



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

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

**June 1, 2005  
6:00 p.m.**

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Tape 05-14**

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**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Marshall Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Martin, Vice Mayor Daniel Clark, Council Members Steven Morgan and 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; Gerry Helt, City Engineer; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police; and other personnel

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations, Lot 13 of Parcel Map #10819, Ridgecrest Business Park (RBP), APN # 033-070-13 - Negotiators Harvey Rose and Gary Parsons

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations, vacant land between Ridgecrest Boulevard. and Las Flores Avenue, APN# 067-050-02 and APN# 067-050-13 - Negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea, and Gary Parsons.

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Pro Tem Martin**

**INVOCATION Father J. P. Walden, St. Michael's Episcopal Church**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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Real Property Negotiations, vacant land between Ridgecrest Boulevard. and Las Flores Avenue, vacant land - no action taken; Real Property Negotiations, Lot 13 of Parcel Map #10819, Ridgecrest Business Park (RBP), APN # 033-070-13 - no action taken.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Rose requested Agenda item 4 be moved to Other Action Items section of the Agenda

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. No public comment, Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

## PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Proclamation – Municipal Finance Officers Month

Mayor Holloway and the City Council presented a proclamation to Finance Director/City Treasurer Jim Winegardner in recognition of Municipal Finance Officers Month, May 2005.

## PUBLIC COMMENT opened 6:49 p.m.

Adam Summers, 305A Richmond Road

- Grant writing alternative
- 2 years ago talked to City about doing grant writing work
- Was not the right time as funds went away
- Feels it would be a benefit to have a contract person for grant writing
- Suggest City put out an RFP seeking a contract grant writer
- Contract could be based on commission when grants are funded – wouldn't need a stipend
- It costs more for have a City employee as a grant writer
- Whoever the grand writer is they need expertise
- He has been successful in the past in getting grants for various entities

Martin - suggested he submit an unsolicited proposal for this concept and suggested he discuss it with staff and maybe put on future agenda

Rose - if submitted he will be put on a list if the City decides to solicit for contract grant writer. Would seek a grant writer with experience or expertise in the specific area we were seeks for grant money.

Carter - City manager has to control this process

**Public Comment closed 7:00 p.m.**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Resolution No. 05-37, A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing Conversion Of The Intersection Of Dolphin Avenue And Downs Street From A Two-Way Stop Intersection To A Four-Way Stop Intersection Pollock
3. Resolution No 05-38, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing City Staff To Purchase HVAC Units And Installation From Alcorn Aire Totaling \$97,000.00 Ponек

Item 4 moved to Other Action Items

4. Resolution No 05- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving Continuing Appropriations And Year-End Transfers Winegardner

This resolution approves continuing appropriations and the authority to conduct year-end transfers and adjustments.

5. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated May 13, 2005 In The Amount Of \$124,900.18 Winegardner
6. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated May 13, 2005 In The Amount Of \$729.80 Winegardner

Denny Roberts, 1606 S. Mahan (question on item 2)

- Asked if there was going to be warnings signs alerting drivers of the new stop signs
  - Yes and may even be "rumble dots" installed

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Clark TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 yes.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. Public Hearing To Declare Property Surplus Parsons

Community and Economic Development Director Parsons

- The Public Hearing was set at Council meeting of May 4, 2005 and scheduled for this meeting at this time
- It has been continued to the Council meeting of June 15, 2005 to allow other agencies, such as Sierra Sands Unified School District,, Indian Wells Valley Water District, etc., more time to consider the properties

David Fallgatter

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- Asked if list of properties would be made available to the public
  - Yes – City Clerk will have listing

### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8. **Ordinance No. 05-02, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To The Recovery Of Attorney Fees In Nuisance Abatement Actions** Rose

This ordinance, introduced, by title only, for first reading at the regular meeting of the Council' on May 4, 2005, will allow recovery of any attorney fees generated by nuisance abatement actions. It is presented here for second reading, approval and adoption.

Moved by Council Member Morgan , second by Council Member Carter TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND TO ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, ORDINANCE NO. 05-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO THE RECOVERY OF ATTORNEY FEES IN NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTIONS. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

### OTHER ACTION ITEMS

9. **Resolution No. 05-39, A Resolution Of The City Council Approving Notice To PARSAC Of The City's Intent To Terminate Membership On 1-Jul-2006** Winegardner

Finance Director Winegardner

- City has been member of PARSAC for a number of years and is one of the larger member cities
- The City has become dissatisfied with the service from PARSAC
- The PARSAC bylaws require that a minimum of six months notice be given prior to withdrawing from the respective liability and workers' compensation programs
- We are seeing the Council's authorization to send PARSAC written notice that effective 1-Jul-06 the City of Ridgecrest will be withdrawing from PARSAC membership
- During this time the Finance Division will be searching for other possible insurers for the City
- We have the option of rescinding the withdrawal notice if a more suitable insurer is not found

Holloway asked how many cities are members

- About 35

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

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- Why are we giving them a years notice instead of six months
  - To enable us to find another insurer and some leeway if we decided to rescind the withdrawal
- Are the other entities public or private
  - Public pools

Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-39, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING NOTICE TO PARSAC OF THE CITY'S INTENT TO TERMINATE MEMBERSHIP ON 1-JUL-2006. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

### Item 4 moved to this point on Agenda

#### 4. Resolution No 05-40, A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Approving Continuing Appropriations And Year-End Transfers

Winegardner

Finance Director Winegardner

- Resolution is housekeeping measure
- This resolution approves continuing appropriations and the authority to conduct year-end transfers and adjustments.

Mr. Winegardner read a memorandum he distributed to Council in answer to a recent editorial in the Daily Independent criticizing the City for not having a budget for FY 2005-2006 ready at this time and skewing budget and financial facts given to them when requested. Some requests are just not feasible to comply with such as putting all the budget info that consists of many different programs that are not compatible with Microsoft Word on a ZIP drive, which no one uses as it is years behind the times. It would take days for the requestor to download it all if it could in fact be put on ZIP and read.

Morgan asked if Mr. Rose will clarify the positions involved in his report on the budget when presented.

- Yes as well as history of how we got to where we are

Martin stated it was probably a few persons who requested all the budget information and material but asked if there was one specific time

- Yes the recent editorial in the DI

Suggested Mr. Winegardner submit his memo to both the DI and News Review

Carter thinks we are being nice and said it is sad when a newspaper tries to create the news when there is none

- We have worked hard marketing our budget and have been unfairly criticized by untruths
- Appreciates Jim greatly and thanked him for all his fine work
- Would like to see accurate and truthful reporting from the media

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- Commented that he had talked about the 40 Developmental Assets and that there is one for the newspapers and he'd like to talk to them
- All over the country many agencies are embracing the 40 Developmental Assets concept

Clark – Support Jim and thanked him

Holloway said sometimes he hates being mayor

- Recent articles state he as mayor is to blame for everything
- We are only about 30 days behind the normal cycle for our budget presentation
- BRAC participation slowed things down but Jim did not mention that or use it as an excuse

Dave Matthews

- There's at least two people he knows of who use ZIP drives
- Did see the editorial but didn't bother to read it as he knew instinctively it was not factual
- Maybe the editor misdirected the request and that it should have been directed to the state and not the city

Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Clark TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 05-40, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND YEAR-END TRANSFERS. public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. **Discussion And Direction For The Kern Council Of Governments (KernCOG) And Its 25 Year Transportation Plan And The Safe Road Transportation Measure For 2006** Helt/McRea

Deputy City Manager for Public Services McRea  
Read a bit of the staff report

- Mayor and Morgan both have attended the KernCOG meetings
- Question is will Council support KernCOG or try our own initiative in 2006
- Morgan read off the COG'S list - mostly Highway 395 and Route 14 projects and almost 5M to Ridgecrest projects

Holloway stated the committee has serious concerns with the projects on this list and they would like to see them be more specific

Martin asked

- if this is a specific tax or general

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- It is a specific transportation enhancement tax and needs 2/3 majority to pass
- If city opted out how would that work
  - The COG would draw a circle around the City and tax would not be collected within
- Learned at the League of California Cities Tax Initiative Workshop in Victorville that a tax initiative should not be put together by a city or council but by a citizens group

Carter feels we should be part of the KernCOG proposal and support it

Clark has to agree with Carte

- Also noted 130 people talked to us at our Town Hall Meeting in March and they put down the tax initiative
- We need to be a part of this KernCOG initiative
- Thinks a citizen group would be best if we do another tax initiative
- We need this KernCOG initiative for Highway 395 and for our community

Holloway does not think Rubio threatened the group and has been jovial to this point - they may have to separate us for their survival

Matthews

- Took issue with the Council beating up themselves on failure of Measure Q
- Thinks they did a good job presenting it to the community
- Recalled that it was mentioned by Council that most of the groups they spoke to were in favor of the measure

Matt Feemster, Sydnor Avenue

- Opposed to county tax - feels Kern County is incredibly wasteful
- Feels our tax money does not need to go to illegal aliens and raising other people's kids through welfare
- Mentioned the new aquatic center in Bakersfield as an unnecessary thing

Jerry Taylor, Mesquite

- Highway 395 relative only to Ridgecrest to the Kern County line

Council consensus was to tell KernCOG we are still talking about it

## CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Council chose to cancel the July 6 meeting

Mr. Rose gave a brief description of Visioning for the City of Ridgecrest"

Council comment

- ✚ Maybe we can use IWV 2000 Bill Phil Mathews Matt on steering committee

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- ✚ Excited about this suggestion - has always been a visionary in his school career attended the LCC training and encountered it there
- ✚ Love the idea of visioning it's what we need 100 percent how long will it take to put it together what timeline are we aiming for
- ✚ Every process is a good process if you use it such as the general plan for the business park or plans of revitalizing if you do something with them
- ✚ If we buy into it 100% it is great if we don't it's a waste of time
- ✚ Have seen too many economic development plans go by the wayside and cost a lot of money and they were almost identical
- ✚ Think we should use others than the "sacred 100"
- ✚ The busiest people are often the ones who are the most original thinkers
- ✚ We have staffing and technical issues we need to address
- ✚ We need a marketing plan for the City and we need a time line and cost factors

Ray Arthur, 139 Balsam Street

- Has three thoughts on this
- Visioning idea is great agrees with Council Member Morgan
- In creating the initial process you need to make parameters clear to all participants
- The silent majority are silent because they are happy with the status quo
- Mini example of this was in 1998 with the creation of IWV 2000

### CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

### 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 June 2 as advisory only

#### **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

Next meeting June 14

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### **City Organization Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

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

Next meeting June 9

### **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 June 23

### **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 June 15

Met May 25

- Approved budget for fiscal year 2005-2006
- Received report on the POW WOW International Travel Show and Convention
- Mr. Arthur met with 42 international tour professionals promoting the greater Ridgecrest area as a vacation destination
- New RACVB tourism billboard is up and operational
- It is one mile north of Brady's Mobil station on Highway 395
- The billboard was funded through grants from Kern County and the City of Ridgecrest
- New "178 Corridor" tourism kiosk is in final engineering stages and expected to be installed at Maturango Museum later this summer
- Mr. Arthur reported on his recent meetings in Sacramento briefing legislators on the severity of "runaway production"

Next meeting June 15

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

None

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Martin**

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- Thanked Howard and Barbara Auld and granddaughter Amy for the Armed Forces Day programs over May 20 and 21
- Hoping to get the Veterans of Foreign Wars to take over the program for next year and years to come
- Mayor, Gary Parsons and he went to Las Vegas to Convention of International Shopping Centers
- Shared booth with California City and Tehachapi and made great contacts with many big developers

### **Clark**

- On May 25 held first Arts Council meeting with 35 people in attendance
- Drew up an organization chart and hopefully will have a resolution at next Council meeting establishing the Arts Council
- Next meeting is June 22 and maybe someone from the Kern County Arts Council will be there
- Would support a tax that supported the police department
- Recently did a ride along – busy time
- Officers said we need more officers and more patrol cars
- Addressed the reverse 911 program - a system that calls the senior subscribers and if they get no answer they send someone out
- It is in service at the Homemakers through the United Way with assist from the Police Department and PACT
- Thanked the Aulds and the Hills for Armed Services programs

### **Carter**

- Mayor and he met with Jody Rummer, Superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District
- Very impressed with her ideas and wanting partnership with the City and community
- Met with Supervisor McQuiston re keeping skate part open after 10 pm for the adults
- 40 Developmental Assets is a philosophy on how we work and respond to each other

### **Morgan**

- Thanked Mr. Rose for bringing AB528 to our attention
- Commented upon Martin's comments on Armed Forces Day
- Commented on the closeness of our community with the military noting that 80% of all armaments used in Iraq originated at China Lake
- Listed many of the battles of World War II that occurred in June
- Read General Eisenhower's address to the troops on June 6 1944 – D-Day
- Asked everyone to remember that statement as we approach July 4 and remember what July 4 means

### **Holloway**

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- Also thanked Howard and Barbara Auld for the Armed Services Day programs
- Attended the candle light vigil on May 20
- Attended the ROP graduation
- ISC was exhausting and spent a lot of time making good contacts
- Commented favorably on meeting with Jody Rummer
- More impressed with her each time we meet
- Feels School District and City will be walking hand in hand as long as she is there
- Attended the petroglyphs dedication on the base – most extensive Native American rock art display in the country
- Addressed the issue in newspaper letter regarding teaching our officers Spanish
- It is a matter of communication with the people of our community
- Attended the graduation of the Constitutional Government class
- Says he is busy all the time working on things for the City of Ridgecrest
- Call him at 499-5003 to make an appointment

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

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Rita Gable, City Clerk