

**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 21, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mayor Marshall Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Martin (City Business – League of California Cities)

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 – 6:04 p.m.

GC54956.8 RRA Real Property Negotiations – 110 W. Ridgecrest Blvd and Adjoining Sites – APN 067-192-24, 26, 26, 27, 31, and 33 – Agency Negotiations Harvey Rose and James McRea

REGULAR SESSION – 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council Member Morgan

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INVOCATION – Reverend Ed Snyder, Inyokern Baptist Church

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session Council received and update on the Real Property Negotiations for 110 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard – no action taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rose requested removal of item 2 – will be reviewed and returned to a future agenda.

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ITEM 2 REMOVED. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent. Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation - Fireworks Donation

Vice Mayor Dan Clark presented a check for \$1,000 from the City Lions Club President Steven Morgan for the Community Fireworks for the 4th of July. Seven Introduced Lions Club members Darlene Farr, David Larson, and Jim Winegardner. Donations for the fund can be mailed to P.O. Box 2001, Ridgecrest 93556.

PUBLIC COMMENT 6:45 p.m.

Randy Garcia, Church Avenue

- She is president of the newly formed youth baseball league
- Board members Darrell Eddins, Karin Stone were also present
- Part of the Antelope Valley Youth Baseball League
- Will be playing and practicing at Murray Middle School
- Also thanked Peggy Breeden for helping to get the information out to the community

Vice Mayo Clark suggested moving item 12 to this point on the Agenda to allow the police officers present to return to duty.

12. Resolution No. 06-42, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Acknowledging The Service Retirement Of Police Sergeant Jesse M. Jones III.

Avery

Sergeant Jesse M. Jones III started his Law Enforcement career over thirty-four years

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ago with the Corona Police Department for the City of Corona. He joined the Ridgecrest Police Department on June 23, 1980 and promoted to Sergeant in January 1989. Sergeant Jones has patrolled the streets for the City of Ridgecrest for twenty six years and provided honorable service to our community. This resolution is being prepared to grant him the rights allowed under State Law as an honorably retired Police Sergeant.

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-42, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT JESSE M. JONES III. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent; Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

Karin Stone, Women's Center High Desert, presented Sergeant Jones a Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer work at the Center.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 2 removed from agenda

2. Resolution No. 06- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Bringing The City Of Ridgecrest Substance Abuse Policies Into Compliance With State And Federal Laws Rose
3. Resolution No. 06-43, A Resolution Of The City of Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Recordation Of A Notice Of Completion And Authorizing Payment To Design Space Modular Buildings For Wastewater Treatment Plant Modular Operations Building In The Amount of \$11,960.64 – 35 Days After Recordation Of Notice Of Completion. McRea
4. Self Insurance Transition Timeline Winegardner
5. Resolution No. 06-44, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Gregory B. Bragg And Associates; Referenced By Title Only Winegardner
6. Resolution No. 06-45, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Application To The Director Of Industrial Relations, State Of California For A Certificate Of Consent To Self Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities Winegardner
7. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of June 7, 2006 Gable
8. Minutes Of The Special Meeting of the Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Advisory Committee May 20, 2006 McGonagle

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9. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 9, 2006 In The Amount Of \$500.00 Winegardner
10. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 9, 2006 In The Amount Of \$129,661.73 Winegardner
11. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated June 14, 2006 In The Amount Of \$3,275.25 Winegardner

Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Morgan TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent; Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Item 12 was moved forward on the Agenda

12. Resolution No. 06- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Acknowledging The Service Retirement Of Police Sergeant Jesse M. Jones III. Avery
13. Introduction And First Reading, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Sections 20-23.5(b) And (d) PUD Standards McRea

This ordinance amends the Planned Unit Development Zoning Overlay District standards deleting reference to a minimum site area within a PUD. A copy of the Planning Commission Report is provided with the proposed ordinance.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MORGAN, SECOND COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND TO INTRODUCE, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO SECTIONS 20-23.5(B) AND (D) PUD STANDARDS. No public comment.. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent; Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

14. Resolution No. 06-46, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Designating Balsam Avenue And Surrounding Area "Olde Towne Ridgecrest" Rose

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-46, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING BALSAM AVENUE AND SURROUNDING AREA

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“OLDE TOWNE RIDGECREST”. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent; Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Contractor who will be paving on Reeves Avenue will also resurface China Lake Boulevard and part of the intersection with W. Ridgecrest Boulevard.

Finance Director Winegardner brought Council up to date regarding budget preparation – has been delayed due to auditors here for the CAFR. After the budget retreat where all department heads and the Council made their wishes known the total requested appropriations amounted to 24M. It will take a while to sort it all out and he thinks it will be another 2 months before the budget is done. Also took a lot of staff time to work at changing the City to self insured workers compensation which took focus off the budget. He has been working the budget by himself.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Reported on Existing Litigation – Luis Gaurano v. Michael Stickney, et al. criminal matter was dismissed to be refilled at a later date

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Economic Development Committee

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Chip Holloway, Mike Biddlingmeier, Howard Laire

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

Legislative Committee

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: probably quarterly - at 8:00 a.m.; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Duke Martin, Jim Smith, Lois Beres

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., Council Conference Room

Met June 13

- Discussed developments re street issues
Next meeting July 11

Planning and Zoning Ad Hoc Committee

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Members: Chair Steven Morgan, Vice Chair Matt Feemster, Chip Holloway, and Jim Smith

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting June 28

City Organization Committee

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

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

Met June 15

- Discussed City possibly getting into a contract with IWV Concert for transit services for disabled and seniors
- Discussed providing support of police department via a ballot issue
- Tax measure would not be until 2008 or 2010

Next meeting August 10

Vice Mayor Clark requested they look at full time mayor position

Quality of Life Committee

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

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

Next meeting August 24

Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Members: Chair Mike Hogan, Vice Chair *vacant*, Bob Peoples, Gary Charlton, Ron Ketcham and Nicole Guerrero. Ex-officio Members Council Members Steven Morgan and Ron Carter, Planning Commissioner Lois Beres

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m., Council Conference Room

Met June

- Business park proposal by developer
- How RAC is going to proceed after the joint meeting with the RRA
- Housing set aside

Next meeting July 18

RACVB

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan- Alternate

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

Met June 21

- Passed the 2006-2007 budget
- After hours mixer and ribbon cutting for 178 corridor kiosk is Thursday June 19 – co-hosted by Museum and the RACVB
- Kiosk is located near Maturango Museum

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- RACVB newest business member is Velocity Rentals – rents ATVs
 - Also Fat Chief Studios Ridgecrest's newest professional recording facility
 - Feature film One Part Sugar returned for 8 days additional re-shoots
 - Three day still photography production at the Pinnacles for GMC
 - A two day pilot for a tourism television show America's Hidden Treasure
- Next meeting July 19

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Morgan

- Hope everyone who is here on July 4th comes out to see the fireworks
- There is about 13K in fireworks for this program
- While in the Navy he came to China Lake assigned to Air traffic control
- There will be a ground breaking June 26 on base for a new tower at for air traffic control at a cost of approximately 17.2M
- Will take 445 days to complete with workers staying in Ridgecrest during the week

Carter

- Talked about police department and treatment citizens receive
- Had a parent call him who went to PD regarding a ticket and came away happy and satisfied with the experience
- Parents have called him about calling the police and were happy with the outcomes
- Talking to citizens in the community finding a common thread was the quality of life here
- Recruiting for new teachers in the school district
- Ridgecrest is a unique community

Clark

- Talked about an hour and a half today with Mr. Winegardner regarding development impact fees
- Only 5 have taken advantage of the phase in features offered
- Attended CALTrans meeting yesterday regarding road changes on 395 just south of China Lake Boulevard – a diamond interchange is a possibility
- Senior housing project was okd by Planning Commission for a 90 unit with community center and common areas
- Future of Ridgecrest and partnership with the base is of great concern
- Council fully supports the mission of the base

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- Concerned with the future development of the City and to be able to support the expected growth
- City is boxed in by the base, BLM lands, San Bernardino County and has little room to expand
- One way to growth is increased density but that brings congestion
- Asking for meetings with base Commander Captain Gleason and Admiral Skinner to keep us in accord
- Mr. O'Gara from the base has been added to the Planning and Zoning Ad Hoc Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk