



**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 7, 2005  
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded  
Tape 05-20**

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**CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Marshall Holloway, Vice Mayor Daniel Clark, Council Members Steven Morgan and Ronald Carter

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Richard Martin (City business)

**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 – 6:03 p.m.**

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiation - 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.

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiation – Review of Request for Proposal for the Sale of City and Agency owned properties throughout the City of Ridgecrest. - Negotiators Harvey Rose and Gary Parsons

C54956.8 Real Property Negotiation - 14.42 acres of vacant land on Drummond Avenue, APN# 453-040-12 – Negotiators Harvey Rose and Gary Parsons

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GC54956.8 Potential Land Use Impact, City Wide – Negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea, Gary Parsons

GC54957.6 Labor Negotiations Update – P.E.A.R – Negotiator Harvey Rose

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:45 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LET BY PVT 1st Class Scott Echenberry**

**INVOCATION – Silent Moment**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Council received information regarding – 14.42 acres on Drummond Avenue-no action taken; RFP for sale of City/Agency owned properties-will be addressed in Open Session; potential land use impact-no action taken. Closed Session items regarding vacant land between Ridgecrest Boulevard and Las Flores Avenue and labor negotiations with P.E.A.R. will be address in a continued Closed Session at the end of the regular meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second by Council Member Clark TO APPROVED THE AGENDA. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes 1 absent. Council Member Martin absent.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Proclamation – Walk Miles For Smiles For Ridgecrest**

Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a proclamation to Marlene Altieri, Secretary and Walk-A-Thon Chair, Kiwanis Club of Ridgecrest in recognition of Kiwanis Community Walk-A-Thon Day, September 24, 2005.

Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a City lapel pin to PVT Scott Echenberry and commended him for his service in Iraq.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Revisited comments about Council overusing their powers
- Rumor of Council being accused of holding property hostage
- Could be classed as extortion rather than hostage situation

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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2. Resolution No. 05-57, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Setting A Public Hearing To Consider Comments And Recommendations For Expenditures For Funds Received Under The Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund Avery

3. Resolution No. 05-58, Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Purchase Of Equipment To Upgrade The Police Department's 911 System Avery

Item 4 removed for discussion

4. Joint Resolution No. 05-60, Resolutions Of The Ridgecrest City Council And The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Authorizing Signature For A Professional Service Agreement With Coldwell Banker Best Realty For The Sale Of City And Agency Owned Surplus Property Parsons

5. Resolution No. 05-59, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing An Amended Agreement For Professional Services Agreement Parsons

6. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of August 3, 2005 Gable

7. Minutes Of The Special City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of August 9, 2005 Gable

8. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of August 17, 2005 Gable

9. Minutes Of The Special City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of August 31, 2005 Gable

10. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 19, 2005 In The Amount Of \$217,968.23 Winegardner

11. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 26, 2005 In The Amount Of \$51,495.69 Winegardner

12. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 19, 2005 In The Amount Of \$20,737.06 Winegardner

13. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 26, 2005 In The Amount Of \$271,381.70 Winegardner

Council Member Clark requested item 4 be removed

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second by Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEM 4 REMOVED. No public

comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Council Member Martin absent.

4. **Joint Resolution No. 05-60, Resolutions Of The Ridgecrest City Council And The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Authorizing Signature For A Professional Service Agreement With Coldwell Banker Best Realty For The Sale Of City And Agency Owned Surplus Property** Parsons

Community and Economic Development Director Gary Parsons

- This is for a Professional Service Agreement with Coldwell Banker to act as broker for the sale of City and Agency owned properties
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised in the Daily Independent and mailed to all brokers offices and also to the Board of Realtors
- City received 2 proposals - 1 (from Haugen) was withdrawn later

Moved by Council Member Clark, second by Council Member Carter TO ADOPT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 05-60, RESOLUTIONS OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AND THE RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COLDWELL BANKER BEST REALTY FOR THE SALE OF CITY AND AGENCY OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes,1 absent. Council Member Martin absent

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

14. **Ordinance No. 05-05, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Administrative Citations** Parsons

This ordinance was introduced for first reading, by title only, at the Council meeting of August 17, 2005. It is brought back on this agenda for second reading and approval.

Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Morgan TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND TO ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, ORDINANCE NO. 05-05, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Council Member Martin absent.

**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

Met September 1

- Realigned and prioritized committee goals
  - Reviewed final consultant agreement with WZI
- Next meeting October 13

**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 September 13 – need to get Mike Mower there

**City Organization Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

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

Next meeting September 8 – have added Rent Controls to the agenda

**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 22

**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 September 20

**RACVB**

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan- Alternate

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

Next meeting to be announced September 21

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

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Quad State September 16-18 – Council Member Morgan will attend – Quad State is adding another county in Nevada to the group

Youth Advisory Committee - September 13 - 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Arts Council - September 21 5:30 p.m.

KCAPCD held their meeting here September 1

Nothing significant was presented

Presentation will be made in future by Mr. Jones

Diesel retrofits is going to cost City significant funds

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

#### **Clark**

- Chief Avery will be talking at Mesquite High School at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow about vocation of policing
- Bakersfield Californian article regarding WalMart donations for KATRINA relief was impressive – among other things donated 24M dollars and offers jobs to any displaced employees
- On September 9-11 the Exchange Club will host The Healing Fields at 2 p.m. Sunday - urged community to come out and support

#### **Carter**

- We all have been touched by the tragedy of KATRINA
- Many donation jars are around the community
- Noted Mayor Chip has a Ronald McDonald donation box at his store as well
- Also impressed with WalMart generosity

#### **Morgan**

- Has watched with amazement all the news shows – we have seen the best and the worst of what we are
- Finger pointing is atrocious in the political arena
- Everyone is trying to pull together and doing the best they can and we should be proud of their efforts
- Does not appreciate our foreign friends giving advice
- Need to dust off our emergency plan and give a presentation to our community
- Most citizens don't know what organizations are involved or what they do
- Desert Empire Fair starts Thursday
- Lots of local talent on display, the booths of the local service organizations help our community as well as contributing to national and international causes

#### **Holloway**

- Desert Empire Fair parade is September 10

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- Buffalo Soldiers will be in our parade – have been in many Rose Parades over the years
- Healing Fields is a great experience
- Community Dinner is September 17 and the Freedom Rally will follow in Freedom Part
- September 10 has 3 car washes for Operation High Desert Cares and KATRINA
- Thanked Council Member Morgan for bringing up the emergency management plan issue
- Keep giving to the charities for KATRINA
- Would like to have Ridgecrest adopt the City of Long Beach, Mississippi - a city very much like ours and of like size
- Has vision of our Police Department adopting theirs, our schools adopting theirs, our churches adopting theirs, etc., etc.
- Operation High Desert Cares will be the lead on this

Mayor Holloway recessed the meeting to a continued Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to reconvene at 10:00 p.m.

In the continued Closed Session Council received information regarding the vacant land between Ridgecrest Boulevard and Las Flores Avenue and update on P.E.A.R. negotiations – no action taken on either item.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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Rita Gable, City Clerk