



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

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

**July 20, 2011  
5:30 p.m.**

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**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; Council Member Steven P. Morgan; and Council Member Jason Patin

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Item no. 7 has been pulled due to counsel with labor attorney.
- Add first public comment after

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

**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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Closed Session**

- None presented

## REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation – Rev. Jim Lamb

## CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
  - Closed Session Item 1 received report – no action taken
  - Closed Session Item 2 received report – no action taken
- Other
  - None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Manuel Farmer – question for city manager, request for updates on business license application, asked for status
  - Kurt Wilson – has been referred to City Attorney
  - Manual Farmer – bid proposal population estimate is wrong in the RFP

## PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Proclamation – Robert Obergfell

- Council presented proclamation and crystal recognition award to Sgt. Robert Obergfell (retired)

## CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Redevelopment Agency For The Meeting Of July 6, 2011 Ford
3. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Redevelopment Agency For The Meeting Of July 11, 2011 Ford

*Motion To Approve The Consent Calendar (As Amended) Made By Council Member Taylor, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.*

## ORDINANCES

4. **First Reading And Introduction, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Solid Waste Emergency Procedures** **Lemieux**

- Keith Lemieux – gave report of ordinance purpose and explanation of current process for franchises. Proposed change to draft ordinance to add:  
*Section 3. Urgency Ordinance*

*The City Council finds and declares that the failure of this ordinance to take immediate effect could result in the interruption of trash service. Therefore the City Council finds that it is necessary for this ordinance to take immediate effect in order to preserve the health and welfare of the citizens of Ridgecrest. This ordinance was passed by a four fifths vote and shall be effective immediately upon passage.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 4

- None Presented
- 1. *Motion To Waive Reading In Full As Amended Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Interim Franchises Made By Council Member Taylor, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent*
- 2. *Motion To Introduce, By Title Only As Amended, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Interim Franchises Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*
- 5. **First Reading And Introduction, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending And Adding Department Of Transportation Requirements To The Taxi Ordinance** **Lemieux**

- Keith Lemieux – gave staff report

## PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 5

- None Presented
- 1. *Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Policies For Taxi Franchises Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*
- 2. *Motion To Introduce By Title Only And Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Policies For Taxi Franchises Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

## DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

### **6. A Staff Report Requested By City Council Regarding Costs And Maintenance Of The Medians Ponek**

- Jim Ponek – Gave staff report to council.
- Kurt Wilson – loss of resources has resulted in lack of coverage to medians.
- Jason Patin – are medians getting zero attention?
  - Jim Ponek – still providing irrigation but not getting the attention they once received.
  - Jason Patin – read comments from public. Chip and volunteers have been helping. Loud actions from public who do not want to see medians and parks overrun by weeds. Appreciate public volunteers but am fearful of liability and risk to the volunteers. Public want the medians taken care of and would like council to take action to resolve the issue. What other options have been explored? Local landscapers or other groups? Adopt a median program with advertising?
  - Jim Ponek – have not officially put out notice for these programs. Did bid for costs for maintaining and result was cheaper to do in-house. Last company gave good rate because of free advertising but rates were raised due to overhead costs going up.
  - Jason Patin – need to explore the Adopt-A-Median program.

- Steve Morgan – have in past utilized the Adopt-A-Roadway program which included sponsors maintaining the median if in their area. Contract signed to cover city liability and notifications to city of maintenance schedule. Entire liability loop not completely closed because anytime something happens in city boundaries then lawsuits get filed. Adopt a program is possible if you can get enough participation. Liability is reality we need to attempt to correct with a contract form. City of Ridgecrest did not have personnel to do entire city maintenance so decision was to not maintain medians but continue to cover parks and buildings. Community stepped up and volunteered. When budgets get better or if adjustments get made which would mean cutting somewhere else, we can do something. Fully stand behind staff for the decision regardless of whether I liked it or not. Declining revenues for years and council has mentioned in past that the pain was going to be visible at some point. Want to say to community members who stepped up, thank you for helping your city in its time of need.
- Chip Holloway – want to personally thank everyone who did help with the medians. Had two different events both community and PACT volunteers who protected the community volunteers. People used their own vehicles and made multiple trips to the dump. Great sense of community pride from everybody who helped and these volunteers have already volunteered for other projects. Gathered data on how long it really takes to clean a median. Feel this exercise is a great community program. Don't want to eliminate the opportunity for this community to come together and see what they can do. Would like to try the creative options but there is a local institution in town who are going to approach the city to work with the youth in the community. This is an area where public has said they are willing to help out, see something building and good community pride. Don't want to destroy their spirit. Would like to see us keep them involved. Liability issue should not drive our decisions. Thanked everyone who helped clean the medians.
- Ron Carter – proud our community has come forward and we have citizens who are willing to volunteer. Can solve any problem if we are all working together. Hear so much about patriotism and I am here because this is the most positive community I have ever lived in. Wish we had the money to do this but appreciate all the support from the volunteers. Was hard to support putting money into medians when we are laying people off. Having people who not only give comments and suggestions but who get involved is positive for our community.

- Jerry Taylor – don't disagree with any comments made tonight, great event to bring community together. I was working with weeds on china lake blvd or would have helped with the Downs event. Have also been using my new weed whacker to work on overgrown corners. However, because we have ignored this issue we have made the problem worse. Know the budget has been cut, however when approved it said we would maintain city hall and medians and saw an increase for parks maintenance. Did not think I would see tumbleweed city on Downs. Brought this back to talk about solutions. Had a great event, but how long can we sustain it? Do not believe this can be done on a permanent basis. In the past we used Herbicide, don't know the cost but looking for solutions. Would like to look at the youth solution. Did not see a shortfall in recreation coordinator, but in maintenance. When I look around city hall, can do less maintenance. We are saying city hall should look beautiful at the expense of 12,000 trips a day. We have people looking at other parts of city pride more frequently than around city hall. Suggest, water less and monitor water times, not middle of the day. Willing to look at less maintenance in city hall to provide maintenance at the medians. Want feedback regarding Herbicide and the youth programs. Approved a budget that covered median maintenance and labor.
- Jason Patin – do agree public did a great job, issue is a liability issue and if that is addressed willing to let volunteers do it and I will be with them to help. Eventually volunteers and companies will get tired of doing this and looking for a funding mechanism to provide either outside or internal staff. Think outside the box to find that funding mechanism. Don't want anyone to think this is something I don't approve of, just think it will be a temporary thing. Let's find a solution before it ends.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Christina Witt – disagree with council on community service, referred to adopt-a-highway; community fireworks. Don't think council is giving enough credit to volunteers. Takes a lot of time and effort but those who participate continue to do it because they believe in the project. Liability issue, state orientation program for the volunteer leaders. Reinforced with policy, safety requirements, and rules to avoid liability. State program is successful by using these policies. Community members put in their efforts annually for various projects, state has been successful and we can be too. Create a department coordinator to work with volunteers to train and schedule projects. People volunteering time are passionate about what they believe in, not just out to get you. Honest and sincere community pride. Multi-organization groups create common good.

- Dave Matthews – Heard good suggestion. Can't remember when we began landscaping medians. Fred Etoch used to maintain some medians. Like the idea of adopt-a-median where businesses can sponsor a median, but they might need a cost estimate to decide if they can afford it. Perhaps could get the State to sponsor a median or Kern County. Remember when downs medians were landscaped there was concern by citizens who mentioned the cost of maintenance and now we don't have the cost of maintenance. Perhaps until times are better, future roadways should not have landscaped medians. Mr. Ponek is loaded and there are decisions to be made, perhaps could form an Adhoc committee to work on solutions.
- Joe Conway – suggest bushes be removed and after trees get taller and provide shade then can put the bushes back or use Herbicides. Dump doesn't open until 8am, start early with cleanup and stack it and then close to 8am then begin filling the trucks. Also get a water truck to spray the dirt to soften it before trying to pull the weeds.
- Howard Auld – Ridgecrest financial recovery team finds this discussion interesting. This is the first time the whole council said we need money. With what we saw done to the medians and the number of people involved, this is a factor we can use to tell Congressman McCarthy that we are a self-help city. if we can do this we can also do self-help with piney pool and little league. Self-help will go a long way when we talk to congress.
- Chip Holloway – echoed the request for Herbicide costs. Would like to have some gas powered equipment to get around cactus and ice plants and maybe follow up with Herbicide. Had participants in the adopt-a-median program until we began charging. Bring back figures for businesses to see what the costs would be.
- Jason Patin – good points from Ms Whitt. Service clubs do a phenomenal job in our community. State model is already in place and we could use that as the groundwork to create our own system.
- Jerry Taylor – doesn't believe any one single answer; think we should look at all creative solutions. There are community oriented thoughts and may get more participation. Can't let the plants die at some medians as we accepted grant money. Could eliminate some bushes. Maintain the larger trees and the spirit of what we accepted with the grant money. Also look at better technology to water less. Know the water is not water district money and not paying the normal rates, but still takes electricity and pump maintenance and a cost to mow the grass. Noticed that at my house the grass does grow slower when not watered as often. Can let the parks go a little longer between watering. Don't know about committee or just staff report, want people to come forward with solutions. Cost to pay dump fees from street sweepers, perhaps we can work a deal with county for cover for landfill and other solutions.
- Kurt Wilson – grant restrictions reviewed, don't believe there is a continuing obligation at this point; city attorney has not given formal opinion. State model, caution they are currently revisiting their traffic control due to recent multiple deaths.

- Jim Ponek – herbicide eliminated two years ago as an \$8000 line item. During that time we had a staff member licensed to do herbicide. Regarding the grant for the Downs St. medians, appears there is no obligation to give the funds back if we allow them to die, however there is an opinion we may have difficulty procuring future funding if we do this.
- Jerry Taylor – like the beautification project on the medians, only talking about the watering and eliminating the smaller bushes that are not seen.
- Jason Patin – with regards to the state model, may be other models from other cities, asking we explore those options.
- Jerry Taylor – was herbicide labor reductive.
  - Jim Ponek – herbicide did not solve the problem unless put down consistently because what is available is not as strong as it used to be and washes away quicker.
- Ron Carter – council giving direction to staff to provide more solutions. Will be having similar discussions and can't be pulling from budget during times of less revenues. Like the idea of adopt-a-median and is crucial that community steps forward during low revenue times.

**7. Approve A Resolution Granting A Golden Handshake To The Administrative Analyst III** Ford

*Item 7 pulled from agenda.*

**8. Approve A Resolution Adopting An Extension To The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Ridgecrest And The United Food And Commercial Workers Union (UFCW 8-Golden State) And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Extension Agreement** Wilson

- Kurt Wilson – gave staff report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 8**

- None Presented

*Motion To Approve By Minute Motion Adopting An Extension To The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Ridgecrest And The United Food And Commercial Workers Union (UFCW 8-Golden State) And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Extension Agreement Made By Council Member Morgan , Second By Council Member Holloway . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.*

**9. Approve A Resolution Adopting A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Kern Council Of Governments For The REAP Program And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Agreement**  
**Wilson**

- Robert Phipps – Administrative Services Director of Kern Council of Government gave PowerPoint presentation of Southern California Edison grant received to fund Regional Energy Action Plans. *(Copy On File In The City Clerk Office)*
- Steve Morgan – because of AB32 there may be concern that this is an effort to guide us to a mandatory direction. This is a process that will move forward regardless of Ridgecrest participation. Encourage Ridgecrest to participate and show the state we are committed to lowering the carbon footprint. Minimal impact to staff because Kern COG will converse with a member or more of staff to gain data which is fairly easily attainable. Believe this is worthwhile for us to participate in. Appreciate Mr. Phipps for coming here. One step in this plan is to incorporate into the general plan which also shows the state we are committed to this program of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 9**

- Dave Matthew – agenda does not have the presentation. Would like a copy of the presentation. Terms and numbers that do not have background information available.
- Barbara Auld – question mark on REAP, spell it out.
- Howard Auld – years ago was a member of the air pollution control district, they would be good partners for this.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

*Motion To Approve A Resolution Adopting A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Kern Council Of Governments For The REAP Program And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Agreement Made By Council Member Morgan , Second By Council Member Taylor . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.*

**10. Discussion Of Procedures For Evaluating Proposals Received For The Solid Waste Collection Franchises** **Wilson**

- Kurt Wilson – gave staff report. Process of RFP is moving forward. Proposals will be received from applicants on August 1 and once received there is a process that needs to be decided for first level of evaluation. Anticipate 3-5 hours each for up to 7 applications. Looking for direction on who will be involved in the process. Consultant is available but council needs to determine if all consultant or if committee, staff, and/or stakeholders. Looking to have readings start on August 2 and then bring back to council for selections and contract terms.
- Jason Patin – 7 proposals is very time consuming. Easier to narrow down and not opposed to consultant driving and have staff and community participation to narrow down to top 3 picks for our situation.
- Jerry Taylor – agree with Mr. Patin, is important to get citizen participation. Helps to build more credibility if citizens are involved. Challenge is the schedule and think there is an opportunity to delegate. Not in favor of consultant having total control, important to have opportunity for staff and community who have the credentials to be involved.
- Chip Holloway – have to trust the experts, like that we have a consultant but need to have a citizen panel that have the experience and credentials to do this. Anybody who can bring value to this selection.
- Steve Morgan – besides consultant and possibly Mr. Speer, have member of the public who has agreed on a short time period (is an acquisition manager) and would be willing to participate. Not asking members of the public to say what they like or don't like but at this stage of evaluation is to see if the proposal answered all the questions we asked. As long as that is clear to the public members who participate then have no problem moving forward.
- Ron Carter – all in agreement with community involvement as well as the consultant and a staff member.
- Jerry Taylor – to be clear, not looking for public at large but a member or two to work with the consultant and a staff member.
- Kurt Wilson – ultimate goal is to package information for council to be able to make decision without spending the number of hours required to do the evaluations.
- Jason Patin – where do we go from there? Are they going to provide one or three?
- Kurt Wilson – consultant does have a process that he will be presenting. First portion is what will the cost be for a set service, then there is leeway for the proposers to be able to give suggestions and their expertise to be incorporated.
- Jason Patin – what are we asking the panel to do?
- Kurt Wilson – you will get a synopsis of what was presented from all proposals.
- Jerry Taylor – further clarification, what is the selection criteria and is it in writing? How do we balance bid A v. bid B?

- Kurt Wilson – first is exactly what was asked for in the RFP but will then have additional information to make a policy call if there are suggestions you would like to consider.
- Jerry Taylor – if there is alternative suggestions then usually go back out to the others so can compare everyone on same basis.
- Kurt Wilson – you do have that discretion.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- None Presented

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEES

##### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor, Craig Porter, James Sanders  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council  
Conference Room  
Next Meeting: August 10, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – met July 13. Much discussion relative to street construction that has not been completed. Also Ridgcrest Blvd. right-of-way street project discussion. Working the sewer issue. Downs street widening project reviewed and two ball-field lights have to be moved to widen Downs Street. High powered transmission lines from substation and cannot use rule 20 but can move lines at SCE expense and will impact two ball field lights. Wal-Mart channel discussion maintenance issue, dust control.

##### Quality of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin, Craig Porter, Carter Pope  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every even month at 12:00 p.m.; Kerr-McGee  
Center  
Next Meeting: August 4, 2011

- Chip Holloway – lighting was on agenda but didn't complete discussion. Needs to be added. Update of proposal for Pinney Pool coming. Park proposals received reports and no action taken. Committee will not make any decision until cumulative report. August 30 and 31 meetings scheduled.
- Jason Patin – evaluating every park and if don't see the whole picture may not have funding to do what we want so looking at all reports before deciding how to spend the funds.

**City Organization**

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Lois Beres, Carter Pope  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room  
Next Meeting: August 16, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – did not meet and doubt will meet in August.

**Community Development Committee**

Members: Steve Morgan, Jason Patin, Christopher LeCornu, James Sanders  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room  
Next Meeting: August 4, 2011

- Jason Taylor – did not meet
- Steve Morgan – will not be at that meeting. Will be out of town from the 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> and available any other times after that.
- Tentatively rescheduled to August 2 at 5pm

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

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

- Ron Carter – dark during the summer

**Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)**

Members: Chip Holloway and Jason Patin  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 8:00 a.m.  
Next Meeting: August 3, 2011 and location to be announced

- Chip Holloway – have not met, next meeting announced

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

- Jerry Taylor – Desert Mountain meeting Friday.
- Steve Morgan – Kern COG meeting tomorrow and Ridgecrest item for funding for new bus. Also house resolution 1582 common sense ozone regulation act presented by Mr. Phipps.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Timothy Folk – presented council with pictures. Fax issues. Textures, equipment malfunctions, false arrest, frustrated, accumulated smear campaign from officers who did false arrest. Could not get appointment with police.
  - Kurt Wilson – procedure for filing complaint, other issues are not council jurisdiction. Recommend contacting federal representatives.
  - Timothy Folk – requested documentation back and wanted to bring to council attention. Attempted to bring delicate situation to several people's attention. Picture from library. Subjected to many things in wrong perspective. Inappropriate narrations. Asked for docket numbers.
- Christina Whitt – clarified that not everyone who volunteers will get tired and stop the maintenance. Grandsons birthday and didn't get a chance to thank Mr. Morgan for the fireworks, they were amazing. Thanked council for putting right turn only lanes at the charter school on Downs. Saw a lot of people turning right and area is much safer.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- Kurt Wilson – august items related to redevelopment agencies. One certifying statement of indebtedness and the other is option for ransom payment. May see other cities doing this and timing deadline is November 1 to adopt or can choose to adopt the ordinance or go status quo. One or both will be coming in August.
  - Chip Holloway – what if there is a stay?
  - Kurt Wilson – would depend on the terminology.
- Kurt Wilson – will be out of town next week attending Berkley executive seminar and Mr. Speer will serve as acting city manager.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Jason Patin – met with Senators' Boxer and Feinstein representatives regarding the desert land protection act. Appears to be positive for Ridgecrest but another piece of legislation which would close all land around Ridgecrest completely. Alton Garrett was great and asked about payments in lieu of taxes funds for military communities and he will be looking into this for us. Thanked public for the work on the medians. Will work on that issue to try to remedy the situation. Working on big issues especially for the parks. Appreciate those members of public who speak up and tell us what they would like us to do. Fred Etoch passed away last week, was owner of Chevrolet and contributed a lot to this community, my condolences and appreciation to the family.

- Steve Morgan – besides Mr. Etoch passing, also lost good friend in Sharon Bisdechi. Scoping notification for BLM on final disposition of furnace creek vehicle route and information is at <http://blm.gov> website. Also would like to thank senate representatives and have SB138 information which preserves off-highway vehicle use areas. have concerns in the different bills which continue to pile up. Wonderful discussion with the representatives, novel that they were in Ridgecrest and thanked Mr. Wilson who spearheaded the visits. On the SCE project and asked Dennis Speer to look at the poles being installed to make sure they are not in the right-of-way. Will not be at the August 3 meeting. Glad coming to point that seeing light at the end of the tunnel with issue of waste hauler. Few things being said about city's willingness to discuss issues, I was willing to discuss anything at any time and did so by taking off work, before work, and after work. Not one ounce of truth in the claim that this council did not try to participate.
- Jerry Taylor – second Mr. Morgan's comment. Was also at a lot of those meetings and many conversations trying to resolve these issues. Attended Fred Etoch funeral service and thank family for their contributions to our community. Condolences to the family. Wish Leon the best also. Appreciate tonight's discussions and council input. Hard to sell Ridgecrest when it looks bad and thank citizens for their contributions. Charter sponsors banner did not get hung due to a typo, listed all the sponsors. Next set will hopefully be out soon. <http://rcmp.com> and Ridgecrest chamber of commerce for more information
- Chip Holloway – thanked Jerry and the sponsors for the banner program. Great ideas come our way and we get distracted but Jerry's persistence with this program is appreciated and it is exciting to see the banners hung. Thanked Kurt for getting us access to our state senators. Council members have been here many years, Jason saw a map that looked like a good outcome for Ridgecrest, but if you have been here many years like Steve the cumulative effect of that map did not register to first time members. This map wasn't as good as it looked so don't discount the value of corporate knowledge. On the medians, if anybody thinks it is a bad idea to have good medians they are wrong, it's a good idea to have curb appeal and we need that for our community. Did not have to come to Ridgecrest, when buying my first franchise looked at 3 cities and what stayed with me was the medians and this building that gave the impression of a modern city and an up and coming community. Has a cumulative effect on people coming to this community. Attending long beach RDA meeting tomorrow with Kurt. League is expecting to be aggressive with Prop 22 implementation. Condolences to the Etoch family. Member of exchange club.
- Ron Carter – condolences to Fred's family. My contact was he was fair, honest, funny, and a fantastic leader. Good meetings with senator's representatives. Went into Feinstein's meeting and cut short because of lengthy discussions with Mr. Morgan. Asked him to come back. With Barbara Boxer's representative also cut short because of Mr. Morgan. Jason had positive input and believes they will check out the PILT monies and get back with us.

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:53 pm in honor of Fred Etoch**

*Rachel J. Ford, CMC*  
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Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk

