



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

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

**August 15, 2007 Date  
6:30 p.m.**

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk for a certain period of time from date of approval by City Council/Redevelopment Agency. Meetings are recorded solely for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Marshall Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Steven Morgan, Vice Mayor Thomas Wiknich, and Council Members Daniel Clark

**ABSENT:** Council Member Ronald Carter

**STAFF:** Harvey Rose, City Manager; Rita Gable, City Clerk; Jim McRea, Public Services Department Director, Dennis Speers, Public Works Department Director; Jim Ponek, Parks, Recreation And Cultural Affairs Department Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police/Assistant City Manager; Ronald Strand, Deputy Chief of Police; and other personnel

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Dorothy Brown, Citizen**

**INVOCATION – LT Charles Griffin, Salvation Army**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Wiknich TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Council Member Carter absent.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Youth Advisory Council**

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None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dorothy Brown

- Thanked all those involved in assisting with the water leak issue on Gold Canyon Drive
- Hopefully it will be fixed soon

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. **Resolution No. 07-41, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Contract Service Agreement With Kern Community College District For A One Year Business Counseling Service By The Weill Institute Small Business Development Center In The Amount Of \$3,000** McRea

The program would begin July 1, 2007 for a one year period. It provides four hours of business counseling by appointment on a weekly basis. Office interviews and consulting would occur in the City Hall or the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Offices.

Mr. Allen Jaffe is returning to the Weill Institute Small Business Development Center to provide these services to the Ridgecrest Business Community. The program provides the opportunity to new and existing business to develop a Business Plan and obtain consulting on both business development and business retention.

3. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of July 18, 2007** Gable
4. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of August 1, 2007** Gable
5. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated July 27, 2007 In The Amount Of \$40,044.94** Winegardner
6. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 3, 2007 In The Amount Of \$275,772.77** Winegardner
7. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 3, 2007 In The Amount Of \$132.00** Winegardner

Council Member Wiknich had some questions on item 2.

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- Asked if we could get a report on how many people the Weill Institute assisted – this info is not in the contract – would like to see a reporting requirement – semi-annually or quarterly would be good
- Mr. McRea noted they were “dark” for us last year – we did not subscribe – normally they report at the end of the year as to how many persons they have assisted

Council agreed that quarterly reporting would be good and asked that the agreement be amended accordingly

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member wt TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEM 2 AMENDED TO INCLUDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Council Member Carter absent.

## OTHER ACTION ITEMS

### 8. R-2508 Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Status Update

McRea

The R-2508 JLUS is a multi-jurisdictional review of the land use policies and other compatibility issues for the restricted air space area of the R-2508 Special Use Airspace Complex. The study is being developed by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), State of California and partially funded by a Kern County contribution. This is intended to be a status report on the progress and a summary of Action Items Matrix, as developed to date.

Mr. McRea gave an overview of the study (his staff report is part of the Clerk's Agenda Packet)

Council Member Morgan is a member of the ACUS Committee and addressed some items on the 17 page list that we are “the lead” for and those that we are on as a point of interest

Comments and questions were heard from the audience

### 9. Resolution No. 07-42, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Mayor And The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The County Of Kern For Transit Services

Speer

Public Works Director Speer gave the staff report (report and copy of the agreement are part of the Clerk's agenda Packet)

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**Council comments**

Morgan Page 11, sixth paragraph – verifying that his agreement was for the county areas only

Mr. Rose noted this contract only covers the service outside the City  
Holloway Page 2 or 3 – concerned in payment time frame – what is County asking us to provide in documentation in order to be paid

Mr. Speer stated our finance department has worked it out to provide actual cost itemization for payment

**Public comment**

Jerry Taylor asked if this is door to door only on paved roads  
Mr. Seer stated we try hard not to go down dirt roads

Clark Wiknich voice vote of 4 ayes 1 absent Carter absent

Moved by Council Member Wiknich, second Council Member Clark TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 07-42, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF KERN FOR TRANSIT SERVICES. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Council Member Carter absent.

**CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

In state budget one item not being argued against – transit in large part is paid by the state – 1.3B is being deferred out of those funds for other uses – means that a large part of our funding will be taken away

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

None

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Community Development Committee**

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Chip Holloway, Jerry Taylor, Nellavan Jeglum

Met August 2

- Bowman corridor was most of the discussion as it relates to economic development

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- Widening of Bowman Road between the 2 WalMart locations was discussed
- A roundabout was discussed, a bridge connecting the 2 WalMart locations, a bicycle path/pedestrian tunnel to go under China Lake Boulevard
- WalMart EIR draft is out for review and will be closing soon
- Positioning of new WalMart building was of concern and discussed – 90 degree turn was suggested
- It could promote development on other parcels close by

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

Next meeting September 6

### **City Organization and Services Committee**

Members: Chair Tom Wiknich, Chip Holloway, Mike Biddlingmeier, Lois Beres

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

Next meeting August 23

### **Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Dan Clark, Jerry Taylor, Howard Laire

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

Next meeting August 23

### **Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Chair Tom Wiknich, Steve Morgan, Lois Beres, Nellavan Jeglum

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council Conference Room

Next meeting August 21

### **Activate Community Talents and Interventions For Optimal Neighborhoods Task Force (ACTION)**

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting September 10

### **RACVB**

Council Member Holloway

Met August 15

Read report of this morning's meeting – a copy is in Clerk's Agenda packet

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

Next meeting to be announced

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At this time Council Member Wiknich noted that for some time he had been looking for an appointee to the City Personnel Board and requested Council concurrence to his appointment of Dorothy Brown to that Board. Council concurred in the appointment.

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

Council Member Morgan will not be able to attend the KernCOG meeting and Mayor Holloway stated he will attend. They will be discussing reallocation of transportation funds and also a discussion of prisoner allocation.

Council Member Clark noted the August 22, 5:30 p.m. Arts Council meeting with the discussion of median art forms and working on RFP for the median art on the agenda.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

#### **Morgan**

- ❖ What a day we had in town yesterday – Congressman McCarthy, Assembly Woman Fuller, State Senator Ashburn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Dr. Delores Etter, BRAC committee meeting – all in one day
- ❖ Helo tour aspect of Dr. Etter's visit was that they flew everywhere over the base lands and surroundings
- ❖ She toured all the labs and opened the new Joint Counter IED Facility
- ❖ Council Member Clark and he sat with Assembly Woman Fuller regarding legislative actions she might be able to help us with
- ❖ Received one comment letter regarding the WalMart project from Mr. Walters asking about any subsidies the City might have given to WalMart
- ❖ We were third part to get contractor for the EIR - WalMart paid for it
- ❖ Personal note - on August 22 he and his lovely wife Doreen will be married for 20 years

#### **Wiknich**

- ❖ Has a "pet peeve" so asked Chief Avery about it
- ❖ Saw a citizen that he know has lived in town for years that does not have California plates on his vehicle so asked what is the law about that
- ❖ The Chief sated that new arrivals have 10 days to register if using vehicle for profit (in a business endeavor) and if not for business it must be registered once the other states plate expires
- ❖ He also noted that we have a number of military in the area and they are the exception - if active duty they can keep their home state plates
- ❖ It does not matter if you own property in another state and maintain a mailing address there licensing is based on the residence where you live the most

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## Clark

- ❖ Did not meet with dignitaries other than Assembly Woman Fuller
- ❖ He and Mr. Morgan shared a lot of their concerns with her and Looking forward to working with her in future
- ❖ Suggested that parents have a conversation with their young person about the Youth Advisory Council
- ❖ Have them talk to their school counselors to get a recommendation
- ❖ Community involvement is what helps to get them into colleges as much as the grade point average
- ❖ Age group is usually 7th grade to college
- ❖ He is experiencing personal happiness also - his daughter is getting married

## Holloway

- ❖ Noted the fund raiser on August 25 for the USO Building at Parker Center at Burroughs
- ❖ A mobile USO Canteen will be in China Lake and Ridgecrest at about 2 pm tomorrow - August 16
- ❖ September 5 he will be at the annual conference of the League of California Cities
- ❖ Attended the Water District meeting on Monday or Tuesday
- ❖ Debate is do we or not have water
- ❖ Assemblyman Bill Maze was also in town - a very exciting day
- ❖ 911 (Patriot's Day) coming up again with ceremony here at Freedom Park
- ❖ It has bugged him last couple of years - wants to see a memorial to 911
- ❖ Would like to see all the ads money that go into the special newspaper inserts go to this endeavor

Council Member Morgan noted that there is a committee or group that is very active about a memorial for 911 - Elaine Biermann is heading it up

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.



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Rita Gable, City Clerk