



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

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

**November 16, 2011  
5:30 p.m.**

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**Pursuant To California Government Code 54953 (B) (1) An Additional Call In Location Has Been Established For A Council Member Who Will Attend This Meeting Via Teleconference At 98312-2445**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Ronald H. Carter; Vice Mayor Jerry D. Taylor (Via Teleconference); Council Members Steven P. Morgan And Jason Patin

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Council Member Marshall 'Chip' Holloway

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Kurt Wilson; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City Attorney Michael Silander (via teleconference) and other staff

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda Items added:

1. Closed Session Item Of Potential Litigation, Public Disclosure Of Litigant Would Prejudice The City Of Ridgecrest.
2. Presentation To Sister City Delegation
3. Additional Documents For Item 8, Owner Participation Agreement For AMG
4. Letter Of Opposition To Kern COG Pertaining To A Highway 14 Proposal

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION**

- No comments were presented to Council by the public.

**CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.**

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| GC54956.8     | Real Property negotiations: City of Ridgecrest and Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Negotiators Kurt Wilson and James McRea          |
| GC54956.9     | Conference With Legal Counsel, Potential Litigation. Public Disclosure of Potential Litigant Would Prejudice the City of Ridgecrest |
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| GC54956.9 (A) | Conference With Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation; City Of Ridgecrest v. Benz Sanitation, Inc.                                     |

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation – Rev. Warren Campbell

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

- Closed Session
  - Received reports on 3 items, no reportable action taken action taken. Will return to closed session for 4<sup>th</sup> item at the end of meeting.
- Other
  - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No comments were presented to Council by the public.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Proclamation Posthumously Honoring Ridgecrest Police Department K-9 Officer Nitto **Strand**
- Council and Chief Strand Presented a Proclamation honoring K-9 Office Nitto to Officer Tom Dilly and Family

**1(a). Presentation to Sister City Delegates Council**

- Sister City Delegation from Tepatitlan Mexico and Ridgecrest City Council exchanges plaque's of appreciation for 36 years of cultural exchange.

**2. Presentation On The Status Of The Deviated Fixed Route Service Speer**

- Dennis Speer gave a PowerPoint presentation updating council on the Deviated Fixed Route Transit transition. *(Copy is available in the City Clerk's Office)*
- Jerry Taylor asked about part time drivers and active buses. Would like more detail during budget of the additional costs anticipated with the change to fixed route.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3. Approve A Resolution Amending The Classification Plan Ford**

**4. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of November 2, 2011 Ford**

Item 3 Pulled By Council Member Taylor

*Motion to Approve Draft Minutes Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)*

**Item 3 Discussion**

- Jerry Taylor questioned the salary range attached to this item. Staff will provide update.

**Public Comment:**

- Dave Matthews questioned what the difference was in this job classification.
  - Staff Response – consolidation of additional duties due to short staffing levels.

*Motion To Approve A Resolution Amending The Classification Plan To Include A Job Specification For An Information Systems Analyst Was Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 3 Ayes, 1 Nay (Council Member Taylor) 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Five Year Consolidated Plan And The Adopting The Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan For Community Development Programs Speer

- Dennis Speer gave staff report.
- Jerry Taylor stated he had a problem with Rocket Park getting a million dollars from us.

### Opened Public Hearing at 7:00pm

- Dave Matthews stated there are a lot of needs in the community and hearing about boys and girls club which is a private organization. Does not understand why the city is so heavily involved when there are other needs in all areas. not against the organization but other needs in the community that we don't need to pick out just this project. Would like the needs to be more comprehensive to the entire city.

### Closed Public Hearing at 7:03pm

- Jerry Taylor reaffirmed that he stands by his comment, has a problem giving money toward a park that is already getting a major gift from redevelopment. Would like something alternate for the investment.
- Steve Morgan commented that in past have used these grants for infrastructure and handicap, council has looked for other avenues to expand on the wide range available for the CDBG grant and warn the boys and girls club that this is probably the last opportunity. As money gets tighter it is harder to go outside the infrastructure of the city. with regard to a pocket park, it is in an area that is underserved by a park and available at a reduced cost. Asked for more information of why this site was selected.
- Jim McRea confirmed that the amount allocated to pocket park was because general plan identified several areas for pocket parks and for \$75,000 you can't get much. A requirement of this new development is to provide a park and a sump, this would provide that.
- Jason Patin agrees with general plan and we need the park. When we allotted the funds the developer was already obligated to provide the park. This isn't making sense because they are already obligated, would like to put this money somewhere else. Looking at the general park plan being developed and that park is in that. If this is taken care of with TAB funds, can we move this money somewhere else?
- Dennis Speer confirmed that what has been suggested falls within the 5-year plan. Council can do a project from 2014-15 and shift funds. Can amend the 5-year plan by resolution. These were proposed by staff.
- Steve Morgan gave explanation of project progression in future years.

- Jerry Taylor asked if there were other recommendations?
- Dennis Speer suggested wheel chair ramps but in fairness the plan approved in 2010 then the next projects that appeared are being presented tonight. Can commit to do a pocket park and not name that specific location.
- Jason Patin stated he doesn't want to put in another park that we will have to maintain. New ones should be maintained in landscape and lighting districts. New developments are required to do this. Propose we use the funds for something else.
- Steve Morgan commented that we could get seven wheel chair ramps. Asked how many lights we could get?
- Dennis Speer stated no more than 10.
- Steve Morgan asked if we move the money out of the pocket park we have to give CDBG something.
- Jerry Taylor asked if sidewalk was finished on Upjohn?
- Dennis Speer stated completed except where we have no right of way.
- Jerry Taylor commented that public cannot continually go in wheel chair from downs to China Lake blvd. also on Norma.
- Jason Patin asked if we can get an item approved and amend later?
- Dennis Speer confirmed yes, if application does not comply we would be given the opportunity to amend. Also if we cannot identify a project then money rolls to next year.
- Ron Carter stated he is open to moving \$75,000 to lights or ramps.
- Jerry Taylor would prefer to get wheel chair ramps and have recommendations for lighting come back at a later meeting.
- Jerry Taylor made Motion to approve with amending \$75,000 from pocket park to wheel chair ramps. Bring back for review in two months.

Public Comment:

- Carol Vaughn historical fact of past pocket parks which were not developed. Can't keep medians clean. If building parks then lighting and landscaping agreements should be built into the development agreements.

*Motion To Approve As Amended Allocating \$75,000 To Wheel Chair Ramps Instead Of A Pocket Park Made By Council Member Taylor, Second Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway).*

**DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

6. **A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Approving Proposed Retro-reflectivity Sign Policy and Program As Required By The Federal Highway Administration And Authorize The Director Of Public Works To Make Future Changes As Needed** **Speer**

- Dennis Speer gave staff report
- Jason Patin asked if this is part of the sign ordinance
- Dennis Speer confirmed this is a mandated requirement, separate from ordinance.
- Kurt Wilson stated the program does not become part of the municipal code.
- Jerry Taylor asked for the cost.
- Dennis Speer confirmed \$100k for consultant to do the assessment of all signs. We are adopting a combination of night driving and purchase and use of meter to assess the sign. Until consultant is hired and current signs are tested won't have total cost.
- Jerry Taylor asked what the value of a consultant was.
- Dennis Speer state we do not have staff to do the sign-by-sign analysis.
- Jerry Taylor stated he would like this in infrastructure committee to better define cost.
- Steve Morgan commented it is important we get this in place before the beginning of the year to comply with the mandate.
- Jason Patin confirmed that it is a federal mandate and they didn't write a check to cover it.

#### Public Comment

- Dave Matthews asked if this covers all traffic signs. Related previous state control of highways and signs and the federal government is overstepping constitutional rights. Good idea and appreciate the reflectivity of traffic signs, however some newer vehicles have headlights that do not shine high enough to make signs visible, also look at the height of the signs. Need to start pushing back.
- Dennis Speer confirmed that yes, several phases in the program. Explained the phases and timelines.
- Howard Auld commented that the current stop signs are faded and hard to see and I really like the flashing lights around the stop signs and would like to see more of those.

*Motion To Approve A Resolution Approving The Proposed Retro-Reflectivity Sign Policy And Program As Required By The Federal Highway Administration And Authorizing The Director Of Public Works To Make Future Changes As Needed Made By Council Member Morgan , Second By Council Member Patin . Motion Carried By Roll-Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)*

#### **7. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Summarily Vacating A Right-Of-Way Speer**

- Dennis Speer gave staff report
- Steve Morgan asked if we have walked the property?
- Dennis Speer confirmed yes

Public Comment:

- No comments were presented to the council by the public

*Motion To Approve A Resolution Vacating A Right Of Way At Downs Street And Bataan Street Made By Council Member Taylor , Second By Council Member Morgan . Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)*

**8. Redevelopment Agency Owner Participation Agreement (OPA) Approval And Modification From The Letter Of Commitment For AMG Senior And Market Rate Housing, 901 And 929 W. Church. APN 508-020-13 & 12**

**McRea**

- Jim McRea gave staff report to Council
- Jason Patin asked how much of the \$3 million would be grant funded and Jim McRea clarified that none of the funding came from grants; this would be a loan to be repaid with interest in 15 years.
- Jerry Taylor inquired about the interest rate and Jim McRea confirmed 4%.
- Developer stated they were able to get financing from the State on their first attempt. The costs had dropped to a point of being able to attain the funding approval. Plans have been submitted and the company is almost ready to pull permits on the senior component. Market rate component plans are completed and previous motions was reviewed and we are documenting the OPA. One point of note is that the project is to be built in 8-plex phases and we are requesting a two phase construction with each phase beginning after the previous phase is full. No financing involved. There is a concern with building 60 units which is a large number for this community. Current rents are low and company is concerned with flooding the market, so they will also do the market rate units in phases. There are no major points of contention in the two OPA. Concerned about meeting deadlines to close on time.
- Jason Patin inquired if phasing the development would comply with the original agreement and Jim McRea stated that only the market rate project is being phased and the senior will be built all at once which is the part Council is funding.
- Jason Patin finds it strange that the market rate study was not completed earlier.
- Developer stated that once the RDA case is ruled on we may be able to amend the previous resolution but cannot amend while the case is being heard in court. We (Developer) agreed to this and are going to build the senior units.
- Steve Morgan stated he understands the developer's dilemma, when we started this process you gave us some concerns about the types of housing and ability to sell them. You have been very cooperative with working with the Council. Understand the saturation of the market but we (council) still believe the market rate is important for younger incoming people to have and council is making you do this. If there is room to discuss after the court ruling we would be happy to meet with you.

- Developer assured Council that nothing has changed on the senior project and are confident that it will be the nicest senior project you will have in Ridgecrest.
- Steve Morgan commented that Council was under certain assumptions about the employment in this community which did not happen. If the developers do not meet the timeline they will lose their tax credits. Thanked developers for continuing to work with Council.
- Developer recommended they have the flexibility to have time to not have trigger points like breaking ground on a certain number of units until the hearing ruling is handed down.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No comments were presented by the Public

Jason Patin reminded public the Council didn't make the developers do anything, they came up with a proposal and Council said what they would like to see built.

*Motion To Approve An Owner Participation Agreement And Modifications From The Letter Of Commitment For AMG Senior And Market Rate Housing Located At 901 And 929 W. Church Street Made By Council Member Morgan , Second By Council Member . Patin Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 1 Absent (Council Member Holloway)*

**9. Real Property Sale, And Disposition Development Agreement (DDA) To Construct And Develop Commercial Uses On Lot 13 And A Portion Of Lot 14, Or Other Potential Sites Of Parcel Map 10819, APN 33-070-013, & 014, Ridgecrest Business Park For Two Separate Projects** **McRea**

- Jim McRea gave staff report
- Steve Morgan stated that once again the state is limiting us from providing economic development thru the redevelopment agency. Council believes we will be victorious in the court case. Mr. Matthews stated earlier that we needed to push back and this is once instance where we are. We will do everything we can to let these projects move forward.
- Jason Patin appreciates Mr. Morgan's comments because we are trying very hard to get these projects done and the state is ignoring the fact that the public voted to not allow the state to continue to take our funds. Hopefully the supreme court will support that.
- Jerry Taylor would like to see this move forward. Location in business park allow them to spout out and accommodate other businesses.

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

**10. Discussion Of Timeline And Funding Options With Regard To A Federal Lobbyist** **Wilson**

- Kurt Wilson gave staff report recounting past discussions and process. This discussion is focused on how to fund
- Jason Patin explained that the economic development committee brought together different organizations interested in supporting a federal lobbyist. All agreed city should spearhead the effort to move forward. Asked for a commitment from council to find funding source and move forward. Next council meeting on December 7 would like the funding source and a lobbyist selected.
- Steve Morgan is in agreement we need to fund, major concern is what the lobbyist will do for us. Discussions with city manager regarding the methodology.
- Jason Patin stated that Council has not decided full process, discussed sending someone to Washington to meet groups and see firsthand how they operate. Also considered bringing several lobbyists here for presentations. Possible ADHOC committee. I like the idea of watching them in action.
- Steve Morgan agrees with the idea of sending a couple local representatives to go to Washington to meet with and observe the lobbyist. Would push the process forward. Years ago Ridgecrest sent representatives to DC which netted a million dollars for business park infrastructure which we tied on state funding. In 2000 council sent representatives to England which netted unknown number of hotel stays and purchases from military detachments who have since come here to utilize training facilities. Suggest we fund sending people to these lobbying firms to meet their staffs and give us the information to use to make our selection.
- Jason Patin commented that this was Kurt's idea, great idea to see how they operate. Need to move forward
- Jerry Taylor stated that it sounds positive, plan A is redevelopment but is there a plan B if those funds are not available?
- Jason Patin discussion at committee level with staff they were asked if they could find the money.
- Kurt Wilson stated that staff has explored a number of options. If that is the council's desire staff can report back a set of options. In the event that someone does go to DC to observe the firms there is a wide disparity of costs between firms. In the event you could narrow down that cost it would help staff.
- Jerry Taylor reminded that should be working this in parallel and suggest setting a number for staff which could be adjusted later. Even a range of numbers so we don't have to come back and delay if we are ready to move forward.
- Jason Patin is asking council to be committed. How does staff want the fund amount set.
- Kurt Wilson reaffirmed that we will try to come up with several options in a range of amounts.
- Ron Carter fully supports a lobbyist and like the brilliant idea of sending someone to Washington to observe these firms.

- Jerry Taylor agrees with Mr. Wilson and putting together options to make the decision easier.
- Ron Carter gave staff direction to move forward and make arrangement for someone to go to Washington to work with firms to get information.
- Jason Patin volunteered himself and Mr. Morgan if available.
- Steve Morgan commented the opportunity was open to someone else if interested

Public Comment:

- None presented

**11. Letter of Opposition to Kern COG regarding Highway 14 proposal Morgan**

- Steve Morgan explained proposal to be discussed at Kern COG tomorrow night. Technical transportation advisory committee suggested a modification of how funds will be spent will be voted on tomorrow. Staff and council disagrees with the recommendation. Issue is on highway 14 and 46 and recommendation is to delay improvements on 46 and stop widening of 14 completely. We have agreements with Inyo and Mono County and have leveraged dollars to widen the highway. There are three segments left to improve and we want to see it completed. We as a council are supporting alternative B which will continue the funding.

Public Comment

- Dave Matthews agrees with Council. Aren't the drawings completed and if they stop we just throw all this stuff away.
- Howard Auld encouraged the Council to go for it.

Jerry Taylor relayed a story about highway patrol noting people get confused when the road goes to two lane

*Minute Motion Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Taylor. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent (Council Member Holloway)*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Dave Matthews is impressed with visitors earlier. A lot of talk about economic develop, jobs, revenue that is not happen. If we are looking for lobbyist, we should look for one who will lobby the government to get out of the way and get rid of regulations that are holding this great country back. that is what I mean by pushing back. get the federal government out of the way and let the people do

their jobs and fulfill their dreams. Dollars go out of individual's pockets and get siphoned off before coming back to the cities. Time for a change.

- Barbara Auld announced December 7 at Springhill suites will be honoring WWII veterans in honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor

## DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 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: December 14, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – held the meeting and will have another meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Good discussion of project list for infrastructure. Wal-Mart is not being held up by city hall or council but by an issue in Wal-Mart's hands.

### 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: February 2, 2011

- Jason Patin – met yesterday and continued discussions of all parks in the city and now has a master plan which will be coming to council with the findings and the cost if the entire plan were completed. If all committees with issues related to TAB need to come before council and begin whittling away to see what we can do. Quality of life is done until the list is pared down. happy with final product and the report will show what needs to be done and why.

### City Organization

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Lois Beres, Christopher LeCornu  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference  
Room  
Next meeting: December 15, 2011

- Jerry Taylor – have not met.

### 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: December 1, 2011

- Jason Patin – met with the organizations regarding a lobbyist. May have to reschedule December meeting.

**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 4:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center  
Next Meeting: January 9, 2011

- Ron Carter – met this past week and received report from teen court and how well it is working. Chief is working with all agencies and bringing them together. School district is creating pro-active programs for the youth.

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

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

- Jason Patin – have not met

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

- Steve Morgan – attended Quad-State association of governments meeting at Primm. One item was association itself. A lot of information coming down about the endangered species act which will not be fair. Are watching court cases and the act will impact our area with regard to open space in the desert. We should not ignore this. The quad-state is a valuable meeting to attend. Report coming out soon and will forward to staff to be made public.
- Jerry Taylor – Mr. Speer will be attending IWV water meeting tomorrow

**CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

- None

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Jason Patin – had a productive meeting tonight and thanked colleagues for moving forward with economic development. Thanked Chip Holloway for his time dealing with city business outside the area like the league of leaders meeting he is at right now. Love the sister city delegates coming here. Hope we make a strong effort to go there in April. Want to make their next visit even better and get more people involved. Veteran's day parade was great. A lot of entries and a lot of people watching. Thanks to all the veterans and the elks for putting the parade on. Want to thank everyone who is supporting the lobbyist effort. I

get frustrated when being forced by the government to do something and not providing the funding to accomplish. Constitutional issue. Burroughs won their last game and are going to playoffs so good luck to the team. Economic development is important. Trying to find ways to improve ridgecrest such as grant writing, branding, and lobbyist efforts. This council is committed to move forward and approach problems to get them done. Hoping there is a lot of participation at the Christmas parade on December 10.

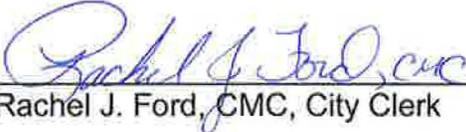
- Steve Morgan – teamwork, may not always agree or have the same idea but you work it out and move forward. We don't always appear to do that but we are moving forward. Public apology to Mr. Taylor for comments made at last meeting. Fascinating the level of detail Mr. Taylor looks at things, thank you for bringing that level and it is necessary. Look forward to city organization committee during budget discussions and the level of detail will be necessary. Plan of finance is to have information to us by the end of January for us to begin looking at. Street sweeping comment, people are beginning to notice more that the sweeper is not operating. In the budget there are many costs to running the sweeper and is a cost savings not to run the sweeper. Appreciate those who have begun sweeping their own gutters. West Mojave plan II has bad news, one thing I worked hard on early in my council career was the West Mojave Plan. The plan has been litigated by the center for biologic diversity and other groups and has been trashed and put back into committee meetings so council will be going to meetings soon and it is vital we attend to stress city's point of view on how a species is handled. Environmental wants 5 to 1 mitigation which would be devastating and we cannot allow this to happen. Will be meeting with Mr. Shiller and report back. wish everyone a safe and happy thanksgiving. If you have room at your table then invite a military member who can't get home for the holidays. Very rewarding experience. Santa's art shop is December 3-4. Santa will be in the community those two days so the children should be working on their lists and being nice. Parents remind your children Santa expects an honest answer when asked if they have been naughty or nice. Christmas parade December 10.
- Jerry Taylor – asked Kurt to look at the time of council. Accept Mr. Morgan's apology and understand your passion. We did miss out on an opportunity and as we move forward don't want to lose other projects. Recent poll shows we need to build credibility with public to be able to move forward. Need public's help to work as a team to move forward. Appreciate early discussions of budget and challenge will be dealing with next budget. Wants answer regarding previous expenditures and would like that information before discussions of TAB funds. ARRA project list provided to congressman, infrastructure committee requested the list. Asked if Karen Harker provided list to Kurt Wilson. Great veterans day parade and appreciate chamber and elks and Peggy Breeden making that happen. Wished everyone a safe and happy holiday. Be safe.
- Ron Carter – veteran's day parade was fantastic and appreciate chamber and Peggy Breeden making that happen. Loved the jets flying over. Veteran's council set three goals. A stand-down event for medical, dental, grooming. A veteran's council for counseling and number one priority is medical. Right now

veterans have to go to Bakersfield or Los Angeles and we are hoping to get something here for them. Have met with all elected officials who are very supportive. Great ideas and things already being put into action from our meetings. Appreciate Kevin McCarthy's support in our town. Major needs are not being taken care of and we are working to help with that. Recently met with WASC accreditation team for the schools. Appreciate everyone who came and we are moving forward.

- Jerry Taylor – past grant writer was successful in bringing in over one million dollars to the city.

Adjourned to closed session

**ADJOURNMENT at 10:30 pm**

  
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Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk