



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

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

**June 1, 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

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

❖ Council Member Morgan arrived prior to closed session.

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 Negotiations of 105 E. Sydnor Ave. and China Lake Technologies Economic Development Concept. APN 33-070-43. Agency Negotiators Kurt Wilson and James McRea

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

- No comments presented by the public.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

- Closed Session
 - City Of Ridgecrest v. Benz – received report and no action taken
 - Real property negotiations – received report from Jim McRea, no action taken.
- Other
 - none

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Howard Auld – reported on armed forces day activities. Luncheon honoring veterans, celebration in Freedom Park. Thanked many persons who assisted with the success of the activities. Displayed photo of WWII veterans who attended the luncheon. Presented diplomatic documents and memorabilia to the City.
- Christina Witt – thanked Council for Recreation programs that are funded by the City. Relayed story of Kern River experience where child was saved because of swimming lessons learned at the City of Ridgecrest.
- Renee Westalusk – Thanked Information Technology Manager Craig Bradley, Mayor Carter and City Manager Wilson for assistance in setting up redistricting hearings viewing. Presented council with handout of important redistricting commission hearing dates and deadlines in June and July. Asked 3 persons of prominence to attend the meetings as representatives of Ridgecrest community members. Spoke on discussions and information regarding on-line posting of letters and comments received by the commission at their website. Thanked council and staff for paying attention to this issue.
 - Council Member Taylor – volunteered to attend the June 16 meeting and will check schedule for the 23rd and 24th.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve A Resolution Establishing The Fund Balance Policy As Required By GASB Statement No. 54** **Staheli**
2. **Approve Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of May 4, 2011** **Ford**

3. Approve Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of May 18, 2011 Ford
 4. Approve Council Expenditure List (DWR) Dated May 20, 2011 In The Amount Of \$389,433.72 Staheli
 5. Approve Agency Expenditure List (DWR) Dated May 20, 2011 In The Amount Of \$3,707.84 Staheli
- Item 4 pulled by Council Member Taylor

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

Item 4 discussion:

- ❖ Council Member Taylor – requested breakdown of phone bills to see the costs.

Motion To Approve Item 4 By Council Member Taylor, Second By Council Member Patin. , Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.

- ❖ Council Member Taylor – requested we look at the cost for Kern County Fire Services.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

6. Presentation Of The Pavement Management System Study By Willdan Engineering Speer
- Dennis Speer – gave staff report with recommendation for council to hear presentation and accept the Pavement Management System report findings for file.
 - Roxanne from Willdan – gave PowerPoint presentation. *(A copy is on file in the City Clerk's office)*

ITEM 6 DISCUSSIONS:

- Council Member Taylor – reviewed the logic tree chart for public information.
 - Roxanne – explained the difference between arterial counts and residential counts.
- Council Member Morgan – requested a correction to percentages listed in 'portion of Budget' column in chart. Discussed the pavement management system giving multiple measures such as structural index. This report does not identify sections but is an overall citywide network. Generally if contractor can be localized then costs can be reduced.

- Roxanne – a lot of factors need to be taken into account before putting a project out to bid.
- Council Member Morgan – one thing we will be stressing with this report is budget in the other years. This report addresses the minimum required annually. Is there a mechanism for us to come back to Willdan for updates?
 - Roxanne – anytime you need updates we will be happy to work with staff.
- Council Member Patin – asked what current street maintenance budget is.
 - Tyrell Staheli – street repair dedicated is approximately \$300,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 6

- Dave Matthews – referred to presentation pictures of streets, what method was used in determining the percentage of pavement is good or bad?
 - Roxanne – visual and driving. Select segment and rate that segment and mathematical calculation within the segments.
- Dave Matthews – commented on overall structural index as being not too bad. Mentioned the possibility of repairing the wheel paths but would that not open us up to more rutting.
 - Roxanne – at this time not a recommended repair. Glasgrid product is designed to prevent rutting. Explained the product compounds and use.
 - Council Member Morgan – added, highway 395 repairs included repairs to wheel paths followed by an overlay.
- Stan Rajtora – referred to 3 budget scenarios which each assumed \$5 million in the first 3 years. Interested in seeing the curves if we spend more the first 3 years.
 - Council Member Taylor – additional models were run and can be viewed in the public works department.
- Council Member Taylor – different way to look at the PCI and SI index.
 - Roxanne – gave review of PCI v. SI and factors which affect each index number.
- Mayor Carter – Thanked Willdan for the presentation.

7. **Approval Of A Resolution To Approve A Professional Services Agreement With, Willdan Engineering To Perform GIS Mapping Of The City Of Ridgecrest's Sewer System And Authorize The City Manager To Execute This Agreement** **Speer**

- Dennis Speer – gave staff report on GIS mapping of sanitary sewer lines and system. Recommendation for council to approve the agreement. Currently have not GIS mapping system of the city and this will be our initial which can be piggy backed with PD and Transit and possibly Streets.
 - Roxanne – mapping is in GIS platform and can go on top of the sewer system.

ITEM 7 DISCUSSIONS:

- Council Member Taylor – Stated appreciation to the public works director for bring this item forward. Asked about our current GIS mapping with Kern COG?
 - Council Member Morgan – Stated we do currently receive some GIS mapping but not at this level.
 - Council Member Taylor – who will host this program?
 - Roxanne – starting with Kern County layers and ongoing technical support can be provided by Kern County or Willdan.
 - Council Member Taylor – Asked if the system is currently budgeted.
 - Dennis Speer – Budgeted thru the Wastewater rollover.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 7

- Dave Matthews – is this mapping going to show where the lines go or will there also be mapping of the connector opening come into the lines? Most residents are not sure the connections were made where they show on the current maps.
 - Dennis Speer – Stated we first need the initial system and maps and in the future can add that information to the main map.

Motion To Approve A Resolution Approving A Professional Services Agreement With Willdan Engineering To Perform GIS Mapping Of The City Of Ridgecrest Sewer System And Authorize The City Manager To Execute This 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.

8. Approval Of The Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Housing Set-Aside Project Proposal For Las Flores Homes By Metcalf West McRea

- Jim McRea – gave PowerPoint overview of the Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency and current proposed State actions that will affect Redevelopment Agencies. Reviewed Staff Report for proposed housing project which was heard by Council on May 18 and is returned at Council request. Recommendation is to authorize funding pending development of DDA.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSIONS:

- Council Member Taylor – requested explanation of land purchase and appraisal.
 - Jim McRea – reviewed the past appraisal. No current appraisal has been ordered.
- Council Member Taylor – requested clarification of the actual purchase and loan process and whether there are proposed conditions to the ownership of the property.
 - Jim McRea – conditions would be developed by the attorney and approved when ready for execution.

- Council Member Taylor – expressed concern of approving funding without having some conditions outlined.
- Council Member Patin – expressed similar concerns however the developer has been informed that conditions will be applied and are still willing to move forward.
- Council Member Taylor – is concerned with tying up the property without the conditions in place and that local people are not being employed in the development. Don't know if local contractor are willing to develop this land.
- Council Member Patin – not in the business of helping developers but in using funds for low/mod housing. Want the restrictions to covers the requirements. Want strict guidelines if the developer chooses to accept the funding.
 - Jim McRea – developer has been informed that a minimum of 20% of the homes must meet the Low/Mod guidelines.
- Council Member Holloway – assumption that all 80 homes will be developed which may not occur. Understanding that concrete, plumbing, wiring infrastructure will allow locals to bid on these construction aspects. Referred to D.R. Horton development that failed and wants conditions in the DDA that will prevent a similar occurrence.
 - Jim McRea – we cannot legislate the developer to that level. Trying to develop rooftops and housing for people who currently cannot buy into the system. Currently out of balance with the regional fair share allocation for low/mod housing.
- Council Member Holloway – that allocation is a requirement that we must meet.
- Council Member Morgan – requested the developer to come up and have a discussion prior to public comment.
- Pete Anderson – developer for Metcalf. Wanted to be clear from beginning, previous statements of homes being pre-manufactured or trailer park is false. Gave reference to gentleman who manufacturers cabinets for Lowes and Home Depot, and has developed a 'Pre-engineered' plan. Infrastructure is developed within the contractors in the community, and then panels and other components on the perimeter are assembled and then brought to the site to be erected. Trusses with sheeting on it. Local labor then resumes finish work to make the home weather tight. Materials are supplied directly from manufacturer but all labor is local. Explained buying power of suppliers and reduced markups which saves costs and allows homes to be constructed to meet the low/mod ratios. Currently have two other projects in California and all homes build to date have been sold. Additionally something discussed was mobilizing people to see the product is estimated at the first 10 sales, thereafter homes will be local for viewing.
- Council Member Holloway – asked for projection of the square footage and design mix.
 - Pete Anderson – not at this time. Concept is to keep all homes under 2000 sq. ft. other problem is buyers are not necessarily first time buyers but persons trying to get their financial structure into a 'reasonable rent' level.
- Council Member Morgan – asked what the developer is required to do pertaining to fire suppression.

- Pete Anderson – meet all state building codes. Also is intent of developer to open construction phases to local bidding.
- Council Member Morgan – anticipate having to take individuals for the first 10 homes to riverside to look at models.
 - Pete Anderson – yes, first project did not have model homes. Cost of construction and maintenance of a model is huge. Assured council that no corners would be cut in the development, granite countertops, tile roofs, exterior stucco etc.
- Council Member Taylor – commented on purchase of current home as being developed partially outside of the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 8

- Mike Mower – owns the property next to the proposed development. Is concerned about the minimum lot size.
 - Pete Anderson – gave standard lot size.
 - Mike Mower – asked if block wall would be required and standard fees would be required.
 - Jim McRea – conditions would be applied standard to the city and has to go before planning commission.
 - Mike Mower – concerned about the impact to current developments and the low number of houses for the cost which would be loaned. Asked if there was collateral being offered for the loan.
 - Jim McRea – would be subrogation and other requirements in the development agreement.
 - Mike Mower – concerns about the current developers and low sales. Market does not meet current demand for phase I. also asked about the disbursement of the loan.
 - Jim McRea – combination of money to purchase and develop the property and given in phases as the development moves forward. At least 3 phases and fees paid as houses are sold.
 - Mike Mower – indicating starting homes in the fall, assuming the developer will be bonded.
 - Jim McRea – tentative tract map has standard requirements. Bonding is a part of this.
 - Mike Mower – referred to D.R. Horton project with two streets that have not been completed. Asked about bonding for that project.
 - Jim McRea – bonded as a condition of phase II
- Dave Matthews – commented on Mr. Patin and Mr. Taylor suggestion of other interested in developing the area. Property has been there for 30 years undeveloped. Suggest others did not know City was interested in selling that tract of land. Statement regarding model homes, many tracts over the years which were eventually sold, current housing market is down and a large inventory in town right now. Referred to near future when may want to sell home does not see the need for this many houses.

- Carol Vaughn – referred to county figures to qualify for low income housing. Made comments regarding young engineers and other who won't qualify because income level is too high. Legislative criteria which must be met. Trade-off in buying this house has to remain in low income bracket for 55 years. Explained covenant on the title. Referred to comments made at May 18 meeting. Noted current lack of people to purchase homes and low security in buying at the present time. Asked if this would cause an improvement in Ridgcrest or eventually lead to more blight. Asked developer to do their homework to see if there is a need for what they are selling. Currently have too much inventory and not enough buyers and housing costs go down based on supply and demand. Don't believe this is the time for another development, have so many empty structures in town. Building houses does not provide more income for the community.
- Stan Rajtora – first concern was did not understand what the program was after reading the information provided. Concerned about only 20% being bought by low/mod and the other 80% being sold at market value and does the 80% market rate come back to the redevelopment agency.
 - Jim McRea – don't know how many are going to be sold to whom, but requirement is at least 20%, could be 40% or other amounts.
 - Stan Rajtora – example of 50% to low/mod and 50% to other, how much has to come back to redevelopment fund. Could as much of 80% be subsidized and city not receive credit. Gave example of local contractor scenario compared to outside contractor who receives subsidy for every home built. Asked how local contractor can compete with the out of town contractor. If as few as 20% are sold to low income, the subsidy could be higher. Feeling is this forces local contractors to compete from out of town contractors who are being subsidized. If 100% has to be low income do not have a problem but we should not be subsidizing. Secondly general plan states end-fill is the goal. Each time more infrastructures is built we have to maintain. More end-fill the less maintenance. Let's do end-fill so we don't have additional infrastructure to maintain.
- Christina Whitt – comments on employment. Is currently looking for employment but is having difficulty. If can't keep locals employed then how can we employ new people being drawn into the area. Asked council to consider the current job market locally. Gave comments heard at the recent job fair.
- Ann Marie Bergens – are we going to be subordinating each structure built?
 - Jim McRea – no city will not be participating in that kind of subordination. Will have a covenant on the sales.
 - Ann Marie Bergens – will lenders lend on these types of homes?
 - Pete Anderson – on the current developments Bank of America is taking the mortgages with only a 3%-4% fallout. Additionally the largest markets are retirees who are trading down to newer, smaller homes.
- Warren Cox – local businessman who lives adjacent to the property. Referred to comments made such as 'why rent when you can buy' what is going to happen to the property values in that area for the larger homes already existing. Believes this will negatively impact the property values in the neighborhood. Would others

- want to buy homes next to these low income developments. If this was proposed for College Heights council would not be discussing.
- Stan Rajtora – comment about a covenant, understanding is all houses would cost the same. If a person qualifies for the same home, why would they elect to put a 55 year covenant on the home? How can the city get the credit for this?
 - Jim McRea – explained 3 levels of housing and annual statutes set for low/mod. Only a covenant on low/mod sold homes and indexed to go up.
 - Council Member Holloway – transfer disclosure statement, do you have to disclose the property next door to a home that has a covenant.
 - Carol Vaughn – have to disclose everything, however not sure about the comparable sales to the neighboring homes. Will be on the deed so can't be ignored. If sold above that level, Title Company and bank won't insure or loan.
 - Holloway – 55 year covenant is a state regulation.
 - Jim McRea – intent is if you buy an affordable home you would not double the square footage and put back on market. Intended to be and remain affordable housing.
 - Council Member Morgan – will be interested in seeing the DDA that comes out of this, not opposed to going forward with the DDA however is a concern about the possibility of developer pocketing monies because they don't subsidize a certain number of houses. Not interested in subsidizing homes sold at market value. No problem using set-aside money for the intended purpose. Need to deal with the concern in the DDA and develop should be aware of this when they bring the final project forward. Purchased home in 1990, that is when the market collapsed, I bought high and the segments of the development that went bankrupt and sat empty have all built and sold. It took time but did happen. Can't be overly concerned with a glut on the market argument because that is not what the decision is based on with this money. City is obligated but regulations to expend the funds. Others have brought together good points and we need people to bring us the proposals. If these proposals do not exist, then can't consider when making determination on this project. There are some valid issues that will be interested in seeing in the final project.
 - Council Member Taylor – agree that if we move forward on this project, the biggest issue is the subsidizing. Gave specific examples. If city is not putting a glut by only subsidizing low/mod then agree with the project, but don't want to see a project that city is subsidizing excess inventory that we do not need.
 - Council Member Patin – biggest concern is the 20% figure. Only 20% (maybe) of this project is going to go toward what we are trying to accomplish with this money, want more than that before willing to move forward with the project. Also had other question of if an individual qualifies to purchase the home, what requires a 55 year covenant if you don't need it. If a person qualifies, what is the point of the covenant? Not giving the buyer money?
 - Jim McRea – no, giving the buyer the opportunity to purchase a higher priced home at a lesser price. If we don't give a subsidy to developer, the same home would have to be put on the market at full value so the price

of the home is reduced with the subsidy. Only reason person qualified is the house had a subsidy that allowed the market value to be lower.

- Council Member Patin – we don't know that the same thing won't be done for every other home in the development.
 - Jim McRea – no
- Council Member Holloway – we are getting close to making a business decision on behalf of the developer. Concerned we may create an unsuccessful project. Developer is still here so am willing to go and peel a couple more layers off because won't get the answers until we move forward. I want a successful project in the community.
- Mayor Carter – would feel better if the subsidy was going to the buyer and not the developer. Not sure if it can be done and if can't will not be supportive of the project.
- Council Member Patin – did the same with pacific. Agency subsidized the buyers and not the developer. Would rather help individuals to purchase any home they want to and not specify which home.
- Council Member Morgan – read action requested. DDA is created and brought back to us. Recommends we move forward on the action.
- Council Member Taylor – are we tying property up

Motion To Approve A Redevelopment Agency Housing Set-Aside Project Proposal For Las Flores Homes By Metcalf West Made By Council Member Morgan , Second By Council Member Holloway . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 2 Ayes (Morgan, Holloway); 3 Nays (Carter, Taylor, Patin); 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

- Kurt Wilson – with the present vote, is the item dead or does council wish to have the item brought back for further discussion.
- Council Member Taylor – concerns with subsidizing development
- Council Member Morgan – action was only to develop the DDA
- Council Member Taylor – if Morgan amends the motion and defines a timeline would be in favor.
- Kurt Wilson – asked McRea if there was anything that would prevent the agency from undoing the action should they vote to move forward.
 - Jim McRea – until the project is approved it is only slightly tied up however it may be unethical to ask the buyer to expend those types of funds for the DDA.
- Mayor Carter – have no problem with it coming back to council
- Council Member Morgan – if developer wants to continue then he can bring it back.
- Kurt Wilson – does council want the DDA to be done and have concerns about that level of commitment without the funding committed?
- Council Member Taylor – did not hear anything in the discussion regarding our commitment per house, only total dollars. Want a commitment of our level of investment in low/mod and what we are or are not giving for the rest of the development. Not looking for a full DDA just more details and a commitment.

- Mayor Carter – if developer wants to come back then need more detail.
- Council Member Patin – want to be assured that the money we are spending will go toward low/mod homes and have a concern with the 20%

If developer wants to answer the concerns and bring back will be open to more discussions (Mayor Carter and Council Member Taylor,)

- Council Member Taylor – concerned with subsidizing additional homes that are not low/mod.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment presented.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor, Craig Porter, James Sanders
Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: June 9, 2011

- Council Member Taylor – announced next meeting.

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: June 2, 2011

- Council Member Patin – announced next meeting

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: June 21, 2011

- Council Member Taylor – may be cancelled

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: June 2, 2011

- Council Member Patin - Announced next 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: June 11, 2011

- Mayor Carter – announced next meeting

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin
Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m.
Next meeting: July 6, 2011 and location to be announced

- Doug Lueck gave committee report
 - RACVB Executive Director Doug Lueck briefed Board members on the following items:
 - Mr. Rick Davis, Executive Director for Kern County Board of Trade retired May 20th; the RACVB attended Mr. Davis' retirement luncheon in Bakersfield. Mr. Davis will be available to assist with the installation for the Ridgecrest Area Interactive Kiosk Project.
 - On May 18th the RACVB along with Gary Parsons from the City of Ridgecrest attended the Friends of Jawbone meeting.
 - May 21st-May 25th Executive Director Lueck attended International Pow Wow in San Francisco; The U.S. Travel Association's International Pow Wow is the travel industry's premier international marketplace and the largest generator of USA travel. Debbie Corlett, Assistant General Manager of the Carriage Inn, Donna Rosenthal, a Ridgecrest based Professional Writer and Gil Zimmerman, Executive Director of California Deserts Tourism Association all attended and helped to promote Ridgecrest as a tourist destination. Pow Wow 2011 was very successful with a total of 49 pre-scheduled international travel professional appointments. RACVB provided a copy of research and analysis assembled by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and the California Travel and Tourism Commission showing California's actual and projected international travel visitor volumes for a period from 2009-2014.
 - Lueck provided a copy of the June 2011 issue of Sunset Magazine which includes an article about Ridgecrest; the article was paid for with funds from the 2009/2010 Kern County Board of Trade Grant received by the RACVB, and the California Travel and Tourism Commission contributed matching

funds. The RACVB is receiving numerous inquiries and visitor information requests as a result of the article.

- May had 8 days of filming generating \$565,000.00 in film revenue.
- Next RACVB meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2011, 8:00am, location to be announced

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- NONE

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

- Kurt Wilson – congratulated graduates. Mr. Ponek is working on the sports registration next door.
- Mayor Carter – council member Taylors question regarding the kern county fire services.
 - Council member Taylor – want to discuss option of passing some charges to the residents.
 - Kurt Wilson – will be part of a larger discussion with Kern County as current contract is expiring.
 - Mayor Carter – council pleasure to take to committee or go to staff?
 - Kurt Wilson – reminder that staff is limited
- Council Member Morgan – send to city organization committee
- Council Member Taylor – just looking at what our options are, more in-depth knowledge to understand our options.
- Mayor Carter – bring to city org and leave to city manager for when it will be ready for the agenda.
- Council Member Taylor – other question is a breakdown of cell phones.
- Mayor Carter – MIS send the email out to council again.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Council Member Patin – thanked the Auld's for the armed forces day celebration they coordinated. Thanked Renee Westelusk for her efforts on redistricting. Congratulated Mike Lemming for new position with the Fairgrounds. Invitation for retirement to Command Master Chief Corkish. Recent Sacramento discussions regarding redevelopment agency and the electrical grid and transfer lines.
- Council Member Morgan - Command Master Chief Corkish is personal friend and with Mayor's permission will be presenting proclamation and key to the city at the retirement. Congratulations to all graduates. Dan Brady SCE information received regarding the substation and LED lights. Asked everyone to be careful this summer driving, roaming desert. Take water and let someone know where you will be and when to expect you. Lastly, community development committee item regarding difficulties with individual business owners obtaining permits.

CDC committee to discuss getting information out to contractors and business owners. Amazed in the number of contractors and business owners who make changes to buildings without getting permits. Appears to be out of hand and want contractors and owners to be invited to the meetings to discuss the process. Many issues that appear to be inspector problems are actually caused by experienced contractors who do not go get a permit. Would like this on the following CDC agenda. Please consider community events. Museum and show coming up this weekend.

- Council Member Taylor – appreciate the Auld's for their participation in the community. Banner program may be on the street lights as early as this weekend. Thanks to Mediacom for their assistance. Thanks to Renee Westelusk for support on the redistricting. Good discussions tonight, I am for development but don't believe we should be 'pocketing' people. Looking for fair market in all developments. Appreciate staff for PMS system.
- Council Member Holloway – also appreciate the Auld's for their work on the armed forces day event. Will try to go to Fresno and Stockton redistricting hearings. Understanding is the 23rd & 24th will be the first time we will see a map. Other issue is the Sacramento trip that Jason discussed. Referred to meeting with SCE a few weeks ago. When state of California decided to go with 20% by 2020 providers made it clear that cheaper cost for producing energy was natural gas. State agreed to take the public purpose charges to subsidize the difference between natural gas and solar or alternative energy. So if you want to produce the power you have to subsidize it yourself. Reason for not having motivation for providing the capacity. Working on concept to create a closed loop and other options. Committed to working around this. Regarding tonight's development issue, frustration of restrictions with redevelopment projects creates unfair opportunities for those willing to develop these types of projects. Need to stop just looking at the investment and look at the tax increment return. Intended to pay for itself over the life of the RDA. Our problem is in the presentation and getting the message to the public. Other hot topic is pension formation for league agenda. In Sacramento had 7-8 assembly member presentations. All mentioned that on June 15 they don't get paid. Believe we will get a budget by June 15 but there is a loophole.
- Mayor Carter – because cuts have been passed, cannot pass the budget and still get paid. Thanked Howard and Barbara for their work in the community. Also congratulate all the graduates. Thanked the citizens who came and gave comments and direction to council.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:31 pm



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