



**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 17, 2011
5:30 p.m.**

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Pursuant To California Government Code 54953 (B) (1) An Additional Call In Location Has Been Established For A Council Member Who Will Attend This Meeting Via Teleconference At 20619

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ronald H. Carter; Mayor Pro-Tem Marshall 'Chip' Holloway; Vice Mayor Jerry D. Taylor; and Council Member Jason Patin

ABSENT: Council Member Steven P. Morgan

STAFF: Kurt Wilson City Manager; Rachel J. Ford, City Clerk; Keith Lemieux, City Attorney and other personnel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

- None presented

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

GC54956.9 (A) Conference With Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation; City Of Ridgecrest V. Benz Sanitation, Inc.

- GC54956.9 (B) Conference With Legal Counsel, Potential Litigation – Public Disclosure Of Potential Litigant Would Prejudice The City Of Ridgecrest

- GC54957.6 Labor Negotiations – United Food and Commercial Workers Local 8 (UFCW); Police Employee Association of Ridgecrest (PEAR); Mid-Management Group of Employees (MM); Confidential Group of Employees (CO); Management Group of Employees (MG) – Agency Negotiator City Manager Kurt Wilson

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

- Closed Session
 - Benz matter – received report – no action taken
 - Did not meet on other litigation matter.
 - Met on negotiations – received report – no action taken
- Other
 - Benz litigation matter – hearing last week, issue was attempt by Benz to get arbitrator to agree they had a right to continue trash service after September 2. Arbitrators order confirmed that service ends September 2.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mike Neel – regarding latest news regarding city providing documents. Gave timelines listed in newspaper articles. Statements regarding attorney fees and continued stalling by the City.

Mayor carter acknowledged the presence of Boy Scout Troop 838.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Memorandum Of Agreement With Sierra Sands Unified School District For Law Enforcement Services (School Resource Officer Program) Strand

2. Approve A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving The Final Balancing Change Order In Contract Price In The Amount Of \$500,351.89; And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Notice Of Completion; The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion; The Finance Director To Transfer Funds And City Staff To Release

Retention On The College Heights Boulevard Phase I South China Lake Boulevard To Dolphin Avenue Speer

3. Approve A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgcrest Approving The Final Balancing For Change Order For Contract Price In The Amount Of \$312,354.39; And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Notice Of Completion; The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion; And City Staff To Release Retention On The College Heights Boulevard Phase II Dolphin To Franklin Speer
4. Approve A Request For Authorization To Enter Into A Warranty Agreement For Pavement Repairs On College Heights Boulevard Phase I & II, Roadway Improvements Project With Bowman Asphalt, Inc And To Authorize The City Manager, To Sign The Agreement Speer
5. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council To Grant A Designated Period For Two Years Additional Service Credit (Golden Handshake) For The Eligible Local Miscellaneous Member Staheli
6. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Declaring And Certifying The Redevelopment Agency Enforceable Obligation Statement Staheli
7. Approve Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of July 20, 2011 Ford
8. Approve Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of August 3, 2011 Ford

Items pulled: 2, 3, 4, & 6

- Jerry Taylor – Asked if percentage listed on item 5 applied to all employees.
 - Tyrell Staheli - yes

Motion To Approve The Consent Calendar With Exception Of Items 2, 3 4, And 6 Was Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

Item 4 discussion:

- Jason Patin – Asked about the warranty for repairs to project?
 - Dennis Speer – responded this item is to award the remedial work done.
- Chip Holloway – asked if a 2 year warranty was enough?
 - Dennis Speer – confirmed that this warranty is in addition to normal requirements.
- Jason Patin – Asked if staff was comfortable that the integrity of street was ok?

- Dennis Speer – explained that there had been major issues along the joints and work has been done and the street is now in compliance.

Item 6 discussion

- Chip Holloway – Asked if the document for enforceable obligations is a full listing of all City obligations.
 - Tyrell Staheli – Stated the document lays out all enforceable obligations pursuant to AB 1x26 and lays out any obligations we have under contract. Due to state by august 28 and must stick to this for payments but may be amended.
 - Kurt Wilson – Added that the State is poised to take over and these are contractual obligations and must be paid. If state takes our money they have to leave this amount.

Motion To Approve Items 2, 3, 4, & 6 Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll-Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan).

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

9. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Designating Voting Delegate And Alternates For The League Of California Cities Annual Conference Wilson

- Kurt Wilson – gave staff report
- Ron Carter – recommend Chip as an officer of the league
- Marshall 'Chip' Holloway is selected as League of California Cities delegate, alternates to be Ron Carter and Jerry Taylor.

Public Comment – item 9

- None presented

Motion To Approve A Resolution Designating A Voting Delegate And Alternates For The League Of California Cities Annual Conference Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

10. Approve A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving The Proposed Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement And Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Transit Projects Speer

- Dennis Speer – gave staff report
- Chip Holloway – any match?
 - Dennis Speer – no match

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- Jerry Taylor – asked what is currently being done for transfer; where will the new transfer be located; if this proposal was only a concept subject to change; are there any environmental issues; if the garage building shown in the packet was the projected size and would it accommodate the new buses; what were the plans for the current garage structure and could it be used for Parks and Recreation equipment?
 - Dennis Speer – responded that with regard to the current transfer station there is an agreement with an Inyokern gas station but the new project proposed includes land acquisition as small as a single acre. With respect to the proposed garage building, the information provided in the packet was directly from a vendor and is an example of what the building would look like and would be large enough to house the larger buses for the deviated fixed route system. The current facility could be available for use by other departments or agencies.

- Chip Holloway – inquired if land could be leased rather than purchased and Dennis responded that a long-term lease may satisfy the requirements of the project but not clear on the details as yet. the State emphasis is to put together a list for funding with the highest priority going to regional issues.

- Jason Patin – expressed concern about building on leased land.

- Jerry Taylor – inquired if the transfer station would be ranked higher than the garage and Dennis stated that it had been implied by the State that projects benefiting the region would take precedence.

- Chip Holloway – asked if the current agreement cost us anything and Dennis reaffirmed that there would be no cost to the City.

- Jerry Taylor – Stated that he would like a motion indicating to the State that the garage would be ranked as first in order of importance

- Dennis Speer – assured Council that the following Wednesday each agency would present their projects to Kern COG. Starla Shaver, in order to complete application, contacted state and they agreed with Mr. Taylor having the garage was of major significance. Our buses provide passengers to multiple counties and the state representative sent an email that says the garage project if submitted to the state with a letter of support from Kern COG, would be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No member of the public presented comment.

Motion To Approve A Resolution Approving The Proposed Public Transportation Modernization Improvement And Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Transit

Projects Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

11. Approve A Minute Motion for Implementation Of Certain Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds Series 2010 (TAB) Projects Relating To The Old Town Enhancement Program By The Ridgcrest Redevelopment Agency/City Council/Financing Authority **McRea**

- Jim McRea – gave staff report.
- Jerry Taylor – committee has been working on this and appreciate this coming to council, short term support to jump start program.
- Jason Patin – from beginning this was designed to give them a head start and later they will stand on their own. Branding is the last piece of the OTAP plan before it is done. The committee will be disbanded after the plan is done.
- Jerry Taylor – important to close this out and get the downtown district going.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dave Matthews – want someone to explain the difference between minute motions.
 - Jim McRea – just a motion based on the minutes of the meeting authorizing the action.

Minute Motion To Approve Payment For The Old Town Banner Poles And Brackets And Implementation Of The Old Town Wednesday Market As A City Event For 2011 Made By Council Member Holloway , Second By Council Member Patin . Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

12. Minute Motion Acknowledging A Site Plan Review (SPR 11-03) And Accepting An Appeal Of Approval By The Planning Commission By Resolution 11-09, And Scheduling A Public Hearing Thereon. SPR 11-03 Is An Application To Construct A New Office Building At The SW Corner Of N. China Lake Blvd. And Felspar Ave., APN 067-040-06 **McRea**

- Jim McRea – gave staff report recapping planning commission actions.
- Jason Patin – statement is in favor of moving forward with recommendation to hear the appeal. Serious issues with planning commission decision.
- Jerry Taylor – need to look at taking this to appeal, need to fix the regulations that tied the planning commission hands, direction to staff.
- Ron Carter – appeal set for next regular council meeting.

Minute Motion Acknowledging A Site Plan Review (SPR 11-03) And Accepting An Appeal Of Planning Commission Approval Resolution 11-09 And Scheduling A Public Hearing For The Appeal Made By Council Member Taylor, Second By Council Member Holloway Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

13. Approve A Resolution Of the Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing A Declaration of Support for the California Partnership for the Eastern Sierra Regional Broadband Consortium Holloway

- Chip Holloway – gave staff report outlining the potential funding for digital 395 projects.
- Jason Patin – encouraged support of the partnership.

Motion To Approve A Resolution Authorizing A Declaration Of Support For The California Partnership For The Eastern Sierra Regional Broadband Consortium Made By Council Member Holloway , Second By Council Member Patin . Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

14. Discussion And Presentation To Council With Regards To Federal Lobbyist Holloway/Patin

- Chip Holloway – made aware of a consortium in the community exploring the idea of a federal lobbyist. One lobbyist agreed to give a presentation to council. This is one cog that could potentially help us achieve our goals.
- Ron Carter – support concept of lobbyist but want a needs assessment and RFP but don't feel we should give any agency an advantage by allowing a presentation.
- Chip Holloway – don't think this is giving anyone an advantage, if we do an RFP then everyone will be given the opportunity to present to council.
- Jason Patin – not moving forward to make a decision, want to find out what the opportunities are and this agency is willing to give a presentation of what can be.
- Ron Carter – will allow the presentation to proceed but not in agreement with presentation.
- Jerry Taylor – understand the concerns. Ask again in the future things be more forthcoming.
- John Boylan and Steve McGinnis – gave PowerPoint presentation.
- Mayor Carter – how can we help local business and generate revenue for economy
- John Boylan – we do a lot of community involvement with education and hospitals and local businesses. Lots of opportunities available
- Ron Carter – what can you do for local businesses
- John Boylan – transportation and roads, jobs, infrastructure, all help the community
- Ron Carter – trying to generate revenue from federal government because base is large and doesn't generate property tax.
- John Boylan – recent base in another community gave property back on tax rolls for schools and other community agencies.
- Chip Holloway – we have a need that requires a champagne budget and ours is participating in the 12 step program right now. Ballpark investment?

- John Boylan – 2 year investment would typically begin producing results. One client is state of Mississippi, each year our fee has been approved because of the worthwhile efforts. Opportunities out there and lobbyists help find them and get them. Also transparency in how much each agency is paying for lobbyist, all on the web.
- Chip Holloway – is no excess money in the federal budget.
- John Boylan – have to have someone who knows where the money is and who has strong congressional connections. Also involves creative programs and approaching the military directly.
- Chip Holloway – if we go down this road, am curious whose call would get answered first?
- John Boylan – have a team that will all work to answer all calls. Key issue when interviewing federal lobbyists for conflict of interest.
- Jason Patin – a lobbyist would help us determine our true needs and get them to an achievable strategy.
- John Boylan – our teams looks at the general plan and determines the achievable goals and then coordinates with staff so the request will be acceptable. We have understanding where there is money, what is available, and what might be possible for your organization.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 14

- Renee Westalusk – ballpark cost
- John Boylan – RFP process potential it isn't appropriate to give costs right now, based on the RFP requirements and scope of work. Fees are available at other firms on website.
- Speaker – economic development affects everyone in the community. Creating strong local economy important and chamber and other local business are here to help.
- Ron Carter – been discussing how to do a needs assessment, are we still looking at doing that.
- Speaker – absolutely
- Jason Patin – good place to start is the strategic planning session outcome.
- Mick Gleeson – had opportunities to go to DC, some navy communities do better than others and we are not a strong player in how we participate in decisions made by the navy. We have gap in how we can influence decisions. Need to be at the table when the decisions are made back east. Difficult for us to compete and lobbyist could help. This community has sacrificed as much or more for the benefit of the navy and we are not competing for a fair share of the pie. Asking we learn to compete in a fair way which lobbyist offer us that service. Visited this agencies office, close to white house and company is credible. We need to find a solution quickly.
- Jay Chun – question lobbyist, in-house capability but if we want something outside those do you have the ability to provide?

- John Boylan – absolutely, we look at the capabilities needed and then provide them in multiple areas. we can put together a team to get the best results for our clients.
- Barbara Auld – been knocking on doors for over a year and glad to see this type of access being discussed. Thanked Chip and Jason for bringing this up. Been trying to get everyone's attention and glad to see that we are finally looking at something that can help us work to improve the local economy. Glad everybody is getting aboard. Do it.
- Gary Charlon – don't take forever to come up with the right idea, this may not be it, there may be others it is time to get things going and take action. Do something, look at this and other options now, not 6 months or a year.
- Howard Auld – Barbara and I have been trying to do this for about 3 years. Needs assessment necessary, city has all the symptoms of a dying city, like to hear the strategy of 'where's the money'. A lot of money out there just needs to find it. Latest action item is to find a public/private partnership which may give us the ability to get the money needed for Ridgecrest.
- Mike Neel – agreed with initial assessment of presentation. Would like to ask council what results did we get from last lobbyist hired out of Sacramento? Quoted Mr. Milas as lobbyist being part of the problem, think about the real numbers we face right now and the allocations of funny money being printed like drunken men. Will overinflate the economy. We lost out on BRAC, how many people moved here of the over 2000 allocated positions. We are going to go toe-to-toe with PACS and Pt. Magu? Who is going to pay for this and who is going to get the money. Citizens have to clean the medians yet we are going to pay money for a lobbyist without real expectations. Get back to basics and do what you can with what you have. Playing games with funny money, just work within our budget.
- Speaker - many people worked hard to get BRAC, many hours spent. Since then we lost the empire challenge because larger cities combined with governmental city worked with their governors to take that from us. We need that power. We did not get Indian head because others hired people to work with them. Many agencies work to get businesses away from us because we are little. Need to support a strong lobbying position with stakeholders.
- Mike Lemming – know about challenges, see many positive things happen then we regress, need to think outside the box and this is a positive step. There are other avenues we also need to explore. We used to be the 2nd largest city and are now dropping, need to change that. We love this city and have a lot of great people here and need to do what we can to bring more business to town. Willing to support these positive steps.
- Barbara Auld – agree with Cathy, worked with BRAC in '93 and '95 then others took it up from '95 to 2005. Lobbying worked effectively then, but the fallout isn't happening because we have not brought forth the continued efforts. This city did the China Lake Alliance and it was effective, but weren't loud enough to keep what we were awarded. Speaking for future generations,

- Stewart Brille – worked on air pollution control district. Took 5 to 10 years for Ridgecrest to submit any proposals and during this time Tehachapi was receiving funds.
- Jack Noyer – talked about the art of the possible. How do we relocate the Mojave ground squirrel? Think we need to pursue lobbyist alternative, council members are very articulate but can't go to Washington to do everything needed. Need to do an RFP but need to get someone good soon or we will be looking like a ghost town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Ron Carter – do support lobbyist and their efforts, thank the agency for coming tonight.
- Chip Holloway – much like the median cleanup created energy in this community, this effort has created energy. There is nothing that can bring one new dollar into this community that we should not investigate. Strategic planning session we agreed to look at all areas we can to bring economy into our community. You get what you pay for. Thanked everyone for attending. Stay engaged and keep the council committed. Need to look at all angles and come together as a group and move some direction. Didn't benefit from BRAC because we disengaged after the report came out. We need to act as if a BRAC was coming every moment. Thanked the presenters.
- Jason Patin – I believe we are moving forward. This is one lobbyist, one meeting to introduce the idea. One small step. Council members explore options daily and the public doesn't see it.
- Jerry Taylor – significant challenges here, challenges I see are vacant homes and efforts to raise money without earmarks. Questions of how to do these things in a positive way with a positive impact for our community. Get the biggest bang for the buck.
- Ron Carter – thanked council for bringing this forward, public needs to stay engaged and give their input. Important that you came here tonight. It will be up to the community to keep the focus and energy going.

10 minute break

15. Approval Of An Interim Solid Waste And Recycling Franchise

Wilson

- Kurt Wilson – gave PowerPoint presentation (*on file in the City Clerk's office*) and staff report, thanked city staff for their assistance with this process, especially city attorney and consultant from HF&H. Recapped interim franchise ordinance provisions including length of no more than 120 days. Current hauler agreement expires prior to midnight of September 2 and there is a need to have an interim hauler in place to cover the needs of the community during the process of contracting a new franchise. 10-day public notice to be published and anticipate a permanent hauler by September 7. Had good conversations with the current hauler in efforts to retain them as the interim but were unable to reach an

agreement. Explained the process taken in obtaining a permanent hauler which incorporated the interim hauler. Most documentation presented includes the long-term hauler. Outlined services that will be presented for citizens that were expressed by the citizens during various meetings prior to beginning discussions with potential haulers. Thanked the citizen evaluation panel who worked diligently to review the proposals

- Robert Hilton – described the proposals from each of the five bidders and gave overall information about each company and what each offered in commercial and residential services. Late developments offered by 3 companies is a variety of different service options for residential. Reviewed exceptions that each agency had for the contract and other options offered outside the contract at no additional charge. Rates offered by each agency were reviewed.
- Kurt Wilson – summarized the presentation. Capable haulers, substantial increase in service, substantial decrease in price.
- Rob Hilton – reviewed the interim franchise process.
- Keith Lemieux – clarified that discussion have been for permanent franchise, tonight's discussion is to focus on the interim franchise only. One proposed franchisee insisted on mandatory trash, to make it clear it is our intent to revise portions of the municipal code before issuing the permanent franchise but won't happen before the interim franchise is necessary. One revision is to make residential trash a voluntary system. Terms for interim does not include all of these functions however would be included in the permanent franchise at the same rate. Roll-out for the bins will be discussed later. Council to decide on interim franchise tonight and resolutions are available for public to see.
- Rob Hilton – gave overview of how companies typically will respond for a quick roll-out and routes at an emergency rate. In this situation there are options where that is not a requirement. Each of the two companies being considered will be given 10 minutes to discuss their options.
- Kurt Wilson – staff has made some assumptions based on the evaluation and council has the right to move in whatever direction they choose.
- Waste Management – gave PowerPoint presentation of their company. *(copy on file in the City Clerk's office)*
- Sunset Waste Systems – gave PowerPoint presentation of their company. *(copy on file in the City Clerk's office)*

COUNCIL COMMENTS – ITEM 15

- Jerry Taylor – column for pricing structure titled alternate
- Rob Hilton – responded, alternate was feedback for good ideas and the other was the RFP baseline

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 15

- Renee Westalusk – asked how trash and recyclables be handled
 - Waste Management – solid waste will utilize local landfill, recyclables will go to facility in Lancaster and processed elsewhere. Long-term, if

- selected, is to take directly to sun valley facility that can process larger quantity.
- Sunset Waste Systems – local landfill via a local transfer facility that will be developed to sort recyclables then take to Fresno for processing.
- Dave Matthews – need clear picture of September logistics for conversion. Service with Benz would terminate on Friday, will I have a container the previous week to use for early week pickup? Gap in transition.
 - Kurt Wilson – overlap or gap between current and proposed hauler? Yes, there will be a gap because the current agreement with Benz will expire and then a new agreement would go into effect the next day. Staff is working to expedite the change so are looking at options such as staging during the short gap.
- Renee Westalusk – annually takes yard debris to landfill. Will I still have the privilege or does everything have to go into the bins.
 - Rob Hilton – thru agreement and municipal code, there is no prohibition for any party to self-haul their waste to another facility. It is your waste until deposited into a container.
- Renee Westalusk – notification of pickup date for residential?
 - Rob Hilton – both presenters have agreed to maintain the current service days.
- Renee Westalusk – same day pickup for recyclable and trash?
 - Rob Hilton – same day however recyclable is by-weekly
- Speaker – what happens to waste that is in recyclables?
 - Rob Hilton – disposal is the responsibility of the hauler
- Jeremy Lower – waste management employee and community resident. Look forward to opportunity to service this community. Interim transition, bound to be hiccups and company strives to take care of customer service.
- Tom Wiknich – will city drop off areas at corp. yard and landfill be continued?
 - Rob Hilton – both will operate a drop-off but locations may change.
- Tom Wiknich – county agreement?
 - Kurt Wilson – have an agreement with county and sole decision of council.
- Barbara Auld – how long is estimated gap and will we continue to have 2 carts?
 - Rob Hilton – anticipated containers delivered by September 5. Both companies have agreed to do an extensive outreach with the community and get input from the citizens on individual needs.
- Howard Auld – I don't understand everything presented here but do understand that this evening's decision is the 4 month period between Benz and the long-range franchise. Whoever is awarded the contract this evening, they are taking a real risk. Is city responsible for costs incurred for bringing all this here if they are not awarded the long-term contract?
 - Kurt Wilson – is a substantial risk and the price is higher because of the risk, both haulers have discussed the risk and are willing to take it on. City not liable for those costs.
 - Rob Hilton – difference in the contracts, sunset is taking all the risk and Waste Management offers equipment and customer list purchase option for city or long-term franchisee.

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- Howard Auld – huge logistic operation. Don't understand how it can be done. Mentioned rental properties. Admire anyone able to do this in that short amount of time.
- Stan Rajtora – liability discussed, do we know a dollar value of what these companies are taking on?
 - Rob Hilton – waste management proposed cost of cart and bins is 1.3 million dollars. Capped liability to city for acquisition of customer data at \$100,000. Investment would continue to benefit citizens because assets would remain deployed in the field.
 - Kurt Wilson – that is a cost that would be likely taken on by the permanent franchisee.
- Susan Morgan – supports waste management, is familiar with their services in other communities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – ITEM 15

- Jason Patin – two very viable companies. Liked aspects presented by both companies. Is concerned with how long the transition will take for the citizens and both companies will be in our sights for the long-term. Ready to make a decision tonight for short-term.
- Chip Holloway – interim rate question?
 - Kurt Wilson – normally the rate for interim would be significantly higher but have reached this rate for both short and long term.
- Chip Holloway – tenant v. landlord situation?
 - Kurt Wilson – what is proposed is because we are still honoring the subscription service for short-term. Bound by municipal code until it is changed.
- Chip Holloway – on the interim basis what level of service will be available?
 - Waste Management – for residential we will consider the 96 gallon and recycling would be optional. Commercial will be maintained initially. Recycling will be by-weekly.
 - Sunset Waste Systems – residential would be provided plastic liners and collection at the street, no recycling during interim. Commercial would be at the same level of service. Long-term program would include all options offered.
- Chip Holloway – will long-term be required to purchase the carts?
 - Rob Hilton – have not concluded long-term negotiations.
- Chip Holloway – roll-out discussion and customer list. On September 2 a residents cart gets picked up do they have to call to get a new one or will they assume everyone has a cart.
 - Rob Hilton – opt-outs would be skipped and all others would receive a cart. Determinations for others would be made later.
- Chip Holloway – vacation hold? Did all agencies offer this?
 - Rob Hilton – not available during interim and if council adopts a subscription system then would not be necessary.

- Chip Holloway – a tremendous risk taking interim and hoping to get the long-term. Have to have an impeccable roll-out and any mistakes must be taken care of immediately.
- Jerry Taylor – do not take this lightly and is not easy to undertake. This is officially not a long-term contract but in many ways is making that decision tonight. In my mind we are making that decision. At this point we need to move forward, based on price, quality of service, and we can have carts rolled out in week one am willing to make a decision this evening.

Motioned To Move Forward With Interim Franchise Agreement With Waste Management And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Agreement Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Taylor. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

ORDINANCES

16. Second Reading And Adoption, Ordinance 11-03, An Ordinance Of The City Of Ridgecrest Electing To Comply With And Participate In The Alternative Voluntary Redevelopment Program Contained In Part 1.9 Of Division 24 Of The California Health And Safety Code **Lemieux**

- Keith Lemieux – gave staff report and latest developments pertaining to redevelopment assembly bill 1x26 and 1x27.
- Jason Patin – under current situation of moving forward, is the 20% housing set-aside frozen?
 - Jim McRea – yes, no new contracts in any form.
- Jerry Taylor – made motion

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None presented

Motion To Waive Reading In Full And To Adopt By Title Only As An Urgency Ordinance, Ordinance No. 11-03, An Ordinance Of The City Of Ridgecrest Electing To Comply With And Participate In The Alternative Voluntary Redevelopment Program Contained In Part 1.9 Of Division 24 Of The California Health And Safety Code Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

Requires A Second

Motion To Adopt, By Title Only An Urgency Ordinance, Ordinance No. 11-03, An Ordinance Of The City Of Ridgecrest Electing To Comply With And Participate In The Alternative Voluntary Redevelopment Program Contained In Part 1.9 Of Division 24 Of The California Health And Safety Code Made By Council Member Holloway,

Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Morgan)

Requires A Second

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Anna Marie Bergen's – referred to the take pride in Ridgecrest motto adopted for city birthday. Encouraged city council to take pride in Ridgecrest for our 50th birthday.
- Tom Wiknich – flag presented to city with that motto was presented by Anna Marie during her time on the council.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor, Craig Porter, James Sanders
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: September 14, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – did not meet due to lack of quorum

Quality of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin, Craig Porter, Carter Pope
Meetings: 1st Thursday of every even month at 12:00 p.m.; Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: September 1, 2011

- Chip Holloway – august 30 and 31 from 12pm-2pm

City Organization

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Lois Beres, Christopher LeCornu
Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room
Next meeting: September 20, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – did not meet.

Community Development Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jason Patin, Christopher LeCornu, James Sanders
Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: September 1, 2011

- Jason Patin – met and discussed two topics, housing set-aside has been tabled and Mr. Morgan wants to educate local builders. May reschedule the September meeting.

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

Members: Ron Carter, Chip Holloway, Ron Strand
Meetings: 2nd Monday of odd numbered months at 6:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: September 12, 2011

- Ron Carter – announced next meeting date

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin
Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m.
Next meeting: September 7, 2011 and location to be announced

- Chip Holloway – announced next meeting date

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- none

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

- Kurt Wilson – pleased to pass this trash milestone and thanked city staff in every department who has worked with this. Staff has taken a beating both at front counters and telephone. Special thanks to city attorney and HF & H consultants. Next meeting may be able to present a public hearing for long-term franchise and first reading of an ordinance.

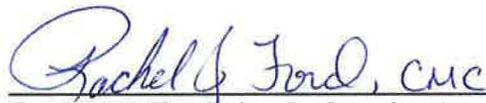
MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Ron Carter – thanked community members who came forward to discuss the lobbyist. Keep coming forward and making your comments.
- Jerry Taylor – thanked the public for coming out last weekend to help with medians.
- Jason Patin – all for as many short-term meetings necessary to get the long-term hauler selected. Lobbyist comments made good points, I was elected to bring ideas to increase revenues in this community and feel this is a good start. I want to move the pots of money from Washington to Ridgecrest instead of to other cities. The presence of the base in our community brings options to Ridgecrest. Thanks to the citizen evaluation panel who reviewed the proposals, these gentlemen did a tremendous job for our community. Would like to set up some

joint use meetings with other agencies in the city. School going back in session so watch out for the students.

- Chip Holloway – for Regina, Kennedy, Regan, and Ma and you were not welcomed in a nice way to this community during this trash thing yet you continued to work for our community. Keith was also beaten up during this process and want to thank you and Keith for the outstanding work you have done. I know you are a family man and have had to put your family back with the number of hours you have put into this issue. Staff has also suffered and they deserve a lot of credit for getting us back to this point. Cal Recycles also deserves credit for working with us in this process. The proposals on the disk that I received were so large that I really appreciated having a citizen panel to review them. Thanks to everyone who participated in the median cleanup, excited in the proposal waste management has included. With school starting, there is a large issue at the front gate of the base, please have your badge out and ready. Also no sneaking thru the turn lanes or you will be ticketed. Thanked everyone who came to give comments on the federal lobbyist. I'm more concerned with what we have missed by not having a lobbyist than what we did get. Military banners look great. John Hirschman of Springhill suites found a nugget of a loophole regarding per diem and Kevin McCarthy's office is now working on it. We are following thru and hopefully this will increase our TOT revenues by 20%.
- Ron Carter – asked community to thank Kurt and Keith for their outstanding efforts.

ADJOURNMENT at 10:00 pm


Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk

