



**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**

**February 2, 2011
5:30 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 for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

Pursuant to GC54953(b) Council Member Marshall 'Chip' Holloway Will Be Attending The Meeting By Teleconference At The Residence Inn at Capital Park in Sacramento. The location address is 1501 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. This agenda has been duly posted at this location 72 hours prior to the meeting date and time and will be open to the public.

CALL TO ORDER at 5:30pm

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Carter, Council Members Jerry Taylor, Steven Morgan, Jason Patin,

Council Appearing Remotely: Council Member Marshall 'Chip' Holloway

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Chief of Police Ronald Strand, City Clerk Rachel J. Ford, City Attorney Steven O'Neill (via teleconference), and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

GC54956.9 (A) Conference with Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation – City of Ridgecrest v. Benz Sanitation Inc.

GC54956.8 Redevelopment Agency Real Property negotiations – Real property located adjacent to the KMYSC complex of approx. 13.48 acres. It is bounded to the west by unimproved Inyo St., and to the south by 50 percent improved Church Ave.

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The property owner, Mr. John Landry, a portion of APN 508-002-10. Agency negotiators Kurt Wilson and James McRea

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

- Bill Folden – most of you know who I am and why I'm here, last pitch for this ball field complex and acquiring the land. We need the land, would like to recall council member Morgan's memory around 1980 parks committee member. If I walked him thru the complex today the same would be said, hasn't improved at all. Programs that use the facility have outgrown the complex; thought was resolved when given direction for staff to make it happen. Now we have ability to make things happens as a council and as a volunteer who has spent numerous years out there, we have opportunity to show we still care about kids and about parents who want to come out and mentor the kids. Avenue to help them mature and become well adjusted adults. You have ability to make this happen. Getting a good deal, understand this. Time to step up and make this happen. Value of the land is more than what is being asked for. Hope you keep in mind that with all the disparity in California and Ridgecrest, we need to step up and demonstrate to everyone we can make good sound decisions. Believe this complex can become self sufficient in the future, believe the lord has put me on the path to encourage you to do the right thing to benefit our community. Would like to take you back in 20 years and be able to say we've done something for our kids. This is a must do thing. Thank you.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation – Rev. Riddick

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

- Closed Session
 - Met to discuss Benz, received report from attorney, no action taken
 - Met to discuss property negotiation, received report from agency negotiator McRea, no action taken
- Other
 - Item expected on agenda but not on because in course of preparing resolutions regarding term limits, realized this initiative amended the same section as Vice-Mayor. Rule is cannot amend same section while initiative is pending, advised city to hold off on revising the position until election is held on the initiatives.
 - Jerry Taylor – isn't this actually the term limits.
 - Keith Lemieux – term limits amends language in same section
 - Jerry Taylor – further changes if this passes would have to be revised by initiative.
 - Keith Lemieux – would have to look at that but appears to be correct. Is possible we would not be able to revise the section except by initiative

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Opened at 6:21pm
- Closed at 6:23pm with no comments made.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. Council Committee Appointments

Carter

- Mayor Carter nominated Larry Lewis for personnel commission. No objections.

2. Approve 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, June 7, 2011

Ford

- Council Member Taylor – how much does this cost?
 - Rachel Ford – Standard fee for election consolidation is approximately \$10,000 which city is obligated for regardless of whether we have any items on the ballot. There is an additional fee of approximately \$10,000 for the first item placed on the ballot by the City and a nominal fee for additional items.

Motion To Approve 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, June 7, 2011 Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.

3. Approve A Resolution Of The City Council Of City Of Ridgecrest Calling For A Municipal Election To Consider The Direct Election Of A Mayor And Ordering Consolidation Of The Election With Simultaneously Held Elections

Ford

- Dave Matthews – this is only asking the question of whether the election will take place, does not say what the mechanics of that will be.
 - Keith Lemieux – actual language is controlled by statute
- Ron Porter – have a problem with mayor initiative because do not believe is an appropriate ballot initiative, assigns task to council that isn't covered by statute. Does not meet the requirements of an initiative
 - Keith Lemieux – understand the comment, this is unusual as there is a specific statute in the government code.
 - Ron Porter – if council chooses to take action themselves doesn't spell out if citizen wants to do this.
 - Keith Lemieux – either case has to be done by election

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- Ron Porter – not an appropriate initiative for election. Would request you look into it closer because not an appropriate action for council. Initiative can only be used to change an ordinance.
- Jerry Taylor – going back to the public comments, only really one way you can elect the mayor based on statute.
- Keith Lemieux – says either the council or public thru initiative may seek to do so thru an election. Then statute outlines how to do the process. This is the form spelled out by the statute.
- Jerry Taylor – if this passes, we would come back and put process in place.
- Keith Lemieux – correct

Motion To Approve A Resolution Of The City Council Of City Of Ridgecrest Calling For A Municipal Election To Consider The Direct Election Of A Mayor And Ordering Consolidation Of The Election With Simultaneously Held Elections, Made By Council Member Holloway, Second, Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent

4. Approve A Resolution Of The City Council Of City Of Ridgecrest Calling For A Municipal Election To Set Term Limits For City Council Members And Mayor And Ordering Consolidation Of The Election With Simultaneously Held Elections Ford

- Keith Lemieux – recommended amending to add section 4 as argument language
- Steve Morgan – strike my name from the mayor section.

Motion To Approve As Amended A Resolution Of The City Council Of City Of Ridgecrest Calling For A Municipal Election To Set Term Limits For City Council Members And Mayor And Ordering Consolidation Of The Election With Simultaneously Held Elections was Made By Council Member Taylor, Second By Council Member Patin, Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)

5. Approve A Resolution Awarding Construction Bid For Upjohn And Bowman Bike Paths To Granite Construction Speer

- Dennis Speer – gave staff report
- Jerry Taylor – appreciate this coming before council, this project will widen Upjohn and by completing these project we will be able to go back and get more funding from Kern COG.
- Jason Patin – one question is about the over budget, what caused this?
 - Dennis Speer – difference is from engineer estimate two years ago and what the bids came in at. Did not take into account the Upjohn

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structural sections and thickness that will be required. More product and labor.

- Jerry Taylor – biggest frustration is how long it has taken for this to get here.
- Steve Morgan – agree Kern COG is waiting for these projects to be completed but want to state this is another 'colors of funds' we apply for whatever funds are available. Depending on where we are the in list as to what funding we get and when. If we don't use this funding we lose it, can't be moved to other projects.
- Jerry Taylor – correct, we tried to change the scope of the project to keep within budget but hands were tied.
- Dave Matthews – objection is to the bidder. Granite is a statewide construction company and has seen their projects and they did not handle traffic very well and they bring in their own employees. Would like to see local bidders get extra points to keep funds in town.
 - Jerry Taylor – Los Angeles has given local bidders credits and we have thought about doing this.

Motion To Approve A Resolution Awarding Construction Bid For Upjohn And Bowman Bike Paths To Granite Construction Made By Council Member Taylor , Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)

6. Approve A Resolution In Opposition To The Administration's Proposal To Abolish Redevelopment Agencies In California **Strand**

- Ron Strand – gave staff report
- Jerry Taylor – very supportive of this, fought hard for Prop 22 and am frustrated. Passed in November last year and yet here we are talking about it again after we have tried to protect it.
- Jason Patin – supportive of this, redevelopment funding for small cities like ours boosts economics and creates jobs. Urge anyone who doesn't understand how these funds are used; please contact staff before putting things out to public. This is a positive thing that may be taken away.
- Steve Morgan – a lot of disagreement about the effect of redevelopment. One confusing thing is the fund comes from tax increment, your dollars that you pay. Baseline is set and anything developed about that baseline is ours. Without it, the money goes to county and state, however if you have a redevelopment agency you get to keep that money in your community and it gives local government huge resource to make a better community for everyone. Governor wants to close the door in the belief

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this will create a windfall for the state to pay their bills. We are going to prove to you this is a false statement, the governor is wrong, may be a short increase but the long term effect is less development and less jobs which will increase the shortfall in the state and local communities. As we go thru this and continue to make our case to you, analysts have already begun projecting this shortfall. Some people don't like redevelopment but I am not willing to take that tool away from us without a fight.

- Jerry Taylor – governor brown is currently staying and renting redevelopment property
- Christina Witt – this is a topic outside of trash, when listening to governors address, he was going to allow the RDA to pay back what is currently out, how will that affect the 25 million in bond money
 - Steve Morgan – governor is going to try and stop all projects
 - Christina Witt – so he may take the 25 million away, will that stop the projects right now
 - Ron Carter – we will continue with the projects
 - Jerry Taylor – will be holding a projects workshop next month
- Dave Matthews – I don't have habit of listening to governor's address, too upsetting. Don't understand how he is going to do away with RDA, if as governor himself doesn't believe he has the authority. If thru legislature, believe it has to be done by ballot measure.
- Jim Sanders – no fan of Governor Brown and agree with RDA funds to eliminate blight. Have a hard time with this because there are times that RDA funds are used in other areas rather than eliminating blight. Think there are mistakes on the resolution, governor's proposal states the projects will be allowed to finish out.
 - Jerry Taylor – don't have the specifics of what he is going to do. Proposals for low income housing but no money to do them.
 - Ron Carter – at this point don't know what is going to happen, laws that counter what the governor is trying to do, want to be proactive and stop him from taking our money.
 - Jim Sanders – last page talks about shutting down violates federal constitution, how is that?
 - Ron Carter – all in the talking stage but want to tell people now not to take our money from us.
 - Jim Sanders – in my opinion seems there is a lot of misuse of public funds in redevelopment, could accomplish eliminating blight in other ways, kind of support the governor's proposal
- Ron Porter – support what you are doing and have a few suggestions. First understanding is RDA are funds that are taken out of various pots and then come back in another fashion. In future give money direct to city and let the city's choose how to spend, city charters could reflect this. A

concern about this RDA arena is governor is going to steal tax dollars. Taking from one pocket and putting in his. Think the money has to come to the local and let them determine how to spend the money rather than telling local how to spend it.

- Ron Carter – any other statements?
- Ron Porter – need to be prepared, he's really trying to take it all.
- Jerry Taylor – examples of prisons local control, you have to decide who to let go because you now don't have the money to keep them. Frustrated because we had the tool to do infrastructure projects to meet environmental impact and road improvements to bring Wal-Mart to Ridgecrest. Look forward to a significant number of projects to vote on relative to infrastructure, without redevelopment the funds will go to state and county.
- Jason Patin – one point from Mr. Porter, if eliminate RDA we still have requirements for projects like low income housing but won't have the money. Requirement will stay.

Motion To Approve A Resolution In Opposition To The Administration's Proposal To Abolish Redevelopment Agencies In California Made By Council Member Taylor, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.

7. Approve A Resolution Acknowledging The Benefits, Encouraging The Use, And Endorsing The Process Of Vehicle Leasing Where Appropriate And Cost Effective To Meet The Vehicle Needs Of The City **Strand**

- Ron Strand – gave staff report
- Jason Patin – open to the idea, way this is worded is city manager doesn't need approval but is asking blessing. Would like to know the parameters and what the savings really would be. Hard to support if don't have numbers to back up.
 - Ron Strand – numbers would be part of the budget discussions
- Ron Carter – as he works on budget is finding that there may be some cost savings.
- Jerry Taylor – why presented in the form of resolution
 - Ron Strand – wanting your blessing to move forward, police has submitted a package that would allow us to provide three detective vehicles rather than purchase one
- Ron Carter – wanting our concurrence to move forward since this is a change in past practice.

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- Jason Patin – in favor of any program that replaces dying vehicles and get rid of a lot of older vehicles with major expenditures. Want to make sure numbers are in line
- Jerry Taylor – final section does not show the need to provide the costs, don't want it to be held against me when I ask for the numbers.
- Jason Patin – I agree

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No member of the public spoke.

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8. Approve A Resolution Amending Section 8C Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Manager At-Will Employment Agreement For Professional Services Dated June 8, 2010 **Strand**

- Ron Strand – gave staff report
- Steve Morgan – city has approximately two pool cars. I believe a lot of the travel currently engaged in is short term and believe purchasing a vehicle is ludicrous. Since I use a portion of my council pay to purchase gas, I would expect city manager to do the same.
- Jerry Taylor – various meeting in Lancaster, Benz and Sacramento. Have a real concern with the current pool vehicles. Look forward to budget discussions involving pool vehicles. Believe cost effective solutions should be explored, don't see justification and numbers here and request item be brought back to council.
- Jason Patin – suggest giving a vehicle for however he sees fit, doesn't mention restrictions to city business or a cap of spending.
- Ron Carter – felt it was his duty to bring to council that it is costing city more the way the contract is currently written, would be saving city money. I would prefer we let this die and get into later discussion.
- Jerry Taylor – agree, in reading the contract we only pay for mileage and this should be changed, but this is open ended. Not saying no, just needs returned at next meeting with more defined parameters. Council doesn't sign his travel orders, would like to see more specific solution.

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- Jason Patin – not a city the size that could just assign vehicles, for something just not the way it is written.
- Ron Porter – most of what I wanted to say was said. Unless there is a shortage of pool vehicles, don't see the need. As far as his local mileage, he's getting paid enough to pay for those little trips. Know that Council Members Morgan and Taylor don't get mileage for local meeting and use their own cars. Part of the job. Don't see a reason to go to the added expense.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bob Anderson – government has standard of .50 per mile. If you give him a mileage that is fair.
 - Jerry Taylor – that is what is currently being charged, but adds up.
- Chip Holloway – sounds like this is a proactive action by city manager that is getting turned around and is getting turned around. Don't want to discouraged

Motion To Bring Back To Council With Modification Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Taylor. Direction Given To Staff To Account For Parameters And Cost And Bring Back For Council Consideration.

CONSENT CALENDAR

9. Approve A Resolution Approving The Annual Report On Development Impact Fee Revenues And Expenditures, And Making Findings As To Unexpended Funds Staheli
10. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Authorizing The Payment Of Fiscal Year 2011 Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF) Assessments By The State Of California In Conformance With Health And Safety Code Staheli
11. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Announcing A Proclamation Recognizing Armed Forces Day Ford
12. Approve Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of January 12, 2011 Ford
13. Approve Council Expenditure List (DWR) Dated January 4, 2011 In The Amount Of \$86,396.41 Staheli
14. Approve Council Expenditure List (DWR) Dated January 14, 2011 In The Amount Of \$582,512.32 Staheli

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- 15. Approve Council Expenditure List (DWR) Dated January 20, 2011 In The Amount Of \$31,921.71** **Staheli**
- 16. Approve Agency Expenditure List (DWR) Dated January 4, 2011 In The Amount Of \$6,925.33** **Staheli**
- 17. Approve Agency Expenditure List (DWR) Dated January 14, 2011 In The Amount Of \$4,673.49** **Staheli**
- 18. Approve Agency Expenditure List (DWR) Dated January 20, 2011 In The Amount Of \$95.76** **Staheli**

ITEMS PULLED

- Item 10

Motion To Approve Consent As Amended With Item Number 10 Removed Was Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Taylor. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION:

- Steve Morgan – explained how the SERAF payment works highlighting the requirement from the state to shift redevelopment tax increments to schools. State determines how much each agency must contribute to SERAF. That amount for us is \$533,906 that we can no longer use locally but is going to the state to give to the schools. Bond money already allocated then shifted by the state to something else. We held this money in reserve even though it is supposed to be dedicated to our local community. Just wanted you to hear that word for word so if you have a question in your mind why I question the governor's motive, here is why.
- Jerry Taylor – if we tried to send the money we would not be allowed. check with the school superintendent how much they expect to see. We used redevelopment funds to build a school and state would not pay it back
- Ron Porter – when they divided the funds, did they determine the amount by a formula?
 - Steve Morgan – yes, and in some communities it turned their agencies upside down.
- Dave Matthews – thank you Council Member Morgan for verifying that. Additionally this is a direct payment as opposed to a loan like ERAF was which they never paid back.
 - Jason Patin – they (the State) take this away from RDA this year, once that fund is depleted where will they (the State) take it from next.

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Motion To Approve Item Number 10 A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Authorizing The Payment Of Fiscal Year 2011 Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF) Assessments By The State Of California In Conformance With Health And Safety Code Made By Council Member Taylor, Second Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development Committee

Member: Steve Morgan, Jason Patin

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

Next meeting February 3, 2011

- Council Member Morgan – will meet tomorrow at 3:00pm. Read agenda items. Will also be electing a new chair for the committee

RACVB

Council Members Chip Holloway, Jason Patin

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m.

Next meeting March 2, 2011 and location to be announced

- Doug Lueck – gave director's report, copy provided to council and available in clerk's office. Next meeting at the carriage inn

Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin

Meetings: 1st Thursday of every even month at 12:00 p.m.; Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting February 3, 2011

- Jason Patin – meeting on February 9 at noon

Youth Advisory Council

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor

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

Next meeting February 9, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – will have pavement management system briefing as well as other infrastructure items.
- Steve Morgan – will be electing the chair

City Organization and Services Committee

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Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor

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

Next meeting February 14, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – new schedule to be announced.

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

Members: Co-Chairs Ron Carter, Chip Holloway

Meetings: 2nd Monday of odd numbered months at 6:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center

Next meeting March 14, 2011

- Ron Carter – next meeting announced

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- Steve Morgan – Quad State Organization tracking lawsuit against BLM regarding routes and ruling was mixed, center for biological diversity wanted judge to only allow street legal vehicles which did not happen, however there are routes that will remain closed until they bring back. Also Solar Millennium has pulled out because Feinstein has proposed a bill to restrict use of more desert land which is everything around us in approximately 25 mile radius. Will be having more discussions about green energy but it just got a lot tougher.
- Jason Patin – while in Sacramento met with people about this, they are trying to protect certain areas from any use, we will become the dumping ground so other people can move forward with clean energy, no off-road vehicle use or clean energy. This will be devastating to our area if this happens.
- Jerry Taylor – I ride a dual sport vehicle to avoid some of these limitations. League of California cities boards and cal recycle meetings. Moving forward with that topic. People are looking at your trash can with bright yellow vests, not city or Benz and these people are evaluating contents of the cans and recycling success or failure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Christina Witt – last council brought up putting on agenda a new trash rate removing the transfer station. I am still paying for both bins and is costing me \$107.00. ask you consider getting this removed. When trying to do a self-haul rate, the rate was for us and would like to see you do this again. Other issue is the RDA funds. I know we need streets and sewer, what is the wisdom of spending this and wondering

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if we can pay it back. We don't know if the governor is going to allow us to time to pay it back. Would like you to consider this and if you decide to move forward, we really need a new sewer and roads before the sports facilities or aquatics park. Build our foundation first, everything else will fall in place.

- Keith Lemieux – council cannot discuss rates at this time as it is a topic of litigation. Benz at this time has refused to discuss the rates and they are now submitted to the arbitrator. Expect those issues to move quickly, know it isn't solace to those paying the bills, but following the legal process.
- Dave Matthews – thank you for those numbers Christina. Annuity adjustment for the year and finding out only getting about \$50-\$60 less expendable money but with the price of gas who knows. On the agenda when we get committee reports we no longer get department reports and wondered why. Also, for those who were not around when governor brown was the governor, he had the nickname moonbeam, now you know why.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

- No report

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Jason Patin – past week every council member was at the desert mountain division meeting, various cities attended and toured the base. Thank Peggy Shoaf and staff for organizing the tour. Have set up time to meet with all department heads to better understand their expectations and needs. Dave Matthews had a good point, often council gives direction to staff but never hear the action that was taken in a public forum, request from city manager that staff provide reports pertaining to issues and direction from council. Mayor Carter is a valuable asset to our community and so is Chip. My attitude is my main responsibility is to the people who elected me. When I question something like the city manager vehicle allowance, I am only seeking to be knowledgeable and do what is right for the city.
- Steve Morgan – economic outlook conference is February 10 and tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce for \$35.00. many speakers from the base and around Ridgecrest. Hope many of you plan on attending and hearing what's going on in our community. Also thank the desert mountain division, all cities attended except one. We were lucky to have assembly members present for a ribbon cutting and they came and spoke to us. This made Ridgecrest look good. At least one of us should attend the redevelopment expo in San Jose to get updated information. If any council member is considering attending

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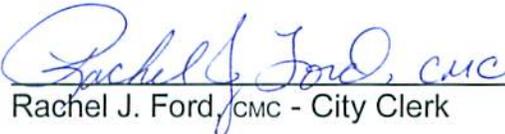
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please let me know. I am back in the trenches with water and waste thru the infrastructure committee. Chuck Cordell had a heart attack, is in Bakersfield and has had three stints put in and may need further surgery. I ask him to take care of himself and be back soon.

- Jerry Taylor – next council discussion item on merits of proposed common water conservation ordinance with the water district. Presentation will be completed next week and submitted to the city clerk. Relative to Benz rates, we have been asking Benz for information regarding the rate and have not been able to get it from them. Appreciate Eva's help and Captain Dodson's presentation at the desert mountain division meeting.
- Chip Holloway – I will never do this again. Major battery issues with phone. Been watching. I am here appearing before senate sub-committee to show support for the redevelopment issue. Good rapport with Senator Rubio and trying to turn him in different direction. Want to let everybody know energy consortium meeting at the college next Tuesday. Looking to put event on in March or April. Thanks to both our staff and base staff for their organization of the desert mountain division. This is the first time we had two assembly members at the meeting. Have a great evening.
- Ron Carter – Had the opportunity to attend the Lions Club speech contest. Great speeches and appreciate the young speakers. Thank staff for desert mountain meeting, it was outstanding. Personally thank assembly members Grove and Fuller for attending. Appreciate all they do for our cities.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:16pm


Rachel J. Ford, CMC - City Clerk