



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

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

**November 21, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Steven Morgan, Vice Mayor Thomas Wiknich, and Council Member Daniel Clark

ABSENT: Mayor Marshall Holloway and Council Member Ronald Carter

STAFF: Harvey Rose, City Manager; Rita Gable, City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Administrative Services Department Director/City Treasurer; Jim McRea, Public Services Department Director, Dennis Speer, Public Works Department Director; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works 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 Deputy Chief Ron Strand

INVOCATION –

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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1. Youth Advisory Council

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT Opened at 6:32 p.m.

Dave Matthews

- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone
- At last meeting there was a discussion about the left turn pocket on W. Ridgecrest Boulevard near Balsam Street
- On statement by the developer it was to commence the following day
- Curbs and gutters have begun but no island median yet
- Read in paper that founder of Globe Protect had passed away
- Article led public to believe that technology is operable and functioning
- Globe Protect has obligations to Redevelopment Agency and asked how will those be met

City Manager Rose stated the Rite Aid project developer said improvements were to start the next day which they did. Regarding Global Protect, the loan is outstanding which we understand will be paid from the estate.

Frank Nickelson

- At last meeting discussed the proposed road improvement measure
- Newspaper stated there was a survey being done
- In 1984 had flood that ran a lot of water to the eastern part of City
- In 1986 improvements lowered east to west streets and raised the north to south streets
- The street work was badly done and the streets are raveling
- Some of the east-west were redone 10 years later
- He a couple of jars containing some of the "marbles" from the streets he mentioned
- After street sweeper comes by it gets thrown up on the sidewalks and properties and pelts any vehicles parked nearby
- Some neighbors have built small retaining walls to keep the marbles out
- You need to fix the roads or come down and sweep up the debris

Nellavan Jeglum

- Commented on how good the technical people are here at City Hall
- They are very accommodating to all the staff and the Planning Commission, etc
- Commented about their help for a presentation at the last Planning Commission meeting
- It was not their fault

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- She declared at that Planning Commission meeting that she was running for City Council in 2008

Howard Auld

- On behalf of himself and Barbara wished Happy Thanksgiving to all and especially the military serving overseas

Diana Plagentini

- Commented on misconduct of Ridgecrest Police Department
- Has left messages for Chief Avery - he's never called back
- Stated that Dominique was assaulted and intimidated by police officers
- Wants something done about this

Public comment closed at 6:44 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Resolution RRA No. 07- 03 A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Approving The Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RAVCB) Rental Expenses To June 30, 2008 As A Result Of The Disposition Development Agreement (DDA) And Sale Of The Site** **McRea**

The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency executed a Disposition Development Agreement and sold the 139 Balsam Street building. The agreement provided a 90 day window for the RAVCB. Staff is requesting that the Agency increase the RACVB Budget Appropriation by \$6,860.00 for the rental expenses to June 30, 2008. Funding would be achieved from the proceeds of the sale. The RACVB is proposing to enter into a three (3) year lease to remain at the present site.

3. **Resolution No. 07-57, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing City Manager To Enter Into Contract With Great Western Park And Playground In The Amount Of \$41,959.51 For The Design & Build Of KMCC Playground** **Ponek**

After Staff's review and with the assistance of the Youth Advisory Committee a recommendation is being made to award contract to Great Western Park & Playground. Great Western Park & Playground's Design has met our requirements and also stayed within the budget allocated for this project. This project includes installation. This is a budgeted line item in the adopted 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget by the City Council.

Item removed

4. **Resolution No. 07- , A Resolution Of The City Council Rescinding Resolution No. 07-55 And Authorizing City Manager To Enter Into Contract With De Frenchi**

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Pool Plastering In The Amount Of \$85,000 For The Re-Plastering & Tile Repair At Pinney Pool And To Authorize Budget Transfer **Ponek**

On November 8, 2007 the City of Ridgecrest received a notification (Attachment A) from South Coast Pool Plastering that they had made a clerical error in the their bid and were requesting to be disqualified as low bidder. South Coast Pool Plastering was approved as low bidder at the November 7, 2007 City Council Meeting (Resolution #07-55). Due to this Staff is recommending that the second responsible low bidder De Frenchi Pool Plastering from Bakersfield be awarded the contract and to authorize a budget transfer. The transfer will not change the overall adopted 2007-2008 budget.

5. Resolution RRA No. 07-04, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Of The City Of Ridgecrest Setting A Public Hearing For December 5, 2007 On The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Five (5) Year Impact Plan **Winegardner**

The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency is required to adopt an implementation plan in connection with the Agency Project Area pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490. Among other things, the implementation plan must contain the following: the specific goals and objectives of the Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency, the specific programs, including potential projects, and estimated expenditures proposed to be made during the next five years and an explanation of how the goals and objectives, programs and expenditures will eliminate blight within the Project Area and implement the requirements of Health and Safety Code Sections 33334.2, 33334.4 and 33413 (relating to affordable housing).

6. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of November 7, 2007 **Gable**

7. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated November 9, 2007 In The Amount Of \$231,349.56 **Winegardner**

8. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated November 9, 2007 In The Amount Of \$6,836.69 **Winegardner**

Dave Matthews requested removal of item 4

Council Member Wiknich had question about item 2 – is this committing us to 3 year lease?

Mr. Rose stated it was 90 days with no rent and 6 months assistance

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Wiknich TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEM 4 REMOVED. No public comment, Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes 2 absent; Mayor Holloway and Council Member Carter absent.

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4. **Resolution No. 07-58, A Resolution Of The City Council Rescinding Resolution No. 07-55 And Authorizing City Manager To Enter Into Contract With De Frenchi Pool Plastering In The Amount Of \$85,000 For The Re-Plastering And Tile Repair At Pinney Pool And To Authorize Budget Transfer**
Ponek

Mr. Matthews wanted a brief explanation and asked if we have a reliable contractor
Mr. Rose answered yes on the contractor and we are seeking funds on the defaulted contractor's bid bond

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Wiknich TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 07-58, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 07-55 AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DE FRENCHI POOL PLASTERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 FOR THE RE-PLASTERING AND TILE REPAIR AT PINNEY POOL AND TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER. Public heard. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent; Mayor Holloway and Council Member Carter absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. **A Public Hearing Obtaining Public Comment For The Consolidated Plan And The FY 08-09 Annual Action Plan For Community Development Programs And Resolution Recommending Modifications To The Existing Five Year Plan**
McRea

Public Servicers Director McRea gave the report

- Need to finalize the 50K being rolled over for the Boys and Girls Club
- We need to do it in 08-09
- And we need their plans

Council Member Clark asked Chief Avery his perspective on the 50K

- The Chief knows the board has plans for some things but does not know what they are

Public Hearing opened at 6:57 p.m. and hearing no public comments closed at 6:57 p.m.

Resolution No. 07- 59, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Five Year Consolidated Plan And Adopting The FY 08-09 Annual Action Plan For Community Development Programs

Moved by Council Member Wiknich, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 07- 59, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND

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ADOPTING THE FY 08-09 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes 2 absent; Mayor Holloway and Council Member Carter absent.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

10. Introduction And First Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code To Prohibit Vehicles With A Gross Vehicle Weight Rating In Excess Of 26,000 Pounds From Parking On Residential Streets Avery

Chief Avery gave the report

- There are significant changes from last presentation so this is again a first reading
- There was a special meeting of the City Organization and Services Committee to discuss this issue
- The weight for no parking on residential streets is now 26,000 pounds GVWR
- Vehicles will still be allowed to park when loading or unloading and while working such as cement trucks delivering and pouring a load
- The City Attorney has read the ordinance and approves it as to form

Council Member Clark asked if this supersede the 72 hour RV type parking in front of homes

The Chief stated it did not

Dave Matthews

- Seems like some of his questions have already been answered
- Is Sanders Street behind Home Depot considered residential
 - In that area of N. Sanders Street it is not residential
- Also questioned Las Flores Avenue between China Lake Boulevard and Norma Street
 - Chief Avery said it is residential
 - Chief Avery stated officers have been enforcing the no parking on Sanders and has it has been clear for about 3 weeks

Council Member Morgan asked if any damage has been noticed can the truckers be asked to be reimbursed the City for repairs -- the answer is yes

Council Member Clark asked if there will be signs for those unfamiliar with our community -- the answer is yes

Frank Nickelson

- Has been dealing with these trucks out of Trona for about 7 years
- He has various types of certifications as a trucker

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- These yellow trucks make three trips a day to Boron or Taft
- Some load up and come in and park in residential areas
- Some are local truckers who are saving gas by doing this
- Now some other truckers are seeing it and doing it too
- There is evidence that some hazardous materials haulers have damaged the pavement on Sanders Street near the school district office and other commercial areas
- Remembers as far back as 1980-81 having problems
- We are having this problem because ordinances have been modified many times and the signage has not been replaced
- It is a City government problem that needs to be corrected
- Don't like the trailers and the tractors parked all over the city on all kinds of streets
- Has provided photos and shown them to people in other cities
- They are about 60 feet long and cover more than an average residential lot frontage
- Cited some incidents and areas where trucks have parked and caused problems
- Citizens are responsible for curbs gutters and sidewalks and these trucks can do damage to them
- These conditions are not safe for anyone

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Wiknich TO WAIVE READING IN FULL, TO INTRODUCE AND ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING IN EXCESS OF 26,000 POUNDS FROM PARKING ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 3 ayes, 2 absent; Mayor Holloway and Council Member Carter absent.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

His thoughts are with all on Thanksgiving

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Not present

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Community Development Committee

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

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

Next meeting December 6

City Organization and Services Committee

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

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

Met November 8

- Discussed rules of Council and Decorum at public meetings
- Big rig parking ordinance update
- Discussed nuisance abatement services with PACT uses

Next meeting December 13

Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee

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

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

Next meeting November 29

Infrastructure Committee

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

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

Met November 13

- Discussed items from last Council meeting - left turn lane median at new Rite Aid development; roads initiative
- Discussed hiring consultant for engineering study on the roundabout - tabled until there is a project
- Updated the committee regarding the streets initiative and getting a consultant - committee against the consultant
- Update on CDBG Norma Street project funding
- Alley closure behind Mon's Furniture - Howell/Felspar area
- 4 way STOP request at Balsam and Argus
- Asked IT to work on putting a survey regarding the roads initiative on our web site
- Daily Independent has done one on who would support a tax increase which is premature

Next meeting December 11

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

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter

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Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center
Next meeting December 10

RACVB

Council Member Holloway

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

Met November 21

- SpringHill Suites, Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Roadway Inn are new RACVB members
- Executive Director Dough Lueck and Annie Hess invited to speak at Board of Realtors Installation dinner November 15 - subject was filming in area
- Mr. Lueck submitted RACVB Self Guided Petroglyph Tour Grant to Kern County Board of Trade November 1
- Grant decision should be out by end of January 2008
- Hosted the CTTC Desert Region Workshop November 1-2
- Mr. Lueck will attend Travel Media Showcase November 17 in Cabazon
- Will provide info to media regarding our community assets
- RACVB conducting research with Vision Net for upgrading the "visit deserts" and "film deserts" website
- Film Commissioner Lueck spent half a day November 20 with Richard Klotz, location scout of Dream Works Productions/Universal Studios for possible locations for major film production that may be filmed locally
- October filming
 - 14 days of filming generating \$545,000 of film revenue
 - Dancing Coyote - shooting philosophical film called "Dancing on a Dry Salt Lake" - 9 day at Trona Pinnacles, Poison Canyon and Trona/Wildrose Road
 - China Lake NAWC recruitment video - 3 days at various Ridgecrest locations
 - Jester Pictures Court TV Investigation Documentary - "Ballarat Bandit" - two days at Ballarat and Panamint Valley

Next meeting December 19

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Clark - Arts Council on November 28

Morgan - next Quad State meeting will be a teleconference on December 7

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Wiknich

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- Wants agenda item to discuss roads initiative at next council meeting December 5 and every meeting thereafter until measure is drafted for the ballot
- Bless our troops overseas
- Introduced his sister who was here for the holiday
- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone in

Morgan

- Be very careful on the roads during the holiday season
- Wished everyone travelling a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving

Clark

- Heard one of our Planning Commissioners throw her hat into the ring for running for Council
- He will not run again as he has been here 6 years and will be retiring from the schools next year
- Had opportunity to attend Jean Fuller fund raiser here in the city
- Encouraged all to support her as much we can
- League of California Cities magazine ran an article about success on ballot measures and bond issues
- It highly recommends consultants
- Ready to do whatever it takes to feel confident we pass the next ballot measure
- Youth Advisory Council kids showed up and participated in Town Hall meeting by Kern County and did an excellent job
- Wished his grandchildren a Happy Thanksgiving

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk