to review the budget again. In-depth to understand where we are and want an audit of revenues and expenditures. Not pointing a finger at any organization but want to know that the money we gave to them is being spent the way we were told.

Peggy Breeden *(continued)*

- USA Today and Ridge project are planning a project. October 24 USA Today is going to do an article on this community. Want everyone to clean this community before the petroglyph festival. Competition between groups in different areas of town.
- 1000 flags parade, looking for 30 people to walk in the parade. Would like other organizations to participate. Labor Day Weekend. Let's get names together and make a commitment
- 'Stand Up Against Cancer' rally this Saturday.
- Public perception of Council. Some of us ran with opportunity for change. I hear criticism repeatedly but would like to hear something nice for a change. We vowed we would hear the bad but also need to hear the good. Need to know if we are doing what you want us to do or if we are doing it right. Does not feed our ego, but lets us know what meets with your approval.
- Challenge each of us to do better or do more. We don't need to be better than last Council, just do the best job we can.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:43 p.m.

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 September 2, 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 September 2, 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**

**September 2, 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; Mayor Pro Tempore James Sanders; Vice Mayor Lori Acton; Council Members Eddie B. Thomas, and Mike Mower

Council Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add Closed Session Item As A Need Arose Item:

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

Pulled From Closed Session:

GC 54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiations for Lease or Sale – Leroy Jackson Park – Agency Negotiator Parks Supervisor Jason Patin

Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*Closed Session*)

- None Presented

CLOSED SESSION

GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Cameron Rainwater v. City Of Ridgecrest et al.

GC54956.9 (d) (1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Liability Claim Of William Johnson – Claim No. 15-05

Added Prior To Approval Of The Agenda:

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

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation – Presented by Ralph Mueller

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Cameron Rainwater v. City of Ridgecrest – Council voted to retain Lemieux and O’Neill Law Firm as representation for this matter.
 - William Johnson v. City of Ridgecrest – voted to reject the claim and gave further direction to staff.
 - Matasantos v. City of Ridgecrest – Added as a need arose item prior to approval of the agenda – received attorney report – no reportable action taken.
 - Real Property Negotiations concerning Leroy Jackson Park was pulled prior to approval of the agenda
- Other
 - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (*Regular Session*)

Mark Williams

- Provided printed statement to Council of comments regarding vacant properties and unused developments and commercial property.
- Suggested reverse City planning.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation Of A Proclamation To The Daughters Of The American Revolution – Panamint Springs Chapter Recognizing September 17-23, 2015 As Constitution Week Council
- Council presented a proclamation to Pat Richard, Representative for the Daughters of the American Revolution.
2. Presentation Of The City Of Ridgecrest Economic Development Program Parsons

Gary Parsons

- Announced Wal-Mart construction project moving forward and scheduled for winter 2016
- Scheduled groundbreaking in October for Wal-Mart construction project.
 - Council pleased with developments

Tina Warren

- Requested Chamber of commerce be involved in groundbreaking ceremony.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Authorization To Award A Construction Contract To Griffith Company For The Construction Of Street Improvements To Existing Roadways Which Include Richmond Road Between Upjohn Avenue And East Ridgecrest Boulevard, Bowman Road Between Downs Street And Primrose Street And West Rader Avenue Between Nevada Court And South Downs Street And For The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Execute The Contract Speer
4. Award Design And Construction Management Contract To Willdan Engineering For CDBG Project No. 17.12.1 For ADA Ramps Speer
5. A Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of An Application For Regional Surface Transportation Project (RSTP) Funding; Committing The Necessary Local Match And Stating The Assurance To Complete The Project By The City Of Ridgecrest And Authorizing Quad Knopf As The Designee To File The Application Speer
6. A Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of An Applications For Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (QMAQ) Funding; Committing The Necessary Local Match And Stating The Assurance To Complete The Projects By The City Of Ridgecrest And Authorizing Quad Knopf As The Designee To File The Application Speer

7. Approve A Resolution Instating A Hiring Freeze For The Remainder Of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Speer
8. A Resolution Approving The Expenditure Of Parks & Recreation Impact Fees For Capital Improvements To Leroy Jackson Park In The Amount Of \$31,900.00 Patin
9. Approve A Resolution For The Reallocation Of \$350,000 Of Tax Allocation Bond (TAB) Funds From The Economic Development Allocation To Public Works / Street Improvements Parsons
10. Adopt A Resolution Approving ROPS 15-16B Parsons
11. A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Authorizing The Destruction Of Certain Records As Prescribed By The Secretary Of State's Local Government Records Program Staheli

Items Pulled From Consent Calendar

- Item Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9,

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 10 And 11 Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sander, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Item No. 3 Discussion

Lori Acton

- Questioned why the other half of the road was not included
 - Dennis Speer – money and following the 3 year plan

Loren Culp

- Going to have a short bid time on the project and did extend the project to the County Line under an addendum.

Dave Matthews

- Asked if projects would be done in this paving project.
 - Dennis – to be completed between now and November
- Richmond Road needs resurfacing but will it be torn up during the fair?
 - Loren Culp – have not scheduled the pre-construction meeting at which time we would look at schedules and attempt to schedule around the fair activities
- Questioned total cost and where the funds were coming from.
 - Dennis Speer – responded with the numbers and TAB project funding

Dave Matthews *(continued)*

- Asked about North Balsam Street and suggested changing designation to pave this street at an earlier time.

Al Huey

- Commented would be helpful to the public to have the amounts on the agenda of total cost and where the money is coming from.
 - Keith Lemieux – agenda is to give brief title but the full packet has the details in the staff reports.
 - Dennis Speer – cost is clearly spelled out in the staff report. Titles are already extensive and to fit more information into a title could lose content.
- Only asking for the dollar amount to be included.
 - Lori Acton – public has some responsibility. Is already available online and at physical locations for reading.
 - Mike Mower – add one line for each contract would not be too cumbersome.
 - Dennis Speer – could had a brief line of award contract in the amount of xxx.

Tom Wiknich

- Agree with Mr. Speer's suggestion. That simple statement would be helpful to the audience.

Lori Acton

- Apologize, misunderstood the request.

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3 Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sander, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Item No. 4 Discussion

Mike Mower

- Read total contract

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

Item No. 5 Discussion

Dennis Speer

- Amended resolution to \$761,303.00 with match of \$87,321.00

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

Item No. 6 Discussion

Peggy Breeden

- Stated total amount of contract

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 6 Made By Council Member Sanders, Second By Council Member Sanders. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sander, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Item No. 7 Discussion

Tom Wiknich

- Wanted to make sure what is presented was what was intended
 - Dennis Speer – will not be filling any new or unfilled budgeted positions. For positions which were budgeted and staffed positions which become vacant we will fill them is necessary.

Eddie Thomas

- Where do we stand with current finance director
 - Dennis Speer – currently a provisional position but do intend to fill the position because the position was budgeted and occupied at the time of the hiring freeze. 4 other department head positions are vacant and will not be filled.

Mike Mower

- Intent was to freeze the hiring of anyone. If a position became vacant then Council would review the need for refilling the position.
- Commented on the inaccuracies in the budget previously. As we go thru the budget year and we do get vacancies would hope these are only filled in relation to the budget.
 - Dennis Speer – essential positions if budget allows would need to be filled.
- I want to keep close tabs on the budget as actuals this year. do not want to be up and down.

Peggy Breeden

- Understand some police officer will be retiring at the end of the year and requested update from Chief Strand
 - Ron Strand – one sergeant retiring in January and is an essential position which we intend to fill. Position is budgeted and critical to services. If I do not fill the position then taking officers off the street to manage dispatch positions.

Lori Acton

- In regards to this, was the cost built into the budget.
 - Ron Strand – if I lose the position I promote from within and would then lose an officer position. To reduce the level of first line supervision then have less oversight to young officers which increases liability.

Mike Mower

- General policy is to promote from within.
 - Ron Strand – good for the organization to promote from within and utilize someone who has been with the department and understands the community.

Jim Sanders

- Hiring freeze won't impact the police department and not sure if this is necessary.

Peggy Breeden

- Don't want to get rid of essential people. When someone retires and staff could make recommendations so Council is informed.

Mike Mower

- Received the comments of kicking the can down the road. If we have the same numbers of police officers, then have to keep the same amount of budget and more Measure 'L' dollars are still going to police.
- I am concerned with both streets and public safety so understand the concerns of other people.
- Want public to know we are concerned with staying on budget and keeping a better eye on this than we did last year.

Lori Acton

- If a true hiring freeze were implemented and monitor how it works. If we begin interfering with City Manager's authority then do we want to look at reviewing the code with respect to City Administrator?

Peggy Breeden

- Want to review our municipal code as well as tax revenues. Don't know if we want to make those changes until we can look at it further. Would like consultation with the City Organization committee.
 - Dennis Speer – staff can provide whatever Council requests.

Mike Mower

- If we know someone is leaving, then there is time to make decisions. But if someone quits tomorrow then cannot make a decision.

Jim Sanders

- Have concerns about employee moral with a hiring freeze.

Mike Mower

- The way it is written it gives staff the ability to replace essential positions. Don't want to modify but don't see harm in passing it. Let's public know we will keep an eye on this. Mr. Speer will keep Council informed if there is an effect on the budget. Anticipate monthly budget statements.
 - Dennis Speer – we receive quarterly actuals and one problem last year was Council was seeing projections based on presumptions. Would prefer to give quarterly with actuals.
 - Tyrell Staheli – part of sales tax is received monthly but the first 2 months are based on projections and then the 3rd month is a true-up of what we should have actually received.
- Commented on sales tax and questioned TOT.
 - Tyrell Staheli – TOT is monthly but some are delinquent.

Eddie Thomas

- Asked if we have looked at the amount of overtime and have we made efforts to cut this.
 - Tyrell Staheli – overtime is budgeted as anticipated with police having the largest amount. Furloughs in the past were negative for police with additional overtime.
- Thinking of including information as part of the process and looking at other areas we can cut.
 - Dennis Speer – overtime is anticipated based on averages in the past. However, is based on circumstances.

Peggy Breeden

- If Council asks staff (Dennis and Tyrell) to report to the City Organization committee any known staffing changes and impacts to the budget.
- Confident we will receive better reports in future. If we table this until reports are made available will it give us the information we need to make a better decision.
 - Mike Mower – suggested tabling for a month.

Peggy Breeden *(continued)*

- We want to know monies coming in (revenues) and expenditures with significant knowledge of what we are getting from sales and property taxes.
 - Dennis Speer – as for an audit there will be a fee. Can provide revenues in the first meeting of October with reports on Budget v. Expenditures and Budget v. Revenues.
 - Tyrell Staheli – audit is typically December/January in whole.

Lori Acton

- Sounds more like an accounting of Revenues v. Expenditures instead of details

Peggy Breeden

- Not looking for official audit but more a summary of revenues and expenditures. Want to feel confident in the numbers if we are going to go back and ask for Measure 'L' dollars.
 - Dennis Speer – can provide those numbers in October.
- Explained her basic monitoring of revenues and expenditures.

Motion To Table The Item Made By Mayor Breeden, Second By Council Member Sanders. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Item No. 8 Discussion

Lori Acton

- Asked for details of capital expense
 - Jason Patin – rebuilding a well in the park, pump went out.

Eddie Thomas

- Asked for number of total systems we have and potential for others to go out.
 - Jason Patin – we have 6-8 systems, almost all pumps have been replaced in the past two years.

Jim Sanders

- Asked for the fund balance for impact fees.
 - Jason Patin - \$249,000. Need to be cautious and use for emergency only.

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 8 Made By Council Member Sanders, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sander, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Item No. 9 Discussion

Dennis Speer

- Finance director has prepared a mini presentation on the status of the TAB funding.

Tyrell Staheli

- Presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding TAB funding.

Mike Mower

- Questioned allocations and assigned. Requested clarification of where the unassigned dollars were allocated.

Peggy Breeden

- The monies that are unassigned, total amount and limitations to use. Those assigned, where they are assigned to.
 - Dennis Speer – staff can return with a full breakdown list.

Dennis Speer

- Item is to reallocate the economic development \$350,000 to streets. Council commented to return with action item to reallocate the funds.

Mike mower

- Recommending change resolution to allocate from special projects rather than economic development.

Peggy Breeden

- Do not want to see economic development monies vetted

Lori Acton

- Don't want to see it undone

Dave Matthews

- Asked if the resolution has been significantly changed.
 - Keith – this revision is in keeping what the notice intended. Two corrections, one is the dollar amount and the other is changing from economic development to special fund

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 9 Amending To Reallocate \$300,000 From Special Funds To Street Improvements Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 1 Noes (Sanders); 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

12. Discussion Of The Agenda Format For City Council Meetings

Breeden

Peggy Breeden

- Provided Staff Report
- Proposed moving Council comments to the beginning of the meeting
- Proposed a block of closed session at the end of meeting if it runs long.

Mike Mower

- Propose moving Presentations ahead of Public Comment

Eddie Thomas

- Presentations before public comment

Jim Sanders

- Presentations
- Public comment
- Council comment

Lori Acton

- Council comments at the end of the meeting are a way to wrap up things that happened during the meeting. Suggested two Council Comment sections.

Keith Lemieux

- Brown Act allows for brief comments and giving direction to staff. If purpose of moving it up is to allow you to respond to public then opportunity already exists.

Tom Wiknich

- From time to time there have been times that comments were made during the meeting with no discussion and then at the end of the meeting Council made comments. If moving up as part of the process, no comments have been made regarding actions before the Council. Don't want to see a change to the dialogue between public and Council.

Skip Gorman

- During public comment there are restrictions to things not on the agenda. Is Council going to be under the same constraint?
- With Council comment occurring I have seen Council wanting to discuss the energetic events.
- Agree that is good that Council is sensitive to being able to respond to Public Comment. This makes for good dialogue.

Peggy Breeden

- If Council comments are moved, does this allow response to individuals making Public Comment?
 - Keith Lemieux – Council can only respond briefly or give direction to staff. There is an informal policy which we have allowed dialogue but have to avoid a situation where Council is making a decision.

Motion To Motion To Move Presentations In Front Of Public Comment And Have Council Announcements After Public Comment And Council Comments At The End Of The Meeting, Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Acton. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sander, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

13. Approve The Resolution That Declares The Petroglyph Rock Art Festival A Signature Event And Allocates \$8,000.00 In Funding For The Event

Breeden

Peggy Breeden

- Provided Staff Report
- Last meeting voted to approve in-kind services. RACVB were not aware of the item. Have asked it to be put back on the agenda and asked RACVB to be present.

Harris Brokke

- Chairman of the board for petroglyph festival
- RACVB has formed 501C3 for a petroglyph foundation.
- Budget and financing for festival is separate from RACVB.
- Ask City Council to recognize event as a signature event with resolution stating this.
- Asked City to provide in-kind services.
- Withdrawing request for additional funds due to understanding of City budget.

Peggy Breeden

- Was going to ask for that and have now made Council decision easier.
- Personally volunteered \$2000 if needed.

Mike Mower

- Now have a fund raising group.
 - Have a non-profit with a different budget. This year are not asking but could use if received. Would be used as suggested by Council. in spirit of working with community not asking for the money.

Jim Sanders

- Thanked foundation for understanding. Began the year with intention to fund the festival but had to make budget cuts.

Harris Brokke

- Have common membership but monies are kept separate.

Mike Mower

- Money was in the budget and now have unallocated funds of \$8,000 so have a moral obligation to support them even a portion perhaps ½.

Lori Acton

- Agree, we have this as a signature event and would support \$4,000

Jim Sanders

- Suggested looking at this after next month's budget update.

Peggy Breeden

- This was a budgeted item and we need to follow our committee to everyone. We have a commitment to our budget just as we do with Measure 'L'.
- Last year's issues were because of dollars not being reported properly and entities still owing TOT funds. We will monetize it this year and will know the impact in sales tax and TOT funding.
- Don't think we have the money to give you and our word means something. You have expended money based on our word.

Harris Brokke

- If we had one of two requests we want it recognized as a signature event.

Dave Matthews

- Thought this was done last year.

Harris Brokke

- Talked about it but nothing in writing. Need to have this done.

Chip Holloway

- Came up here 3 times on behalf of the chamber with opportunity to save the City. You had no problem not spending \$8,000 but are reluctant to save \$8,000.
- Tyrell is more experienced with bonds so should let him pursue this. Ironic the amount was the same.

Motion To Approve Resolution As Written Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 3 Ayes (Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 2 Noes (Mayor Breeden, Council Member Sanders); 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Harris Brokke

- Will not accept your \$2000 Mayor Breeden, use it for other charities.

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: 4th Wednesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Council Conference Room B

Lori Acton

- Will be asking Greg from county to go over contracts
- Consistency with inspectors and plan checks made progress.
- Minor permits can be done onsite
- Susan coming from lake Isabella to see what is better
- Making progress but not done.
- County does not do expedited plans but will have service with a fee.

Infrastructure Committee

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

Mike Mower

- Review of left turn yield arrows
- Update on sewer plant progress and consultant presentation in October
- Grey water usage discussion and looking at voluntary or mandated on new houses. If everyone used grey water may have issue with sewers.
- Update on Downs Street project and staff to notify Edison to move the poles.
- Thanked staff for item no. 5 of this agenda. Glad to see progress on the Downs Street project.

❖ Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee

Members: Jim Sanders; Peggy Breeden
Meeting: 1st Monday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Conference Room B

Jim Sanders

- Next meeting the 21st of September at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room B

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

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

Eddie Thomas

- No report

Peggy Breeden

- Asked if committee could review how to deal with dead and dying trees with water conservation

❖ **Ad Hoc Youth Advisory Council**

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

Eddie Thomas

- Meeting this Wednesday

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

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

Eddie Thomas

- Moving meeting to quarterly

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

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

Lori Acton

- Read directors report *(Copy Available In City Clerk's Office)*

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Jim Sanders

- Attended Kern COG
- Caltrans representative presented on round about. Placed in the right location and the right size can have significant good impact but are not for every traffic situation. Ideal situation is when one lane of traffic goes each direction with lots of space.
- Population and demographic presentation from Kern County and transit needs.

Lori Acton

- DRACP will come out before WEMO
- Dropped the ball on OHV trails plans so want to pick those back up. Want to get this finalized and maps being developed.

Peggy Breeden

- USO group meeting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (tomorrow) for 70th celebration. Invite Council to be involved.
- California Public Utilities hearing. Broadband committee did a wonderful job presenting why broadband in the community is positive. Discussed Verizon and Frontier sale. Commissioner was impressed with the community who came from greater distances to participate in the meeting. Commissioner was proud of our community, everyone spoke on different topics and we had done an excellent job presenting to them. She forced Verizon to answer the criticisms and frontier to defend their actions. Thanked everyone who attended.
- Next week east kern air pollution control board will be meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- WEDA is participating in exposition in Los Angeles Convention Center to promote City of Ridgecrest. Invitation extended to participate September 15-17. Please contact Mr. Parsons if interested.
- Resignation from Mr. Garver for Measure 'L' committee. Need to come back to Council. In past had call for applications. Asked Council for direction to either seek applications or have Council do nomination process only. Ordinance does not specify. In this particular case the Council member who appointed Mr. Garver is no longer on the Council.
 - Keith Lemieux – typically Council as a whole would appoint but can defer to individuals for appointment.
 - Council – give pool of applications to Jim Sanders to come back with recommendations.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mike Mower

- Pleasure serving with this Council and have interesting meetings.

Eddie Thomas

- Thanked staff for helping us thru a potentially long meeting
- Big shout out to Mr. Parsons for the Wal-Mart project.
- Met young man who participates in bike ride races and suggested we look at doing something here to attract people to ride our beautiful mountains. Would like to look at getting some of the mammoth traffic.
- Parade coming up this Saturday, meet at bowling alley at 8:30 a.m. Great honor to support our troops.

Lori Acton

- Remember the fallen display has arrived, is very beautifully done. We raised \$4,000 so they can take it to other people to pay their respects. Other cities have not done this. Encouraged public to see the display
- Thanked all veterans for what they have done to protect us and serve our country.
- Lion's club is doing a membership drive and looking at opportunity in the community call spot vision. Machines can be taken to every school to help diagnose children with vision issues and help get eyeglasses for them.
- BLM does permitting use of trails. Will work with Eddie to move forward with the bike trails.

Jim Sanders

- No comments

Peggy Breeden

- Next weekend we have a weird festival. RACVB, USO and Ridgeriders are doing the event.
- Food Truck Festival from 5-9 p.m.
- Last weekend of 'Once Upon A Dream' stage production

ADJOURNMENT at 8:43 p.m.

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 SUPPORTING THE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM AS A SIGNATURE EVENT OF THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

PRESENTED BY:

Peggy Breeden, Mayor

SUMMARY:

The Military Banner Program is an on-going event which honors local individuals who are currently serving our nation in the uniformed services. The program has been very successful and the community has expressed a desire to continue with the program.

Volunteers have come forward to coordinate the program with regard to installation and maintenance of the banners and the City desires to support this program as a signature event and provide special event insurance coverage for the volunteers and property affiliated with the program.

City of Ridgecrest is self-insured and events sponsored by the City are covered by excess insurance policies thru CSAC at no additional cost to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Supporting The Military Banner Program As A Signature Event Of The City And Authorizing Special Event Insurance Coverage

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested:

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM AS A SIGNATURE EVENT OF THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and acknowledges the importance of public events that serve to enrich the civic, charitable, cultural, economic, athletic, and education of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City encourages support of public events that provide the community and visitors these enrichments; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to support the Military Banner Program as a signature event and authorizes Special Event Insurance coverage as in-kind service to assist with costs associated with holding a signature event in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City can benefit from a program that promotes beautification of the community and supports citizens serving our country.

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

1. Declare that the Military Banner Program is a Signature Event for the City of Ridgecrest; and,
2. Commits to provide Special Event Insurance coverage to assist local agencies with costs associated with holding the event; and

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Peggy Breeden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 SUPPORTING THE 2015 USO EVENT AS A SIGNATURE EVENT OF THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

PRESENTED BY:

Peggy Breeden, Mayor

SUMMARY:

The USO is celebrating their anniversary and has chosen to include City of Ridgecrest on their tour of shows.

Justin O'Neill will provide an update of the event coordination and Council is requested to approve a resolution identifying the event as a one-time City Sponsored Signature Event and authorizing City provide Special Event Insurance coverage as an in-kind service.

City of Ridgecrest is self-insured and events sponsored by the City are covered by excess insurance policies thru CSAC at no additional cost to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

Reviewed by Finance Director

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Supporting The 2015 USO Event As A Signature Event Of The City And Authorizing Special Event Insurance Coverage

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested:

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE 2015 USO EVENT AS A SIGNATURE EVENT OF THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and acknowledges the importance of public events that serve to enrich the civic, charitable, cultural, economic, athletic, and education of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City encourages support of public events that provide the community and visitors these enrichments; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to support the 2015 USO Event as a signature event and authorizes Special Event Insurance coverage as in-kind service to assist with costs associated with holding a signature event in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City can benefit from a successful Signature Event, with increased revenues from tourism.

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

1. Declare that the 2015 USO Event is a Signature Event for the City of Ridgecrest; and,
2. Commits to provide Special Event Insurance coverage to assist local agencies with costs associated with holding the event; and

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Peggy Breeden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk

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