



**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 5, 2017
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, Council Members Daniel Clark and Ronald Carter

ABSENT: Mayor Marshall Holloway,

STAFF: Harvey Rose, City Manager; Rita Gable, City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Administrative Services Department Director/City Treasurer; Jim McRea, Public Services Department Director, Speers, Public Works Department Director; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works 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

CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

This item was removed from the agenda

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations Agency Surplus Property, 227 South Desert Candles St. APN # 080- 161-25-00. – Agency Negotiators Harvey Rose, Michael Avery

REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Scouts from BSA Troop 84

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

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CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No report - item removed from Closed Session

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

1. Youth Advisory Council

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Matthews

- Lovely weather today
- Commented about traffic circle or roundabout at Bowman Road and China Lake Boulevard
- His opinion is they are obsolete
- Maybe would save a traffic signal maybe but there would be costs in added real estate
- Costs real estate
- Maybe traffic accidents would increase through confusion
- It is still business Highway 395
- Large vehicles come through here
- Would be hard on big rigs going through here and would be hard on big rigs going through there
- Two traffic lanes through a traffic circle make it hard merging
- Would like to see Council take it off the table

David Glazer

- In past have directed hard criticism to Chief and Council
- Apologized for those statements
- Showed picture of intersection of Mayo and
- How can this "junkyard" exist within the city in a residential area
- Children catch school bus there and he believes it is an inappropriate health hazard
- Asked them to take action on this
- Cannot believe there is only one Code Enforcement Officer in the City
- Asked it be turned over to a committee to look in to the situation
- If too much work involved in the job volunteers could help with looking up records etc. to free up the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the code

CONSENT CALENDAR

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2. **Resolution No. 07-43, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Purchase Of Police Patrol Vehicles** Avery

3. **Resolution No. 07-44, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Sisterhood Agreement With The City Of Tepatitlán De Morelos Of The State Of Jalisco Of The United Mexican States** Poniek

Item removed

4. **Resolution No. 07- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Purchase Of Fleet Maintenance Vehicles** Speer

The City of Ridgecrest maintains a fleet of vehicles for various departments for maintenance and operations. The Wastewater, Parks and Recreation, and Engineering Departments are requesting authorization to purchase maintenance and operations vehicles.

5. **Resolution 07-45, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Payment To Econolite Control Products, Inc. For Replacement Of Detector Loops With Machine Vision Processors At Seven Signalized Intersections Within The City Of Ridgecrest In The Total Amount Of 166,145.97, Approving Change Order 1 In The Amount Of \$6,802.26 And To Authorize Recordation Of A Notice Of Completion** Pollock

6. **Resolution 07- 46, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Release Of Retention And Payment To Maverick Asphalt In The Amount Of \$40,796.86 And Any Interest Due Thereon** Speer

Item removed

7. **Resolution 07- . A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Of Ridgecrest To Accept The West 55 Feet Of The South 330 Feet Of The Southwest One-Quarter Of Section 32, T26s, R40e, M.D.B.M. As A Public Highway** Pollock

In January 1978 Parcel Map 3268 was recorded. As a condition of approval of said map the west 55 feet of the southwest one-quarter of Section 32, T26S, R40E, M.D.B.M. was dedicated to the County of Kern as an access easement by an instrument recorded in Book 5057, Page 1201 in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Kern. In May of 1989 the City of Ridgecrest annexed a large portion of this southwest one-quarter section including the south 330 feet of said section. As successor in interest to the County of Kern, the City of Ridgecrest acquired the County's interest in the access easement. The County of Kern is proposing to pave Brady Street from Ridgecrest Boulevard to Las Flores

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Avenue using federal funds. In order to do so all right of way must be owned by a public agency. The County of Kern is requesting that the City of Ridgecrest accept the west 55 feet of the south 330 feet of the southwest one-quarter of Section 32, T26S, R40E, M.D.B.M. as a public highway.

8. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of August 15, 2007** **Gable**
9. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 17, 2007 In The Amount Of \$196,352.98** **Winegardner**
10. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 17, 2007 In The Amount Of \$31,683.95** **Winegardner**
11. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 24, 2007 In The Amount Of \$7,502.71** **Winegardner**

Dave Matthews requested removal of items 4 and 7

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEMS 4 AND 7 REMOVED. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Mayor Holloway absent.

4. **Resolution No. 07-47, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Purchase Of Fleet Maintenance Vehicles** **Speer**

Mr. Matthews asked what fleet maintenance vehicles are

- City Manager Rose explained that the City maintains a fleet of vehicles for various departments for maintenance and operations. They are vehicles for Parks and Recreation, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Street Maintenance. In other words, service vehicles.

7. **Resolution 07-48, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Of Ridgecrest To Accept The West 55 Feet Of The South 330 Feet Of The Southwest One-Quarter Of Section 32, T26s, R40e, M.D.B.M. As A Public Highway** **Pollock**

- City Engineer Joe Pollock explained that Kern County received CMAC money to pave Brady Street from Ridgecrest Boulevard to Las Flores using federal funds and City is asked to accept 55 feet of the south 330 feet of the southwest one-quarter of Section 32, T26S, R40E, M.D.B.M. as a City street. This paving will provide a much needed third route between Ridgecrest Boulevard and Inyokern Road.

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Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Wiknich TO APPROVE ITEMS 4 AND 7 FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Mayor Holloway absent

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

12. Resolution No. 07-49, A Resolution of the Ridgecrest City Council Approving the Concept and Schedule of Bid Items for Art in the Medians
Ponek

This is a request from the Ridgecrest Arts Council through the Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee to approve the schedule of bid items and the concept of Art in the Medians.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Jim Ponek reported

- This has been to the Art Council and other committees and reviewed thoroughly
- Noted the two locations that have been selected for the art displays
- Drummond Avenue close to mesquite High School and S. China Lake Boulevard near Rader Avenue
- Noted that it was important that it should be a breakaway structure

Council comment

- Asked what will be done to keep it from becoming an attractive nuisance
 - A selection panel will judge what type of art will be installed then it will be reviewed by the Arts Council and then it will go to Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee and then to City staff and Police Department and finally to Council
- The time lines in the resolution were questioned with the thought that it did not allow enough time
 - The bid is going out now and if it is not enough time we can amend the resolution
- This was reviewed at last Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee and they made a few changes
- Agree it is a good thing

Ruth Cooper

- Strong advocate of art in public places
- Wants to see fine art in everyplace possible - but not in the medians
- Medians are wide open to drive by vandalism and graffiti
- Put it in more public areas not in the medians

Jim Heasier

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- Things in the median are distracting
- Even the white crosses in the medians such as on Drummond are distracting
- Your eyes tend to look to whatever is there and takes them off the road
- Even small things in the median tend to obscure oncoming traffic which needs to be seen
- Very distracting

Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Clark TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 07-49, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CONCEPT AND SCHEDULE OF BID ITEMS FOR ART IN THE MEDIANS. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent; Mayor Holloway absent.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Community Development Committee

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

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

Next meeting October 4

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 August 23

- Large turnout moved to chambers
- Profession lobbying efforts no proposals of any strength
- Discussed support of upcoming initiative no one coming forth to help
- Big rig parking ordinance discussed
- Couple of proposals brought forth – weight restriction and another to classify vehicles to restrict
- Public works Director Speers suggested a classification type operation
- Staff asked to rework with city entry signs delineating specific vehicles

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- Two potential areas for parking of big rigs to get them off streets
- Discussion on how PD enforced federal and state laws
- Discussed illegal immigration – draft ordinances from other cities were brought forth and staff is looking at them - to bring back
- Next meeting September 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

Hopes staff is very careful when it makes recommendations that the immigration issue is a federal problem

Met August 23

- Reviewed median art proposal
- Reviewed Sister City Agreement
- Looked at committee funding
- Looked
- Worked with DART for funding for an Alzheimer's conference and ok'd that
- Discussed Ridgecrest health center – on next agenda with the CEO
- Next meeting September 27

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 August 21

- Street repairs - where are we today and where at end of year
- Basically have made all so far
- Received raffia light update
- Discussed how funded and how proceeding - problem with Ward with funding with CalTRANS
- It is funded waiting for CalTRANS to sign off
- Maybe 3-6 months
- Discussion of WalMart EIR
- Bowman Road going through the area and the channel and bike path and how it goes through intersection
- Suggestions were a tunnel, an overpass, etc.
- Traffic circle or roundabout by suggested by Jim Fallgatter
- Asked staff to check traffic flow and how many can go around
- So still looking into it
- Bowman will be 4 lanes – hopefully from Sunland Street to Norma Street
- Lots of discussions with WalMart
- EIR was done by third party through the City that WalMart paid for it

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- Infrastructure improvements will be paid by WalMart
- Discussed Capital Improvement Plan by Public Works
- Talked about universal trash collection
- Concerned our 50% diversion rate
- Mayor will be in front of Waste Management Board regarding our diversion rate on Sept 10
- Looking at possibility of 3 bin sort of household trash
- Pothole patcher - 5 different versions of equipment
- Someone suggested adopt a pot hole
Next meeting September 11

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

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter

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

Next meeting September 10

RACVB

Council Member Holloway

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

Next meeting September 19

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- ❖ Clark Arts Council September 26 – looking at RFP opening October 11 - October 15-19 to look at the proposal - asked all artists to think about submitting a suggestion
- ❖ Wiknich - LAFCO now being televised in Kern County Supervisors Chambers - taped and rebroadcast

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Wiknich

- September 11 is coming
- Freedom park will be utilized by the field of flags for remembrance

Carter

- School in session a couple weeks now
- Kids are still near perfect
- He is busy in his office
- CHAMPS officer Miller has been on campus and the kids love him
- It is a great program
- Thanked everyone in the police department and at SSUSD

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Clark

- Shakespeare in The Park on Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.
- Western City magazine published by LCC spotlighted our Youth Advisory Council in about 5 pages
- Incredibly proud of our youth
- Talk to your youth about getting involved in this program
- It is good to have on resume that you work with this type group for college and work
- Teen Court - Supervisor McQuiston found about 70K donated to reestablish about 10 months funding
- Ridgecrest Bar Association really pushed this
- It is a juvenile justice program for 10-17 year olds who are judged by their peers
- Penalties are hours of community service
- SSUSD did very well in state standings
- Tough with the No Child Left Behind Program

Morgan

- Hope everyone had a restful Labor Day – he did
- September 16 Grandparents Days
- 1774 13 colonies were established by the First continental Congress
- First continental congress
- Immigration and sanctuary city goes against federal law and all funding gets stopped
- Looking into this

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk