



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

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

**September 21, 2005
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded
Tape 05-21**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:01

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; 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.

City Manager Rose noted that several items requiring Council consideration arose subsequent to posting of the Agenda and asked they be added to the Closed Session:

GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Defenders of the Wildlife, Dr. Glenn R. Steward and Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton – Petition to list the Mohave Ground Squirrel as a Federally Endangered Species

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GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Claimant Eunice Rainbolt, #05-06

GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Claimant Luis G. Guarano, #05-08

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Clark. TO ADD THE ABOVE THREE ITEMS TO THE CLOSED SESSION. No public Comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

GC54956.9 Conference With Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Claimant Daniel Nielson, #05-07

GC54956.9 Conference With Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Public Disclosure of Potential Litigant Would Prejudice the City of Ridgecrest

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – 1521 N. China Lake Boulevard APN 419-073-16, - Negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea, and Gary Parsons

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – 139 North Balsam Street, APN 067-194-01, Negotiators Harvey Rose and Gary Parsons

GC54957.6 Labor Negotiations – Negotiator Harvey Rose

REGULAR SESSION – 6:48 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by

INVOCATION – Silent Moment

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Council received information on the Liability Claim of Daniel Nelson #05-07 and denied the claim; Eunice Rainbolt #05-06 and denied the claim; Luis G. Guarano #05-08 and denied the claim; and on item of potential litigation undisclosed litigant Council directed staff directs to pursue litigation option with the City Attorney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation - California Arts Day

Vice Mayor Clark presented a proclamation to Carol Wilson, Keith Wheeler, Jennifer Young, Merle Idlett, and Adrienne Mathewson, members of the Arts Council in recognition of California Arts Day, October 7, 2005.

2. Presentation to Michael Hill

Mayor Holloway presented Michael Hill with an American Flag flown over the Capital Building in Washington, DC as requested by Congressman Thomas and a certificate of its authenticity signed by the Congressman.

3. Proclamation - Constitution Week

Mayor Holloway and the Council will present a proclamation to Linda Archibald, DAR, in recognition of Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2005

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dorothy Brown

- Appreciate the removal of trash and brush along the sidewalks on Los Flores, Norma, Mahan and Ward been cleaned up and removed.
- Tonight she is representing the 51 Willows Homeowners who are asking the same consideration in their area
- Have requested brush and debris removal at N. Gold Canyon from Ridgecrest Boulevard to Kashmir Lane over a year ago
- Sidewalk is impassible and to get past it you must walk in street
- Also speed limits are not being observed on the curve in N. Gold Canyon Drive where the visibility is limited
- This condition must be remedied – if you look hard enough you can find a remedy

Trudy Brown, High Desert Cares

- \$2000 check for Chip to take to an St. Patrick Episcopal Church in Louisiana - money is from St. Michaels Episcopal in Ridgecrest

Norman Bemis, 141 N Mono Street

- Thought Council was going to vote on 1 acre lots this evening but didn't
- Wants residential lots larger in housing tracts
- Requested they send answer to his address
 - Told the reason for smaller lots is for economics

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Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Constitution Week – urged people not only to defend it but read it
- It is a simple document
- Hear every day about the problems and recovery of the Katrina victims
- Some colleges were also affected
- Saw that Colorado Regis College has taken in 34 students free tuition and housing

Gwen Jensen, 242 Panamint

- Keep hearing about senior housing - first we are getting it then it's gone away
- City encouraged seniors to come here to retire now we have BRAC so we don't need housing for seniors
- Asked Senior Collaborative about senior housing and was told there was a survey
- No senior she has spoken to knew about the survey
- Those who retired years ago don't have the funds to pay for yard upkeep and repairs and would welcome some kind of senior housing complex
- She filled out a paper regarding housing at the senior center but hasn't heard any more

Mayor Holloway asked Council Member Clark to give Ms. Jensen the latest info on the senior housing

Roxanne Crawley, N. Peg Street

- Seniors face many obstacles in this community
- Seniors are voters and need to be listened to
- Lack many things seniors need
- Feels housing is a grave issue for seniors and needs to be addressed

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of September 7, 2005** Gable
5. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated September 2, 2005 In The Amount Of \$352,507.66** Winegardner
6. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated September 2, 2005 In The Amount Of \$1,704.30** Winegardner
7. **Resolution No. 05- , A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract Documents for the Re-Roofing of the Kerr-McGee Center and the Senior Citizens Center** Pollock

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8. Receive and File Investment Reports for Quarters Ending March 31, 2005 and June 30, 2005. Winegardner

City Manager Rose requested item 7 be removed for discussion

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEM 7 REMOVED. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

7. Resolution No. 05-61, A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract Documents for the Re-Roofing of the Kerr-McGee Center and the Senior Citizens Center Pollock

Assistant Public Works Director Pollock

- Bid opening for this project was 4:00 p.m. September 13, 2005.
- Four (4) bids were received and opened
 - Universal Coatings, Inc. \$264,600
 - FC and Sons Roofing \$232,850 (did not bid on Sr. Center)
 - Coast Roof Company, Inc. \$246,819
 - Best Roofing Co. \$228,982
- Specific criteria had to be adhered to – must be at minimum a 15 year roof and withstand foot traffic
- Showed a sample of materials used by Coast Roof Company
- Reviewed performance on several projects completed by Coast Roof to see how well they are holding up
- Found the results to be satisfactory
- Would recommend Coast Roof Company be awarded the contract for this project

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-61, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE RE-ROOFING OF THE KERR-MCGEE CENTER AND THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER WITH COAST ROOF COMPANY. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote 5 ayes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. 2005-2006 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund Avery

Chief of Police Avery

- Notice of the Public Hearing had been advertised in the local newspaper prior to this hearing
- The State of California will continue the funding the SLFSF

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- City will received \$100,000
- Peoples Advisory Committee on September 8, 2005 and discussed and agreed to use the funds for full time police officers

Public Hearing opened at 7:25 p.m.

Dave Matthews

- Agrees with recommendation from the Chief's Advisory Council

Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

10. **Resolution RRA No. 05-07; A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Authorizing An Agreement For Sale Of 15 Acres In The Vicinity Of Drummond And Downs** **Parsons**

Community and Economic Development Director Parsons – PowerPoint presentation (copy in Clerk Packet)

- RFP due August 31, 2005 - 6 proposals received ranging from 255K to 556K
- Emerald Point Development was highest bidder
- Recommend opening discussions with Emerald Point Development for preparation of a DDA

Public comment

Dave Matthews

- Asked what the minimum setbacks were
 - – 10' side and 20' front

George Bertrand, 323 W Autumn Way

- The sump was not on this property but on another piece of property he owns nearby
- He understood there was to be a discussion among all the parties – City and the bidders and that has not happened
 - Mr. Parsons stated that he has had discussions with all of the bidders that have asked during the time the RFP was still open

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Martin TO ADOPT RESOLUTION RRA NO. 05-07; A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF 15 ACRES IN THE VICINITY OF DRUMMOND AND DOWNS TO EMERALD POINT DEVELOPMENT. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote 5 ayes.

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CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

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 October 4

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 Tuesday September 14

- Discussion regarding request from airport for us to do striping there – our labor and equipment
- Wastewater standards were discussed
- West Ridgecrest Boulevard discussed
- Diesel emission standards to council in budget
- Corporation Yard was discussed
- Cleanouts re Mower discussed

Next meeting October 11

City Organization Committee

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

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

Met 11 September

- Discussed upcoming budget
- Transit usage discussed
- Almost ready for a fixed route
- Asked news media to do a small poll re use of fixed route transit
- Rent control was discussed to maintain the rents control and to raise at specific levels
- Rent control does not keep the rents low and requires lots of staff to manage it

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Next meeting October 13

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 September 27

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 October 18

RACVB

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan- Alternate

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

- Updated Board on film and tourism topics – 178 CORRIDOR Tourism Kiosk being installed at Maturango Museum September 28
- RACVB 56 page RIDGECREST AREA VISITORS GUIDE in final editing – expected publication in mid-October
- AB777 Film Incentive Bill pulled from committee in State Senate – expected to be revamped and reintroduced next year
- Mr. Arthur will be appearing before the California Film Commission Board of Directors September 30
- He will give presentation on new Film Liaisons in California Statewide (FLICS)
- FLICS is a group of 59 film offices that promotes and facilitates film production in California
- Mr. Arthur is the corporation's Chairperson
- August-September local filming included 2 student films, 2 still photo shoots for Honda and commercials for Toyota, Honda, Saab and Form

Next meeting October 19

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Clark - Youth Advisory Committee leadership met today – all schools were represented

Each year we get more youth actively engaged and involved

Morgan attended Quad State in Havasu City - they discussed the petition for listing the Mohave Ground Squirrel as an endangered species - Quad State is very sympathetic in our needs – this will greatly affect us if it passes

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Martin - KCAC dinner meeting in Tehachapi tomorrow evening – will attend representing the City - Attended California LAFCO conference and brought back some good information – he and Mayor Holloway will attend League of California Cities October 7-9

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Clark

- Thanked Matt Feemster and Bob Smith who came in to talk to his class about what they do as Planning Commissioner and Code Enforcement Officer
- Congratulated Inyokern Elementary School for their award
- Thanked all who put on and participated in the Community Dinner

Martin

- Thanked the Coldstone Creamery for allowing him and the Mayor to serve ice cream on Saturday
- Thanked the Community Dinner and Freedom Rally organizers

Carter

- Thanked community for helping Katrina survivors
- All kinds of fund raisers going around to help the survivors

Morgan

- New bill to amend endangered species act is in process
- Motorcycle races at fairgrounds October 1 and 2
- Noted several measurers coming up on November ballot
- Eminent Domain has been mentioned a lot lately
- Citizens don't want us involved in that but want us deeply involved in things like senior housing
- Sometimes it's hard to figure out just what the citizens want us to do

Holloway

- Eminent Domain is a tool not a weapon when used properly by redevelopment agencies
- Replacing street lights on Balsam and getting flack about it
- Not costing City as Edison is taking out the plastic poles that did not hold up to the sun and wind
- Thanked community for support of Katrina victims
- Will bring back information from Long Beach Mississippi
- Community Dinner and Freedom Rally was well attended and great
- Mohave ground squirrel and tortoises issues are a huge thing

Mayor Holloway recessed the meeting to continued Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session at 10:59 p.m.

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Mayor Holloway left the meeting to travel to Long Beach, Mississippi.

In Continued Closed Session Council received information regarding the Mohave Ground Squirrel - no action taken; heard proposal regarding the property at 139 N. Balsam Street - no action taken; and Labor Negotiations - gave directions to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk