



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL
RIDGECREST HOUSING AUTHORITY
RIDGECREST FINANCE AUTHORITY**

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

**July 18, 2012
5:30 pm**

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CALL TO ORDER – 11:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Ronald H. Carter; Mayor Pro Tem Marshall 'Chip' Holloway; Vice Mayor Jerry D. Taylor; and Council Members Steven P. Morgan and Jason Patin

Staff Present: City Manager Kurt O. Wilson; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City; and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added franchise tax board agreements.

Motion To Add To The Consent Calendar A Resolution Authorizing Agreements With The Franchise Tax Board Made By Council Member Taylor, Second By Council Member Patin. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

- No comments presented

CLOSED SESSION – 11:30 a.m.

- GC54956.9 (A) Conference With Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation. City Of Ridgecrest v. Benz Sanitation, Inc.
- GC54957.6 Labor Negotiations – United Food and Commercial Workers Golden State 8 (UFCW); Police Employee Association of Ridgecrest (PEAR); Management; Mid-Management; Confidential; Part-Time Employees. Agency Negotiator City Manager Kurt Wilson

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Conference With Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation. City Of Ridgecrest v. Benz Sanitation, Inc. – received report – no action taken
 - Labor Negotiations – United Food and Commercial Workers Golden State 8 (UFCW); Police Employee Association of Ridgecrest (PEAR); Management; Mid-Management; Confidential; Part-Time Employees. Agency Negotiator City Manager Kurt Wilson – labor negotiations – received report – no action taken
- Other
 - none

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Matthews

- Spoke on research about bankrupt City governments in California.
- Listed cities which have already filed or has pending bankruptcy filings.
- Commented on reasons why cities are becoming bankrupt.
- Suggested changing government poor habits.

Loren Smith

- Gave history of growing up in Ridgecrest.
- Spoke on Measure 'L' which he voted for.
- Referenced Council discussion of redistributing funds to other areas rather than stated purposes.
- Expressed disappointment in Council.

George 'Andy' Anderson

- Asked Council about funding sources for increases put back into budget for salary increases.

Manuel Farmer

- Agreed with Loren Smith regarding Measure 'L' funds.
- Commented that Council will not use the funds the way it was voted.
- Commented on City Attorney fees to represent City against Benz.
- Questioned where solid waste allocation went.

Harris Brokke

- Has applied as a member of oversight committee and trusts the committee will help hold Council accountable.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Rededication Of Freedom Park Shrine And Presentation To Council Of United States Flag Flown In Iraq Nellavan Jeglum
 - Council and public convened to the foyer to rededicate the freedom shrine. Council accepted a United States flag that was flown over Baghdad Iraq.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approve A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Memorandum Of Agreement With Sierra Sands Unified School District For Law Enforcement Services (School Resource Officer Program) Strand
3. Approve A Resolution Adopting Position Description For Community Service Officer Into The Classification Plan Strand
4. Approve A Resolution Authorizing Submission Of The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Transportation Development Act Claim To The Kern Council Of Governments Staheli
5. Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Supporting The "Parade Of 1000 Flags" Ford
6. Approve Draft Minutes of Council Meeting dated June 20, 2012 Ford
7. Approve Draft Minutes of Council Meeting dated June 27, 2012 Ford
8. Approve Resolution Authorizing City Manager To Execute Agreements With The State Board Of Equalization For Measure 'L' Funds Staheli

Items Pulled

- none

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

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

9. Approve A Resolution Declaring Council's Intention To Establish the Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District (RTID) and Establishing A Public Hearing Thereon **McRea**

Keith Lemieux

- Outlined the proposal to establish tourism improvement district thru a special assessment.
- Explained the concept and the legal requirements.
- Defined what an assessment is and how it will be paid.
- Outlined the general process to be followed which includes a public hearing and formal election of the property owners.

Jim McRea

- Outlined the specific details of the proposed Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District.
- Includes lodging businesses within the City boundaries
- Management district plan is provided
- Petitions representing 89% of the business owners
- Request to establish the public hearing and recommends September 19 as the hearing date.
- Collection will be in same manner as Transient Occupancy Tax and City retains 3% for administration fees.
- Reviewed documentation provided in Council agenda

Chip Holloway

- Asked if there was a requirement for an audit.
 - Doug Leuck – this would be part of the annual audit
 - CIVITIS – there is an annual report that is required from RACVB to Council.
- Suggested budgeting for annual audit.

Jason Patin

- Inquired about the board required to make decisions for the funds collected.

Steve Morgan

- Thanked RACVB for reducing funds and created this method to become self-funded.

Jason Patin

- Added his appreciation and thanks to the RACVB for their work.

Ron Carter

- Thanked RACVB for their efforts.

Jerry Taylor

- Referred to Appendix 1 which talks about improving the district.
 - Keith Lemieux – clarified that appendix 1 is state law which has been summarized. The plan has to be consistent with the statute.
 - CIVITIS – this district is strictly for sales and market for hotels.
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Keith Lemieux – clarified the blanks in resolution which will be completed

- CIVITIS –public meeting will be August 15 for public input, September 19 will be public hearing and Council will take action on resolution after public hearing.

Jerry Taylor

- Questioned the inquiries for relocation, can they be referred to this organization.
 - CIVITIS – specific marketing activity must benefit the hotel organization.

Chip Holloway

- Percentages listed, are they flexible for 5 years or can they be changed.
 - CIVITIS – provision allowing for adjustments up to 15%.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harris Brokke

- Commented about collaboration between museum and RACVB. Asked Council to support the district because it will help everyone.

Dave Matthews

- Questioned if assessments coming from motels, will they then tack a fee to the room rate and has anyone figured out the amount the increase may be. If it is too large a room rental rate could affect travel rentals.
- Mentioned mammoth ski area closing resorts
 - Jerry Taylor – taxes and fees are charged separately in per diem so no affect to travelers. Mammoth is closing due to lease expiration with the forestry.
- Personal travelers and tourism is down because people do not have money.

Jim Sanders

- Requested expansion of the 218 process.
 - Keith Lemieux – process requires notices to all affected parties, a protest hearing and majority must agree or it can't be adopted. Equates to 2% of room rental value.
- Asked if there were increased regulations connected.
 - Keith Lemieux – no additional controls on hotels and funds are regulated in their use.

Jerry Taylor

- Clarified that this is to remove RACVB from City budget by \$125,000.

Motion To Approve A Resolution Declaring Council's Intention To Establish the Ridgecrest Tourism Improvement District (RTID) and Establishing A Public Hearing Thereon Made By Council Member Holloway , Second By Council Member Morgan . Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 5 Ayes; Nays; Abstain; Absent.

10. Approve A Resolution Authorizing Application For And Acceptance Of The United States Department Of Justice, 2012 COPS Hiring Program Grant

Strand

Paul Wheeler

- Gave staff report and review of the COPS Hiring Grant.
- Reviewed previous grant award use and focus.
- Current grant would focus on at-risk youth and help fund an at-risk officer to work with local agencies to redirect adverse behavior and keep youth in school.
- Explained the current award and matching funds from Measure 'L' revenue

Chip Holloway

- Clarified this is a three year program.

Steve Morgan

- At-risk youth officer has been requested many years but could not be funded.
- Asked public to remember this item as Council moves thru the agenda
- Fully supports the program

Jason Patin

- Fully supports the program and applauds Chief Strand for the vision to bring all the agencies together to focus on those youth who are slipping thru the cracks.
- Applaud department for reaching out to the community.

Chip Holloway

- Also supported the program and referenced Dan Clark's efforts to get teen court started.
- Referenced successful cases this year.
- Thanked police and Dan Clark

Jerry Taylor

- Funds are for two additional officers who are not in the budget and have to be veterans.

Ron Carter

- Thanked the police department
- Referred to experience as an educator and guidance needed for the youth
- Thanked Dan Clark for teen court
- Appreciate what police have done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Howard Auld

- Trouble figuring out system, how this move can forward when Measure 'I' has no money yet.
 - Jerry Taylor – will take time to get officer here and may be opportunity to borrow if found before measure 'I' funds are available.
 - Paul Wheeler – will take several months to find and train the officers.
 - Kurt Wilson – explained the budget process which includes revenues that have not been received at the time of budget adoption.

Dave Matthews

- Asked what happens after 3 years
 - Paul Wheeler – required keeping officer for one additional year.

Loren Smith

- Asked how the at-risk youth would be identified.
 - Paul Wheeler – explained the computer system as well as input from school resource officers and referrals from agencies that work with families in crisis.
- Asked for the program to be brought to the community collaborative for discussion.

'Andy' Anderson

- Clarified 3 year cost and asked Council to figure the funding for the fourth year into the budget.
 - Jerry Taylor – agreed that Council is working ahead for five years.

Jason Patin

- Expressed support for collaborative input from other agencies.
- Include youth who are beyond teen court.
- Community is working on a local level to keep problems from becoming bigger problems.

Steve Morgan

- Agreed with Mr. Anderson that this is a specific item for measure 'I' funds.

Motion To Approve A Resolution Authorizing Application For And Acceptance Of The United States Department Of Justice, 2012 COPS Hiring Program Grant Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

11. Appointments To The Measure 'L' Citizens Advisory Committee Wilson

Kurt Wilson

- Gave staff report outlining the process taken to date resulting 18 applications.
- Timing of Measure 'L' funds was reviewed.
- Number of committee members is fixed at 5 but latitude is given for the method of appointment.

Jerry Taylor

- Requested clarification of the term limits which was provided by the City Attorney

Council discussed the order of term limits and established which Council member would nominate for each term limit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Matthews

- Suggested making appointment and letting committee members draw straws for term limit.

NOMINATIONS

- Steve Morgan – 1 year appointment – George 'Andy' Anderson
- Jason Patin – 1 year appointment – Lance 'Scott' Garber
- Jerry Taylor – 2 year appointment – Mike Peterson
- Chip Holloway – 2 year appointment – Phil Salvatore
- Ron Carter – 3 year appointment – Eddie Thomas

Motion To Approve Appointments To The Measure 'L' Citizens Advisory Committee Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

Kurt Wilson – Staff will contact appointees

12. Review and Finalization of the Tax Allocation Bond (TAB) Project List

Wilson

Kurt Wilson

- Gave staff report reviewing what Tax Allocation Bonds
- PowerPoint presentation available in the City Clerk's office
- Reviewed State elimination of Redevelopment Agencies and the effect to the Tax Allocation Bonds Ridgecrest had previously sold.
- Clarified provisions of AB 1x26 and recent bill signed by the governor (AB1484)
- Reviewed process City has to follow and complete to be able to receive the funds from the tax allocation bonds.
- Reviewed history of the project list discussions previously held by Council and committees.
- Outlined project encumbrances already in place.
- Recommended priorities listed for funding with streets being the first priority.
- Referenced the pavement management study recommendations.
- Reviewed annual street pavement project lists from the pavement management study.
- Compared costs for alternate pavement methods
- Reviewed development agreements to complete other projects such as Wal-Mart and corporation yard.
- Reviewed miscellaneous projects that could also be funded but are more controversial than streets, Wal-Mart, and corporation yard.

Jim Ponek

- Reviewed projects from Quality of Life recommendations
- Gave history of aquatics study and recommendations
- Reviewed estimated costs for Kerr McGee youth sports complex
- Reviewed Leroy Jackson sports complex estimated costs.
- Reviewed estimated costs for Pearson Park and Upjohn Park
- Reviewed total estimated costs for all parks not including the aquatics park.

Ron Carter

- Asked about expansion to Skate Park
 - Jim Ponek – previous suggested expansion was already cut with exception of small skate pad at Upjohn Park.

Jason Patin

- Current parks are sub-par and not being properly maintained.
- Looking for adequate plan on how we will continue to support and maintain the parks.
- Can't support adding to parks without knowing how it will be maintained in future.
 - Jim Ponek – reviewed the present maintenance employee situations and budget crisis. Recommend funding one full-time employee for every two fields.
 - Kurt Wilson – reviewed existing labor issues and possible contract labor for portions of the parks property which may reduce the workload for existing employees.
- With new facilities come decreased labor costs. Asked if maintenance could be managed with current labor force.
 - Jim Ponek – could not add new fields but with new scenarios could maintain.
- Asked how much more labor would be needed and the cost.
 - Jim Ponek – would recommend two full-time maintenance employees at approximately \$90,000 annually.
- Not against the plan but want to make sure it is done correctly and we can maintain the properties.
- City needs both streets and parks and we need to be responsible and take care of them.

Jerry Taylor

- Referred to the PMS study and the numbers used to complete the study recommendations.
- Numbers used are a minimum.
- Asked what monies built the parks and facilities which was already redevelopment dollars.
- Everything seen tonight will increase long-term costs which Council cannot afford.
- Need to keep what we have today working but without everything being balanced should not be discussing.
- Roads recommendations decrease costs but parks projects increase costs.
- Asked for operational costs.
- Council has cut staff to the level of having to be creative to do a sub-standard job.
- Referenced challenges with minimum staff.
- Cannot support the parks proposal as it stands now without knowing the future costs and whether future Council's will be able to continue.
- Asked for the full cost to bring the road backlog current.
- Paving dirt roads adds new surface to our inventory.

Steve Morgan

- Necessary to get the Wal-Mart project which is part of the total roads.

Chip Holloway

- Not going to do all roads or all parks with this Council
- Fact we could do the pavement management system with less money, supports paving more lane miles providing we get a good balance and increase quality of life.
- Have a real problem with the pool and if we aren't going to do something then recommend closing the pool. If we do something with the pool it will still be down for a couple years.
- Feel the scenarios need to be in place before pursuing any parks projects. Would love to have the facilities leased and taken out of our hands.
- Want more lane miles paved.

Ron Carter

- Supports staff recommendations which is fair on all sides
- Would like to see a new pool
- Want to give staff direction and get this done before State changes their mind again and approve as much as we can tonight.

15 minute break

Kurt Wilson

- Recapped part one and part two of the presentation.
- Staff is hopeful Council will come to consensus on a full project list.
- Recognize Council may be comfortable with one part and if consensus on any portion would be recommended to lock that portion in at this time and continue to work on the other portions.

Jerry Taylor

- Asked when 3% administrative support would come into play.
 - Tyrell Staheli – does not apply to Bond projects.

Steve Morgan

- Have no problem with the street totals as presented
- Will be recommending putting more money into streets.
- Asked about an economic development discussion and obligations with contractors to move forward on economic development to create a tax base.
- Believe there should be a small portion of bond funds to continue with economic development.

Jason Patin

- Agreed to the economic development proposal

Chip Holloway

- Supports economic development proposal
- Would like to see china lake technologies agreement added

Jerry Taylor

- Agrees to economic development proposal and remove blight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Sanders

- Supports more funding for improving the roads. When talking about ball fields needing a rest, my car needs a rest.
- Is City still in a state of fiscal emergency and if so can we justify expanding this much in parks and recreation?
- Need to focus on the proper purpose of government such as maintaining public safety and infrastructure. Love parks and is enjoyable and attractive to community but if in a state of fiscal emergency cannot afford expansion in parks and recreation department.
- Encouraged Council to back off the parks plan at this time. Now isn't the time and adds insult to injury to the community by spending funds that are not a necessary function of the City.
- No to expansion and yes to repair of parks.

Stan Rajtora

- Appreciate positive comments by Council for increasing funds to be spent on roads
- Gave history of street pavement maintenance reports beginning 2003
- Expectations have been lowered from PCI of 90 to 60.
- Referred to various strategies used to develop the present Pavement Maintenance Study.
- Total cost to bring road to what they should be would be up to \$70 million so the proposed \$9 million isn't a big chunk of what would be needed to bring the road up to a higher PCI
- Referenced funds being back-loaded and suggested spending more the first year and less by the third year.
 - Kurt Wilson – recommendation for tonight is to front-load as much as possible by Council allocating a certain amount of money and then staff would proceed with the projects as quickly as possible.
- Suggested doing as much as we can before the State decides to take it away again.

Andy Anderson

- Requested adding \$83,000 to the police request now to fund year 4 of the police officers requested.
- Asked if the figures are based on current costs.
 - Dennis Speer – current figures with fluctuating costs for price of oil.
 - Kurt Wilson – clarified costs and report used as a guide for Council to select benchmark. Not tied to Measure 'L' funds.

Dan Clark

- Is impressed with the presentation from City Manager
- Encouraged Council to move forward.
- By breaking down into phases and passing that piece then come back with the areas that are not as clear can at least give direction to staff so they can move forward.

Steve Morgan

- No problem with streets with additional monies
- Wants to see Wal-Mart move forward
- In favor of expanding Youth sports complex
- Allocate enough money to fix Pinney Pool
- Fuzzy on the Pearson and Upjohn parks
- Leroy Jackson park and supportive of adding a third field at that location but not sure about the soccer field.
- Not comfortable with the entire parks package but agree with fixing what we have to keep maintenance costs about even.
- Supports funds for economic development, need more definition on what could be done with a couple million dollars to improve the vacant business properties.
- Want additional \$4.2 into streets
- \$2 million to economic development
- Completely fix/repair the pool
- Kerr McGee is priority
- Some work on Leroy Jackson

Jason Patin

- Willing to stick to the original list and figure out where to split the additional \$5 million that wasn't expected at that time.
- Parks are no different than any other infrastructure and can't kill them but need to know the continued maintenance costs.
- Economic development has same issues as BRAC process and major issues with trying to get people to come here. Major concern of people looking at coming here was for parks and public safety, not streets. Understand we need more money for streets but need to maintain the parks also to lower costs and attract people to move here.
- Supports putting funds into economic development to remove blight and attract businesses.

Ron Carter

- Will have BRAC again and need to be prepared and if community isn't attractive then will lose out on BRAC.

Chip Holloway

- If Council commits to allocate \$13 million for streets then \$11 million left to divide into other projects.
- Comfortable with Kerr McGee proposal.
- Not comfortable with the full parks plan.

Jason Patin

- Ok with going forward with restoration project in parks, not comfortable with expansion without knowing the on-going costs for maintaining the new facilities.
- Willing to support re-doing existing parks, not expansions. Fix what we have right now and save expansion on hold until continued maintenance projections for new facilities.

Kurt Wilson

- Staff recommendation is part one which includes streets, corp. yard, development agreement, and encumbered portions.

Jerry Taylor

- Agree with Mr. Holloway that we need to understand the costs of what we already have, and the cost of future maintenance of facilities. Fearful that we will add new stuff that we cannot maintain like the medians.
- Corporation yard is not \$3 million because we already have some funds. Other issues such as rehab of existing facility vs. new facility.
- Understand the desire for parks and support. Not willing to fund 100% of backlog on parks and only 15% of roads backlog.
- Willing to come back next week to have discussions. Concerned with building something bigger and better.

Ron Carter

- Add economic development and Kerr McGee to part one recommendation

Steve Morgan

- In agreement with that recommendation

Jerry Taylor

- Gave history of original list.

Ron Carter

- Part one but would like to add economic development, Kerr McGee, chamber of commerce, and old town enhancement.
- Want to get as much done tonight so staff can get moving so State will not take it from us.

Jason Patin

- Sticking with original list.

Chip Holloway

- Supports Mayor's recommendation but add \$4.2 million to streets

Steve Morgan

- \$13 million streets
- \$2 million economic development
- \$100k for chamber of commerce
- \$2.527 Kerr McGee

Jim McRea

- Explained the current funding source and shortage

Kurt Wilson

- Reviewed the original presentation

Jerry Taylor

- *Motion to Approve the Part 1 List As Amended To Decrease Corp. Yard to \$2 Million Second By Steve. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 3 Ayes (Holloway, Taylor, And Morgan), 2 Noes (Carter & Patin), 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent*

Ron Carter

- *Motion to Approve Kerr McGee at 2.5 Million, Chamber Of Commerce at \$100k, And Economic Development at \$2 Million, Second By Morgan. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 3 Ayes (Carter, Holloway, And Morgan), 2 Noes (Patin & Taylor), 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent.*

Remaining balance will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

13. Budget Discussion and Approval Of Adjustments

Staheli

Kurt Wilson and Tyrell Staheli

- Gave staff report.
- Reviewed impacts and proposed changes

Steve Morgan

- Questions on the grant writer, lobbyist, and other things that Council has discussed.

Kurt Wilson

- Those items were small amounts and were funded by reserves.
- Salary for Parks & Recreation staff is allocated from City hall maintenance fund for work and administrative functions performed within the scope of the fund.
- Charging the time spent on City hall maintenance to the City hall maintenance fund, same as we charge other functions to specific funds such as human resources. Is general fund dollars, not TAB or Measure 'L' dollars? The \$120,000 that was originally allocated for youth programs will now be used to fund the matching funds for two police officers.

Jerry Taylor

- Questioned the ISF fund for maintenance and the depreciation of no fund balance carrying into the next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Loren Smith

- Clarified that \$120,000 for youth funds but now is to be used for the COPS program.
- Hears the term youth program loosely and wanted to make sure this funding was actually for a youth officer.

Stan Rajtora

- Requested clarification on the ISF building maintenance.
 - Jerry Taylor – moving maintenance staff to correctly allocate their time to City hall maintenance.

Andy Anderson

- Paraphrased the previous discussion about labor charges and allocations.
 - Jerry Taylor – using one-time ISF funds to cover labor costs

a) *Motion To Approve A Resolution Approving Budget Amendment #2013-01 Increasing Appropriations And Estimated Revenues In The Annual Budget Made By Council Member patin , Second By Council Member second Holloway . Motion Carried By Roll Call of 5 Ayes; Nays; Abstain; Absent.*

- b) *Motion To Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Loan Between The Waste Water Fund And The City General Fund For Cash Flow Purposes Made By Council Member Morgan , Second By Council Member Holloway . Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote of 5 Ayes; Nays; Abstain; Absent.*

ORDINANCES

- 14. First Reading And Introduction By Title Only Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing An Amendment To The Contract Between The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest And The Board Of Administration Of The California Public Employees' Retirement System** Lemieux

Kurt Wilson

- Gave staff report highlighting the previous memorandum of understanding provisions already approved and the costs to the City that will be covered by the employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No member of the public presented comment.
- a) *Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing An Amendment To The Contract Between The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest And The Board Of Administration Of The California Public Employees Retirement System. Made by Morgan, second by patin. Voice vote of 5 ayes.*
- b) *Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing An Amendment To The Contract Between The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest And The Board Of Administration Of The California Public Employees Retirement System made by Morgan, second by Holloway.*

- 15. Second Reading And Adoption Of Ordinance 12-01 Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code With Respect To The Conflict Of Interest Code** Lemieux

Keith Lemieux

- Gave staff report

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No member of the public presented comment.

- a) *Motion to waive reading in full and to adopt by title only, Ordinance 12-01 Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code With Respect To The Conflict Of Interest Code made by Morgan, Taylor second. 5 ayes.*
- b) *Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, Ordinance 12-01 Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code With Respect To The Conflict Of Interest Code made by Morgan, Holloway seconded. Roll call 5 ayes.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Steve Morgan, Jerry Taylor, Craig Porter, James Sanders
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: August 8, 2012

- Jerry Taylor gave report highlighting the five year roads plan.

Quality Of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin, Craig Porter, Carter Pope
Meeting: 1st Thursday Of Every Even Month At 12:00 P.M.; Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: August 2, 2012

- Chip Holloway – no report

City Organization

Members: Ron Carter, Jerry Taylor, Lois Beres, Christopher LeCornu
Meeting: 1st Tuesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: August 7, 2012

- Jerry Taylor – reviewed meeting held on July 17. Looking at transit and deviated fixed route. Next meeting August 21.

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: August 2, 2012

- Jason Patin – COSMOT report will be presented at the 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 4:00 P.M., Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: Cancelled until the start of the next school year.

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Chip Holloway, Jason Patin
Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.
Next Meeting: August 1, 2012 and Best Western

- Chip Holloway – presented directors report

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- Jerry Taylor – LCC meeting on July 27 at Big Bear
- Steve Morgan – Kern COG will be dark in August.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Commended Council for the progress made on the TAB project list
- Spoke on candidates' orientation for candidates who are not familiar with Council processes and procedures.

16. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Ron Carter – thanked citizens who attended and participated.
- Chip Holloway – no comment
- Jerry Taylor – appreciate evenings discussions and anticipate things moving forward
- Steve Morgan – blogs have been severely hard on this Council the past few weeks and hope that if you hear something is going on at the Council level and haven't watched the meeting, please call Council and ask what is going on rather than listening to the fourth iteration of a story that doesn't give the truth. None of these gentlemen deserve to be filleted for that.
- Jason Patin – blogs are funny, I don't read them. Have a problem with voting on something and then reading the things written by cowards. Is cowardice to attack Council and not put their name on it and own up to saying it. Process tonight was tough, but the citizens who show up and talk about streets are the same but those who support parks don't show up. We have to take care of all the issues of the City. when things do not go your way and Council is influences by a small group of people, then do not complain if you didn't show up to voice your opinion.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:16pm


Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk