



**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 7, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 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; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Department Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police; and other personnel

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30p.m.

- GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claim of Leslie R. Wood, Claim #06-07
- GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of Ridgecrest v. Matrix Motor Co., Inc.
- GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – AMG Property Adjacent to Kerr-McGee Sports Complex - Negotiator Harvey Rose

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- GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations, Lots 18,19,22 of Parcel Map #10819, Ridgecrest Business Park (RBP), APN #033-070-13 – City Negotiator Jim McRea
- GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations, 230 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard, APN #067-140-44 – City Negotiator Jim McRea
- C54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – 139 Balsam Street – City Negotiator Harvey Rose
- GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – City property running from Ridgecrest Boulevard to Las Flores Avenue – City Negotiator Harvey Rose
- GC54957 Labor Negotiations – City Negotiator Harvey Rose

Added items

- GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Fouts v. Indian Wells Valley Youth Baseball
- GC5495 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation - Gaurano v. Stickney

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Morgan TO ADD THE ITEMS TO CLOSED SESSION. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council Member Carter

INVOCATION –Father J. P. Waldin, St. Michael's Episcopal Church

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session Council received information on the listed items and issues: Liability Claim of Leslie R Wood was rejected; Existing Litigation City of Ridgecrest v. Matrix Motors – no action; Existing Litigation Guarano v. Stickney - no action; Anticipated Litigation Fouts v. Indian Wells Valley Youth Baseball - no action; Real Property Negotiations Ridgecrest Business Park Lots18, 19, and 22 - no action; and Real Property Negotiations 230 W Ridgecrest - no action. The remainder of the Closed Session items will be continued to Closed Session at the end of the regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation – Ridgecrest Charter School

The student body of the Ridgecrest Charter School raised funds for hurricane Katrina relief to be forwarded to the school district of Long Beach, Mississippi. Mayor Holloway accepted on behalf of the City of Long Beach. Dana Hartley, Charter School Student Body President presented the check in the amount of \$500 to Mayor Holloway for the Long Beach schools. Mayor Holloway stated the funds would go to the Quarles PTA for distribution.

2. Presentation – Parks and Recreation

Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a proclamation from the City and a plaque from Parks and Recreation to Bob Maki for his 15 years of commitment to youth sports in our community. It was happy surprise for Bob who was told that the Parks and Recreation Department was the recipient of a special award.

3. Presentation – Olde Towne

Jan Bennett, CEO Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposal to name the downtown business area of Ridgecrest "Olde Towne – general area of Balsam Street to Argus Avenue, W. Ridgecrest Boulevard, Panamint Avenue, Station Street, S. China Lake Boulevard.

Mr. Rose stated the City can designate the area by resolution. Council Member Morgan suggested that the designation should maybe also note it was once Crumville.

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Feels the Olde Towne designation is a good idea
- Thinks we also need publicity/promotional maps identifying any historical building by names and dates

William Dale Howard, 1109 Mayo

- Crum Dairy was on what is now Valley Street but then it was Hard Cash Gulch
- Asked if this will impede our plans for Ridgecrest Boulevard

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- Also noted that the street crossing at Balsam and Ridgecrest is very dangerous

Ms. Bennett announced that the Community Electronic Messaging Sign is up and should be operating within 30 days. The Chamber has forms for requesting messaging for the sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT 7:11 p.m.

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Resolution No. 06-34, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Partial Payment To Maverick Asphalt And Construction, Inc., Approving A Final Balancing Change Order And Release Of Retained Funds Pollock
5. Resolution No. 06-35, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Replacing Existing City Standards R7, R8 And R9 With Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Complaint Standards R7, R7a, R8 And R9 Relating To The Design And Construction Of Residential/Commercial Driveways And Wheelchair Ramps Pollock

Item 6 removed for discussion

6. Resolution No. 06-___, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Award Of The Contract To Construct Mahan Street From Upjohn Avenue To Ridgecrest Boulevard, Graaf Avenue From Norma Street To Wayne Street And Reeves Avenue From Sierra View To 660 Feet East And Approving Budget Amendment To Cover Contract Pollock
7. Resolution No. 06-36, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Calling And Giving Notice Of The Holding Of A General Municipal Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 7, 2006 For The Election Of Certain Officers As Required By The Laws Of The State Of California Relating To General Law Cities Rose
8. Resolution No. 06-37, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Requesting The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Kern To Render Specified Services To The City Relating To The Conduct Of A General Municipal Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 7, 2006 Rose

Items 9 and 10 removed for discussion

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9. Resolution No. 06- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Execution Of Engineering Study Agreements For The Development Of New Wastewater Treatment Facilities Rose
10. Resolution No. 06- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting And Reaffirming The City's Annual Statement Of Investments And Delegating The Authority To Make Such Investments To The City Treasurer Winegardner
11. Resolution No. 06-38, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving Budget Amendments Increasing Appropriations In The Annual Budget Winegardner
12. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of March 15, 2006 Gable
13. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of April 5, 2006 Gable
14. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of April 19, 2006 Gable
15. Minutes Of The Special City Council/Redevelopment Agency Budget Meetings Of April 22 and 23, 2006 Gable
16. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of May 3, 2006 Gable
17. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of May 17, 2006 Gable
18. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated May 12, 2006 In The Amount Of \$631,182.26 Winegardner
19. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated May 25, 2006 In The Amount Of \$269,799.20 Winegardner
20. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated May 12, 2006 In The Amount Of \$16,471.69 Winegardner
21. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated May 25, 2006 In The Amount Of \$13.81 Winegardner

Council Member Clark requested removal of items 9 and 10

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William Dale Howard requested removal of item 6

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEMS 6, 9, AND 10 REMOVED. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

6. Resolution No. 06-39, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Award Of The Contract To Construct Mahan Street From Upjohn Avenue To Ridgecrest Boulevard, Graaf Avenue From Norma Street To Wayne Street And Reeves Avenue From Sierra View To 660 Feet East And Approving Budget Amendment To Cover Contract Pollock

On 30 May 2006 bids were opened for the project. Three bids were received and the results were as follows:

Asphalt Construction	\$1,102,761.42
Maverick Asphalt	\$1,155,579.36
Granite Construction	\$1,178,725.90

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,005,829. Funding for this project will come from a number of sources. The first is Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) in the amount of \$525,395. The second is Department of Motor Vehicles – PM 10 in the amount of \$68,113. The balance would come from local funds. If the low bid is accepted \$291,588 would come from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund and \$217,664.72 would come from Proposition 42 funds. It should be noted that the Waste Water Enterprise Funds will be used to pay for sewer mains and laterals to be constructed in the Graaf and Reeves projects and that these costs are reimbursable when the abutting properties connect to the waste water collection facilities. Allocation of the CMAQ funds is subject to CALTRANS approval.

Mr. Howard asked for removal to point out how monumental a project this was and to congratulate staff for finally getting it "on the street"

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-39, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE CONTRACT TO CONSTRUCT MAHAN STREET FROM UPJOHN AVENUE TO RIDGECREST BOULEVARD, GRAAF AVENUE FROM NORMA STREET TO WAYNE STREET AND REEVES AVENUE FROM SIERRA VIEW TO 660 FEET EAST AND APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT TO COVER CONTRACT. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

9. **Resolution No. 06-40, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Execution Of Engineering Study Agreements For The Development Of New Wastewater Treatment Facilities** **Rose**

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Helt Engineering for site civil work; evaluation of proposed site for pipeline delivery system, type/system plant, plant expansion compatibility of site; \$45,000 and an agreement with Carollo Engineering to evaluate new plant size, type, expansion options; evaluate plant cost, prepare construction cost estimate, identify possible funding options and time schedule; \$90,000.

Council Member Clark had a question about the last sentence in agenda description and asked about the wastewater funds being used. Also asked if the Globe Protect project might be incorporated into this.

Mr. Rose cited several funding sources and noted that the 90K comes from the wastewater fund. Globe protect will be taken into consideration.

Dave Matthews

Asked Mr. Rose if the plant also serves the Navy and could they be a fund source

Mr. Rose stated the Navy contracts with us for wastewater services and the new plants will serve the base and the developing City of Ridgecrest.

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Clark TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-40, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ENGINEERING STUDY AGREEMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

10. **Resolution No. 06-41, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting And Reaffirming The City's Annual Statement Of Investments And Delegating The Authority To Make Such Investments To The City Treasurer** **Winegardner**

The Government Code of the State of California requires that the City Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer annually render a statement of investment policy to the City Council. This resolution adopts the City of Ridgecrest Annual Investment Policy.

Mr. Winegardner explained that this resolution is adopted on a yearly basis and it does not differ greatly from the one Council passed last year.

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Moved by Council Member Clark, second Carter TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-41, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING AND REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH INVESTMENTS TO THE CITY TREASURER. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Time to consider a Council summer meeting schedule – of concern is the July 5 meeting. Consensus was to hold the meeting as scheduled.

Mr. Rose asked if Council desired to have a meeting night off in August as has been Council's past practice.

Council Member Carter stated he would be at an educational conference on August 2. Council Member Clark will be traveling during that timeframe. Council Member Morgan is available all summer for Council meetings.

No definite vacation plans from any Council Member

M. Rose asked Craig Bradley to report about the broadcasting of the Primary Election. (report is in Clerk's agenda packet.

Council consensus was we need a definitive policy about broadcasting on Channel 6 and that all ELECTIONS will be aired.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

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 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting in August

Legislative Committee

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

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

Next meeting to be announced

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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

Next meeting June 14

Planning and Zoning Ad Hoc

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

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room

Met May 31 - Inaugural meeting

- It was a long and detailed meeting
- Chair and Vice Chair were selected
- Had to deal with items the had already been to legislative body
- Discussed structure of committee and what its functions would be

Next meeting June 28

Council Member Clark asked if plans that are submitted over the counter sent to the committee for review and comments – thinks they should be

It was noted that not all developments will go through Committee if the developer has abided by the rules in place at the time of submittal

Committee can be used as screening for Planning Commission

He would like to see all plans go to committee

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 15

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 – will be dark during June and July

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: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:15 PM, Council Conference Room

Next meeting June 14

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RACVB

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan- Alternate

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

Met June 17 – see notes

Next meeting June 21

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Arts Council will be dark in June and July

Council Member Martin spent May 16-18 at League of California Cities Legislative Action Days in Sacramento. He will be going to Sacramento on June 21 for other League of California Cities meeting and July 20 and 21 the Mountain-Desert Division of the League of California Cities will be at Mammoth

Quad State is having a meeting this weekend at Pioche Nevada regarding desert tortoise and BLM

International Council of Shopping Centers report at Las Vegas Martin only there one day but was totally impressed with the connections Gary Parsons has made

May 26 High Desert Dialog On Higher Education David Saushet of BLM

Antelope Valley Trade Group is looking into establishing a 4 year university/college in their area

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Martin

- Attended Navy museum auction on Monday
- May 19-20 was the City Armed Forces Day observances organized by Howard and Barbara Auld
- RAC / Redevelopment Agency meeting was afternoon of May 20
- Sister City Tepatitlan lunch was May 31 and he also spent time with Congressman Thomas and Assembly candidate Jean Fuller
- 30 year anniversary of our relationship with Tepatitlan
- Congratulated Kevin McCarthy for primary win
- Jean Fuller did great
- Congratulated Jody Rummer for the passage of Measure A

Clark

- Congratulated all students who have passed the exit exams and are graduating

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- Our "Fearless Leader" (Mr. Rose) had a birthday this week
- Attended the BSA Troup 35 60 year celebration
- Congratulated Youth Advisory Committee who has been invited to speak at League of California Cities Annual meeting September 6 in San Diego
- Public information meeting at Kerr-McGee Center June 20 4-7 p.m. regarding CALTrans widening of 395
- Talked about a full time mayor concept – thinks we need to discuss this in depth
- Would like to have community discussion about it – now or 2-3 year from now
- Should we elect mayor separately or through council
- Should we be considering a form change in our governing – home rule or charter as opposed to general law

Carter

- Congratulated the school district for passing Measure A
- Thanked all involved for their hard work
- Getting more and more of our youth involved in our community and government
- They are getting involved with all things other than themselves

Morgan

- Noted June 20 4-7 p.m. regarding CALTrans widening of 395
- Good time to discuss Kern County Safe Roads Initiatives
- We can get a jump start on this project and we feel a full interchange is needed
- Important for us to be involved
- Congratulated the voters for passing the school bond
- Fund raiser bingo at the fairgrounds for fireworks on June 17
- Full time mayor discussed at least twice since he and Ron (Carter) have been on the Council
- As general law city there are things we can and cannot do
- How do our citizens feel about paying full time mayor salary
- City organization will look at this issue
- Need to consider how much power he will have

Holloway

- Commented about the vandalizing of the Veterans Freedom Park at City Hall
- Four trees were brutally cut down or broken and destroyed
- Cost to replace the trees is approximately \$150 each
- There will be a community tree planting on Saturday June 10 at 7:00 a.m. Chuck Roulund, Jr. of Evergreen Landscaping will provide all landscaping and labor
- Trees are being donated by several nurseries and citizens

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- Only 30% turnout for voting in the Primary Election in Ridgecrest
- Think we did well for the offices and measures that closely affect us
- Stan Ellis vows to support Jean Fuller and Ridgecrest
- Congratulated Sierra Sands Unified School District on passage of measure A
- Declared it officially summer by stating it was the last tie he will wear this summer encouraging Council to adopt summer attire
- Wished Gary Parsons best of everything as he has had some health issues recently
- Glad to have issue of a full time mayor out in the open

Mayor Holloway recessed the meeting to closed session at 8:32 p.m. to reconvene at 10:15 p.m.

In the continued Closed Session Council received information and updates on the following and gave direction to staff: Real Property Negotiations AMG property near Kerr-McGee Sports Complex; Real Property Negotiations 139 Balsam Street; Real Property Negotiations City owned property Ridgecrest Boulevard to Las Flores Avenue; and Labor Negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk