



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AND  
RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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

**July 20, 2004  
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded  
Tape 05-16**

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**CALL TO ORDER –**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Marshall Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Martin, Council Members Steven Morgan and Ronald Carter

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Daniel Clark and Council Member Ronald Carter

**STAFF:** Harvey Rose, City Manager; Keith Lemieux City Attorney; Rita Gable, City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Deputy City Manager Administrative Services/City Treasurer; Jim McRea, Deputy City Manager, Public Services; Gary Parsons, Community and Economic Development Department Director; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Department Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police; and other personnel

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – Amendment to Deferred Public Utility Payment Agreement; 124 East Dolphin Avenue - APN# 343-351-19 - Abraham Mathew, dba High Desert Haven - Negotiators Harvey Rose and James McRea

GC54957.6 Labor Negotiations Update – P.E.A.R., Confidential Employees, Mid-management Employees and UFCW Local 1036 - Negotiator Harvey Rose

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**REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council Member Morgan**

**INVOCATION – Judy Battershell, St. Michael’s Episcopal Church**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

In Closed Session Council received information regarding Real Property Negotiations – Amendment to Deferred Public Utility Payment Agreement; 124 East Dolphin Avenue - APN# 343-351-19 - Abraham Mathew, dba High Desert Haven - Negotiators Harvey Rose and James McRea – no action taken.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Council Member Martin, second by Council Member Morgan TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Council Members Clark and Carter absent.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Proclamation – The Aspen Declaration –Six Pillars of Character**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin on behalf of the City Council presented a proclamation to Christine Destry, Boys and Girls Club of Southern Sierra pertaining to the Aspen Declaration.

**2. Proclamation – United States Space Observance**

Council Member Morgan on behalf of the City Council presented a proclamation to Dave Matthews of the High Desert Engineering group in recognition of United States Space Observance July 17-25 2005.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin presented a "surprise" proclamation to Mayor Holloway proclaiming July 23rd as National Hot Dog Day and proclaiming him as "Ridgecrest's Favorite Wiener".

**3. Presentation – Introduction of New Employees**

Chief Avery introduce Chaplain Eddie Thomas (Chaplain Jim Walston was unable to attend), new Officer Rick Smith, and Officer Justin Weidenkopf and his canine partner, Oz.

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**4. Presentation – Annual Service Awards**

City Council presented annual service awards to employees attaining employment milestones during the year 2004.

5 Year

Justin M. Dampier, Police Department (absent)  
Jeffery D. Donnally, Parks and Recreation Department (absent)  
Pamela D. Pearson, Parks and Recreation Department  
Aaron D. Taylor, Police Department  
Elizabeth L. Whittington, Police Department

15 Year

Anthony M. Brown, Police Department  
Michael D. Myers, Police Department  
Patricia J. Richard, Police Department (absent)

20 Year

Ernie L. Carter, Public Works Department (Streets) (absent)

25 Year

Jeffrey D. Freeman, Public Works Department (WWT Facility) (absent)

30 Year

Alden K. Fowler, Police Department

**PUBLIC COMMENT      6:57 p.m.**

Phil Arnold, 813 N. Randall

- At last count approximately 2469 jobs to Ridgecrest with the BRAC process
- BRAC Commission working very hard on the recommendations
- Committee recommendations will go to President in September
- He and Bill Porter were back in Washington in June and met with many committees and congressional persons
- BRAC Commission came out here and met with the base and local elected officials
- City gave excellent briefing showing that our community could support the influx of relocated personnel
- Commission held meeting in Los Angeles last Thursday July 14

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- Representatives from Ventura were there also and made a strong case to retain their functions
- Local BRAC working group really appreciates the support of the elected officials

**Public Comment closed at 7:10 p.m.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Resolution No. 05-47, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Contract With The Weill Institute For Small Business Consulting Services In Ridgecrest Rose

Mr. Peter DeArmond, Director, Weill Institute Small Business Development Center, Bakersfield, was present to introduce himself to the Council.

**Item 6 removed for discussion**

6. Resolution No. 05- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement For The Preparation Of A Development Cost And Fee Study Rose

Council will consider a resolution authorizing the application of development impact fees for Traffic impacts and Storm Drainage Facilities Impacts and establishing a format by which the City may apply future impact fees for such costs as Public Safety Capital Improvements, Park and Recreation Land Improvements, Community Facilities, etc.

7. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of June 15, 2005 Gable

8. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 10, 2005 In The Amount Of \$87,169.91 Winegardner

9. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 24, 2005 In The Amount Of \$273,749.81 Winegardner

10. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated July 8, 2005 In The Amount Of \$452,549.53 Winegardner

11. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 10, 2005 In The Amount Of \$8,500.00 Winegardner

12. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 24, 2005 In The Amount Of \$1,001,200.75 Winegardner

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13. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated July 8, 2005 In The Amount Of \$12,122.85** **Winegardner**

**Council Member Morgan requested item 6 be removed**

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Martin TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEM 6 REMOVED. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Council Members Clark and Carter absent.

**Item 6**

6. **Resolution No. 05-48, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement For The Preparation Of A Development Cost And Fee Study** **Rose**

City Manager Rose

- This is a form of Infrastructure financing that has become common throughout the country
- Cited many of the agencies besides cities that benefit from these fees
- Impact fee enabling act must comply
- Must have public hearings, write ordinances and adopt resolutions before this can be accomplished

Council Members present concur that study cannot be carried out with the current city staff and that it should be contracted to a firm experience in this type of endeavor

Matthew Alexander of WZI spoke about the company

James Bell, S. Richmond

- Stated that he was a local developer
- Concerned about fixing up neglected infrastructure
- Already have to make improvements when putting in a new development and does not want to be burdened with retrofitting some of the existing bad infrastructure
- Wants to see a clear path of where the fee funds will be used

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-48, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF A DEVELOPMENT COST AND FEE STUDY. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Council Members Clark and Carter absent.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

14. **Ordinance No. 05-03, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Relating To Hours Of Parks Operation And Use** **Ponek**

Parks and Recreation Director Ponek

- At their regular meeting on June 15, 2005 the City Council approved this ordinance upon introduction and first reading, by title only.
- It is brought back at this time for second reading, by title only, and adoption.
- Checked with PARSAC – they said keep the lights on for safety/security
- Chief Avery stated Police Department is OK with the hours

Council Member Morgan stated with these changes there was need for new signage in the parks

Moved by Council Member Martin, seconded Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, ORDINANCE NO. 05-03, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO HOURS OF PARKS OPERATION AND USE. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Council Members Clark and Carter absent.

**Resolution No. 05-49, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Designating All City Parks As Either A Neighborhood Park Or A Regional Park** **Ponek**

Parts and Recreation Director Ponek

- Staff is requesting that Hellmers Park, James M. Pearson Memorial Park, Upjohn Park and Moyer Park be approved as Neighborhood Parks
- Also recommend Leroy Jackson Sports Complex (Leroy Jackson Park excluded), Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex and Freedom Park be designated as Regional Parks.

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Martin TO ADOPT **Resolution No. 05-49, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council DESIGNATING ALL CITY PARKS AS EITHER A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK OR A REGIONAL PARK.** No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Council Members Clark and Carter absent.

**CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS - None**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS - None**

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### COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Chip Holloway, Mike Biddlingmeier, Chuck Roulund

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

#### **Legislative Committee**

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: probably quarterly - at 8:00 AM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

#### **Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Duke Martin, Chuck Roulund, Jim Smith

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

Met July 12

- Hazard mitigation plans
- Right of Way abandonment at southeast corner of Downs and Coral
- 4 way stop at Drummond and Inyo
- Rule 20 funds available for under grounding utilities on Downs by sports complex
- May need traffic signals at Ridgecrest Boulevard and at Upjohn on Downs
- Discussed \$250K budget item for streets
- Received info on signal light repairs for all lights - need 50K may be able to use prop 42 funds
- Received info regarding Corp Yard - staff to bring back what to do with the Corp Yard

Next meeting August 9

Mayor wants committee to look at expediting some projects using funds we borrowed

#### **City Organization Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting August 11

#### **Quality of Life Committee**

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter, Howard Laire, Matt Feemster

Meetings: 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting to be announced

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### **Redevelopment Advisory Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Ketcham, Vice Chair Lois Beres, Mike Hogan, Bob Peoples, Gary Charlon. Ex-officio Members Council Members Steve Morgan and Ron Carter, Planning Commissioner Mike Biddlingmeier

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM, Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

### **RACVB**

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan- Alternate

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m., RACVB Office

Next meeting August 17

### **OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Holloway and Mayor Po Tem Martin will be attending LCC meetings starting tomorrow

Mayor Pro Tem will attend LCC Advance Leadership School in Monterey next week

KernCOG meeting tomorrow July 21 neither Mayor nor Council Member Morgan cannot attend

Meeting scheduled for November 19 to show support of Safe Roads Ballot Measure - thinks we should offer Ridgecrest for the meeting

Kern County Air Pollution Control District meeting will be September 1 in Ridgecrest

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

#### **Morgan**

- ❖ Thanked those of the public who came on July 6 at Sizzler to talk with him
- ❖ Stated to Helen Jackson that he has not forgotten her and will call
- ❖ Urges the citizens to contact him
- ❖ Mentioned the tragic plane crash on base on last Tuesday
- ❖ Thanked his wife and daughter and said how much he loves them

#### **Martin**

- ❖ Extended condolences to family of aviator killed in the crash
- ❖ Mike Hill is back at Walter Reed for surgery and doing well
- ❖ Thanked Steve Morgan for fabulous 4th celebration
- ❖ Assemblyman McCarthy will be at the August 12 Republican Women's Federation luncheon

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- ❖ Environmental Quality committee at LCC on June 24
- ❖ Senator Florez has initiative pending about banning bio solids in Kern County
- ❖ LCC Inland Empire in Ontario regarding Indian tribes and casinos on non reservation lands
- ❖ He and Mayor going to Mammoth Lakes for LCC Desert Mountain Division meeting
- ❖ SCE has an "agteck" project in Fresno their submersible irrigation (underground) is especially interesting
- ❖ Thanked John Ciani for the Daily Independent article about Council travel
- ❖ Enumerated a number of travel trips taken by Council and stated that these trips allow us to contact other officials for networking

### **Holloway**

- ❖ Where travel really counted for the City was the meeting with BRAC Commissioners and having State Senator Ashburn, Assemblyman McCarthy and Kern County First District supervisor McQuiston present also
- ❖ Condolences to the families of the aviators who crashed
- ❖ Thanked everyone for their part in the BRAC Commissioners visit – staff did an outstanding job in our presentation

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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Rita Gable, City Clerk