



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RIDGECREST CITY. SUCCESSOR AGENCY,  
FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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

**April 17, 2013  
5:30 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Daniel O. Clark; Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Patin; Vice Mayor Marshall 'Chip' Holloway; Council Members James Sanders and Lori Acton

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Dennis Speer; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City Attorney Keith Lemieux; and other staff

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Recognize 5a as addition to agenda via supplemental agenda.
- Item No. 11 – budget projections for FY2012-13 year end removed.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION**

- None presented

**CLOSED SESSION**

GC54956.9 (b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of Ridgecrest v MATASANTOS

GC54956.9 (b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claim of Eva M. Balfour – Claim No. 13-03

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

- Closed Session
  - City of Ridgecrest v Matosantos – received report, no publicly disclosable action taken
  - Liability Claim No. 13-03 – Eva M. Balfour – received report, voted to reject with direction to city clerk to send out notice of rejection.
- Other
  - Directed public attention to item 5a as added to agenda
  - Asked for item 6 to be pulled from consent for discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opened at 6:14pm

Jessie Olene

- Introduced self to public and Council
- Highway patrol officer
- Briefly spoke on highway patrol support in the region.

Tom Wiknich

- Question about waste management and services offered.
- Comments on recycling as main reason for waste management.
- Suggested waste management was not providing recycling services which does not fulfill their contractual obligation.
- Asked if waste management was in violation of franchise agreement
  - Keith Lemieux – responded
- Commented about difficulty in getting trash can, still does not have a recycling can and has been told they do not have a recycling container available.
- Encouraged council to approach waste management about services.

Al Huey

- Asked Council and Chief of Police how to avoid being stopped for erratic driving while trying to avoid potholes in the street, which should be covered by Measure 'L' funds.

Dave Matthews

- Empathized with Mr. Huey about the road conditions.
- Mentioned Saturday is Patriot's Day in Ridgecrest and a forum being held 9-3 at Ridgecrest Community Church. Encouraged community and council to participate.

Nadine Stichen

- Commented on worries connected to parks and recreation programs.
- Acquainted with Jim Ponek and related personal experiences with him and family.
- Commented on parks and recreation promoting mental health and participation.
- Attending meeting because of care for park and recreation programs.
- Worried and angry about financial changes due to state regulations.
- Observed Mr. Ponek present positive recommendations at quality of life committee meetings.
- Angry that director is asked to cut budget which has already been cut in past, putting department at crisis level.
- Angry because cuts being made will not be fair, decisions to be made based on core values but has failed to define those values.
- Has not seen other departments experiencing such cuts.
- Encouraged community to attend budget hearings and help prevent dissolving parks and recreation programs.
- Referred to facebook page and asked for positive memories of parks programs within the community.

Mike Neel

- Comments from Quality Of Life Committee meeting.
- Mr. Ponek stated that parks programs have been subsidized for some time.
- Persons enjoying the programs are not paying for them.
- Observed large turnout including girl's high school swim coach, who believed the City, should build pools for them.
- Schools receive funding which would allow them to build several pools.

Alyssa Soko

- Asked if city would offer credit cards for payment of programs
- People do not pay for programs because too much at one time, cash only
- Asked council to be flexible and allow charging rather than cash or check.

Jerry Taylor

- Suggested the 'Square' credit card devise for payment of parks programs fees.
- Is a transaction fee.
- Asked council to announce the workshop schedule.
- Recommendation to council of concerns and priorities.
- Example of soccer being cut first, what is the first and last items council intends to cut. Helps establish expectations.
- Not suggesting zero based budget, too painful
- Suggesting setting priorities for cuts.
- Commented about pool and deck, what would be done at home.
- Asked for positive cuts that would keep programs open.

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- Providing services, pre-pay fees for services collected from the public and expected to provide services for youth and seniors.
- Asking for honest discussion of what council priorities are and have data available.
- Comparison of grass in freedom park vs. grass at Leroy Jackson and how each park is used.

Andy Anderson

- Added, parks and recreation has taken cuts in past but all other departments have also taken same cuts. Police and roads were backfilled by Measure 'L'. not enough to cover parks and recreation.
- If going to keep pool open, figure out where else can cut to keep the pool open.

Josh Masig

- Not sure how measure 'I' works
- Intersection at bowman road and china lake blvd, near Wal-Mart has no cross walk and no distinct turn lane
- Suggesting measure 'I' funds might be used for cross walks and turn lanes
- Mentioned soccer and seeking private group sponsorship

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Employee of the Month Award** **Clark**
  - Council recognized the Employee of the Month Award for Lane Ritchey
2. **Presentation Of A Proclamation Celebrating The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of National Health Services** **Ford**
  - Council Presented Proclamation honoring 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Health Services to company representative Yolanda Alexander
3. **Presentation Of A Proclamation To The Indian Wells Valley Masonic Lodge Recognizing Public Schools Month** **Ford**
  - Council presented proclamation recognizing Public Schools Month to Peter Eiserloh and other Masonic representatives

## CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Approve A Resolution Awarding A Construction Contract For The Safe Routes To School Cycle 9 Project To Cen-Cal And Authorizing The Interim City Manager, To Execute The Contract Speer
5. Approve A Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With The Consulting Firm Of Willdan Engineering To Provide Construction Management For The City Of Ridgecrest On The Safe Routes To School Cycle 9 Project Speer
- 5(a). Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Lease Agreement With Waste Management Of California, Inc. And Authorizing The Interim City Manager To Execute The Agreement Speer
6. Approve A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An At-Will Agreement For City Manager Services Lemieux
7. Approve A Resolution Authorizing A Proclamation For The Department Of Motor Vehicles Donate Life California Event Ford
8. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Regular Council Meeting Dated April 3, 2013 Ford

### Items Pulled for Discussion:

- Item 6 pulled by City Attorney for comment.
- Item 5(a) pulled by Dave Matthews

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Items Made By Council Member Holloway , Second By Council Member Patin . Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent*

### Item 5 (a) Discussion

#### Dennis Speer

- Responded to Mr. Matthews questions of April 3.
- Zoning of the property is for commercial use therefore in line with the proposed use.
- No complaints have been submitted at this time regarding odor.

#### Dave Matthews

- Still questioning the property use, staff report is agreement for any additional industrial services.
- Suggested removing the term industrial.

Keith Lemieux

- Legally operative language is contained in the agreement. Reviewed sole purposes listed in the agreement which include zoning ordinance.

Tom Wiknich

- Asked if there is a requirement about how fast service is to be provided.
  - Keith Lemieux – part of the franchise agreement and mentioned past success with individual customer service issues. Asked Mr. Wiknich to contact directly.

*Motion To Approve Item 5(a) Made By Council Member Patin, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent*

#### Item 6 Discussion

Keith Lemieux

- After reviewing applications received, city council authorized negotiating terms with Mr. Speer.
- Do not have final language of contract drafted
- At-will agreement for \$158,000 per year salary
- Other terms of employment carried over from current position.
- Draft written agreement contains terms however Mr. Speer has not had opportunity to review.
- Requesting approval of council to finalize agreement for \$158,000 per year and other terms as described.

Dave Matthews

- Is Mr. Speer expected to maintain public works director?
  - Keith – will continue to cover until financially viable to replace.

Al Huey

- Appreciate Mr. Speer immensely, respect for his knowledge.
- County Supervisor is only receiving \$110,000 per year.
- Given financial situation of City and what is being proposed as budget cuts within the city, concerned about the amount when county supervisor receives less but deals with higher budgets.
- Feel the salary is unreasonable. No reflection on Mr. Speer.

Keith Lemieux

- Mr. Speer will be receiving significantly less than previous city manager while wearing additional hat as public works director.

Al Huey

- Given financial status of city, am still uncomfortable with salary.

Ronald Porter

- Support Dennis and happy with selection
- Has concern about voting until citizens have opportunity to review the agreement.
- Fully support selection but want to see full agreement first.

Mike Neel

- Appreciate the decision, best man for the job.
- Congratulations Mr. Speer

*Motion To Approve Item 6 Made By Council Member Sanders, Second By Council Member Holloway, Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

## DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

### **9. Presentation Of Wastewater Rate Scenarios And Cost Of Service Analysis** **By Red Oak Consultants** **Speer**

Dennis Speer

- Gave staff report

Red Oak Consulting Representative – Mark Hildebrand

- Gave PowerPoint presentation of rate study.
- Highlighted Proposition 218 Hearing requirements.

Keith Lemieux

- These scenarios are not counting the loan currently being repaid.
- Making it clear that fee increase is not going to be used to backfill the loan payments.
- Discussion of the slow incline in the operating budget. No connection to current loan.

Recommended Action

- *Approve City Staff To Send A Mailer To All Property Owners Which Will Provide The Required 45-Day Advance Notice Of Council's Intention To Vote On A Sewer Rate Adjustment During The June 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.*

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Jason Patin

- Commented Ridgecrest current rates seem out of proportion to other communities.
- Questioned if the city size directly affected the rate.
- Commented that Ridgecrest has not been raising rates in past, therefore the rate increase recommended today is larger than had the proper increases been made in the past.
- In terms of health and safety, current infrastructure needs repair and if we do not take care of it now then State could take over and charge higher rates.

Chip Holloway

- Asked about cost differences or types of bonds thru Prop 218 rather than other methods of raising rates.
- If debt is in place will we incur a different rate than if no debt issue is in place.
  - If debt is not in place and rates are not adjusted now, will incur higher costs and interest.

Jim Sanders

- Comments of monthly rates. Asked if increase in stability would justify a lower reserve or have a change on the rates?
  - Not an insignificant cost to outsource billing to vendor and purchase software. Annual cost would not be insignificant. Decision of whether revenue stream is justifiable to cover staff to do billing.

Dan Clark

- Question single family recommended rate increases, concerned about increase for seniors on fixed income. Can this scenario be adjusted. Suggested 50% increases for years 1, 2 & 3 rather than 100% the first year. Will we be too far off?

Public Comment opened at 7:47pm

Jerry Taylor

- Asked about schedule for public hearing and requirement to vote tonight to set the hearing.
- Reviewed slide #16 of presentation and commented on loan repayment.
- Suggested getting commercial loan and pay the 4.2 million off early.
- Commented on debt-ratio issue.
- Commented on concerns of the kern county 1.8% model for population growth, Ridgecrest does not grow at the same rate as Bakersfield. Concerned the projection is skewed. Additionally Military/Department of Defense budget is shrinking therefore population will shrink.
- Understand the rates need to be increased, however this council has not discussed what type of facility would be built and issues of funding construction on base.

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- Support moving forward but concerned that specific project and year of construction is not defined. IWW water rate increases are also a concern.
- Prop 218 is not free and plant size and type needs to be defined. Need to see the plan.

**Mark Hildebrand**

- Population, the larger the assumption then the lower the rates because rates are being spread over larger population.
- Point taken of type of plant but maintenance and replacement of pipes should begin immediately and continue along with the construction of new plant in near future.

**Jerry Taylor**

- Commented on the projections of sewer pipe replacement needs.

**Jim Sanders**

- Asked if the timing is tonight.
  - Literally down to the last night to get mailers out and allow the 45 days prior to hearing. Rates need to go to county by June 14.

**Dan Clark**

- Asked what the sewer system maintenance would look like beyond what has already been outlined. Is there anything else we should be considering.
  - Terry Sherborn – Provost & Pritchard
    - Matter of detail, if there was time to video all the pipes would be nice
    - Have a good idea already and can project the needs.
    - Have done considerable work on developing a plan for the new plant.

**Jason Patin**

- Any plan developed will not include extra money sitting around for leftover projects.

**Dan Clark**

- 800k has been set aside for sewer maintenance per year as part of this proposed rate schedule.
  - Terry – correct, average rates presented.

**Jerry Taylor**

- Need to make these projections and then can model trenchless v. trenched and then need to consider road repairs.
- Asked about the overhead costs.

**Ronald Porter**

- Basic history, false premise, recapped sewer building fund passed in the 1980's. all money was to be set aside to build a new plant with no maintenance planned.
- This plan was passed by a vote of the people prior to Prop 218.
- Past council and public has asked for full audit of sewer fund.
- Asked for a full plan.
- Suggested this plan is building a reserve because the city borrowed money from the original reserve.
- Gave history of past sewer plant and agreement made to maintain from general fund.
- Concerned about raising cost of sewer fees without knowing what the funds will be spent for.
- Spoke on representatives' obligation to engage the people.

**Manny Farmer**

- Concerned about rate for single family home versus single family mobile home.
  - Mark Hildebrand – reviewed methodology used to establish rates.
- Has owned both single-family home and mobile home with identical residents, use of sewer is the same.
- Questioned why commercial rates are lower when more people use the facilities at commercial facilities.
  - Jim Sanders - Statistically, mobile homes have shown overall less use of sewer systems than single family homes.
  - Mark Hildebrand – study has been done showing less usage in mobile homes.

**Chip Holloway**

- Some people are equating manufactured homes as mobile homes. Manufactured homes are billed as a single family home.
  - Mark Hildebrand – mobile homes listed in this report are located in parks.

**Andy Anderson**

- Would we buy more time by rehabbing current facility or would it be a waste of money.
  - Terry – could possibly buy some time but compares to buying a used car. Plant is currently in the stage it would not make it down the street. Currently not meeting codes in electrical or compliance issues. Suggest picking a date and plan to replace the plant.
- Questioned sewer line maintenance cost and whether it is based on the average cost or based on our sewer system being antiquated.
  - Mark Hildebrand – 800K would replace 50% in 30 years.
- Do not think this is near the amount needed in the budget to replace sewer lines. Asked council to consider putting more than 800K per year.

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**Al Huey**

- Spoke about remembrance of discussions in the 1980's regarding the sewers.
- Recalls council set aside a sewer fund.
- Subsequent council's borrowed from the sewer fund which diminished ability to borrow.
- Asked about public having same rate increases match the rate council was paying back the loan to the wastewater fund over 30 years.
- Made comments about priorities being out of place on necessities as opposed to wants.
- Referred to a competition pool at same time as closing Pinney pool, medians being funded by public citizens independently.
- Urged council to get priorities straight. Problem today is because of past council actions. Faced with dire decision tonight but would not have had to make this decision had past council focused on the issue.

**Stan Rajtora**

- Commented on not liking taxes but willing to pay his share so long as he understands what is really being done with the project.
- No question sewer lines need repaired. Wants to do more quickly.
- Was hoping to hear more about the actual plant and when it would be operational.
- Difficult to figure out a rate scale without the plan. Assumptions are built into the analysis.
  - Dan Clark – suggestion is plant needs to be completed in 5-7 years.
- Suggested working backwards from completion to present.
- Commented on Fund reserves associated to sewer availability charge. At present can't make a 10% general fund reserve. Do not understand how council can consider having a 100% operating reserve. Back off reserve could get rates down and still accomplish what needs to be done without having rates so high.
- Asked about the Navy cost-sharing. Wants to make sure the Navy is paying their fair share. Do not think City should be subsidizing the navy.
- Commented on 6% interest rate. Seems high and hope we can do better than that.
- Mentioned industry standards of apartments using 80% of single family standards but numbers appear to be 87% projection.
  - Mark Hildebrand
    - Responded to questions. Costs associated are fixed regardless of the account and strength of sewage coming from each account. Fixed costs changes from 80% to 87%.
    - Commented on interest rate availability due to sequestration and budget cuts. Conservative estimates of rates in 5 years.
- Asked about current general fund reserves today. Personal opinion of 100% operating reserve along with a capital reserve is arbitrarily forcing rates higher than required.
- Suggested putting those funds toward maintenance rather than reserve.

Harris Brokke

- Heard dates and 45 day thing needs to happen before the June 5 meeting and product needs to be finished by June 14.
- If Council meeting was scheduled to other dates such as June 10, could the product be completed?
  - Jim Sanders – referring to new information and desire to re-crunch numbers
  - Keith Lemieux – must be conducted at a regular meeting of the Council

Mike Neel

- Read statement made by Martin Luther King Jr.
- Referenced recent history of trash issues.
- Commented on Measure 'L' and other tax increases.
- Referenced agenda item stating no plan has been completed and assumptions.
- Acknowledged sewer line conditions.
- Referenced to credibility of council having a large increase. Suggested doing the increase annually rather than a 5 year plan.
- Suggested City doing own billing and bi-annual Prop 218 hearings.
- Suggested operating reserve be 50% and lower capital reserve and increase for first year only be 25%.
- Gather real data of cost for repair of lines.
- Nothing in the data shows requirement for new plant by 2018, repairs possible but need more hard data before raising rates to this level.

Closed at 8:43pm

Jim Sanders

- Timing is unfortunate, ideally would do budget hearings which might change the numbers. Interested in seeing the difference in rates with 10-year repayment plan of wastewater loan vs. 30 year.
- Don't feel comfortable raising rates based on 30-year loan repayment schedule. Proposing to re-crunch the numbers to see the difference in rates with a 10-year repayment.
- Suggested a monthly billing schedule to meet reserve.

Dan Clark

- Reminded council that at this point there is no general fund reserve so may not be feasible to increase loan payment until general fund reserve is improved.

Jim Sanders

- Suggested starting a monthly billing schedule which would justify a lower reserve.

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Jason Patin

- Reviewed current cuts needed in General Fund and does not agree with increasing that just to pay back the loan.

Chip Holloway

- What service do you want to cut to pay back the loan quicker, not creating revenue.
- Not collecting near the identified need. Preferred route if state elected new governor and gave back RDA funds which were taken then could have the discussion but could also have another Prop 218 hearing and adjust the rates again.
- Understand the sticker shock value. Proposed re-crunching numbers with a 60%, 50%, 40% over the next 3 years then 3% thereafter for 2 years. Asked if there could be a true CPI adjustment for each year.

Dan Clark

- Suggested reversing Chip's suggesting by starting with 40%, 50%, 60% then 3% for the following 2 years.
- Recapped options.
  - Mark Hildebrand – provided numbers on the overhead.
- Can support 60%, 50%, 40% and CPI for 2 years with possibility of additional Prop 218 hearing.

Lori Acton

- Looking at same reserve amount. Scenario of reducing next year if reserve is changed?
  - Mark Hildebrand – yes.
- Commented on wastewater loan and public would have to pay more to outside agency.
  - Mark Hildebrand – commented they looked at actual interest earnings. Also if reserve levels are a concern can show the numbers which will have little effect on the rates. Rates are being driven by the need to build a new plant.

Chip Holloway

- Commented on reserves.

Jason Patin

- Not willing to keep looking back at decisions that were made by previous councils.
- Commented on history of the 4.2 loan.
- 21 years since increase to sewer fees, not happy about increasing fees and would have preferred small increases throughout the years. See a problem and are going to fix it.

Dan Clark

- Reviewed benefits of rate increase. New plant; repair and rehabilitation of infrastructure. Would be reckless to not take action having the knowledge we currently have. Need some reserve to make repairs in the event of a breakage.
- Supports 60%, 50%, 40% and encourage colleagues to look at the modified rates to accommodate seniors and fixed incomes.

Jim Sanders

- Asked to see scenario showing difference in rates with shorter repayment of loan.
  - Mark Hildebrand – showed rate adjustment based on 10 year loan payments.

Jason Patin

- Still will need to incur debt to complete the system but the increase rates are only getting us near where we should have been already.

Chip Holloway

- Discussion of volume based rates

*Motion To Establish Public Hearing To Be Held June 5, 2013 And Direct Staff To Send Mailers Showing 60%,50%,40% Plan Made By Jason Patin, Second By Chip Holloway. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

*Motion To Adopt Item 10 With Revision To Rates Adjusting Increases To 60%, 50%, 40% 3% And 3% For 5 Year Rates Made By Jason Patin, Second By Holloway. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent*

**10. Discussion Of Increasing Fees For Wastewater Services And Establishing A Public Hearing** **Speer**

Dennis Speer

- Presented staff report

Public Comment:

Tom Wiknich

- Does this model plan to break ground in 5 years and fix current infrastructure at the rate of \$800K per year.

Stan Rajtora

- Asked for clarification of modifying billing process to reduce reserves.
- Would rather pay annually rather than monthly.
- Recommended independent oversight committee for wastewater fund.

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Chip Holloway

- Lower reserves would create higher rates and make it more difficult to bond.

Jerry Taylor

- Reminded council they do not want to do billing. Recounted history of Benz billing.
- Recounted other ways of generating credibility with public.

Mike Neel

- Comments on freedom and taxes.
- Specifics on notice that will be mailed. Reviewed the agenda item notice, bottom left corner in italic which is hard to read. Suggested removing some language and request what is said in the lower left corner be enlarged. Want public to have clear understanding of what this means if they do not respond.

Mark Hildebrand

- Reviewed the method of notification which will include the outside cover.

Jim Sanders

- Italics draws more attention.

Mike Neel

- Larger font and bold get more attention.

Chip Holloway

- Comments on state regulations for election pieces and asked if there are similar requirements.

Mark Hildebrand

- Intention was to draw attention with italics and box. Will work on making it more legible.

Lori Acton

- Glad to see we are moving forward.

Jim Sanders

- Avoiding catastrophic problem in future.

Chip Holloway

- The most important service we provide the public is the removal of bodily fluids from the homes. Has to be done and trying to do in a fair and economical way. Comfortable this rate addresses the need in the most fair and economical way possible.

Jason Patin

- Doesn't matter how we got here or what other council's have done. Our task is to take care of the problem and that is what we have done. Would be irresponsible not to take this step.

Dan Clark

- Would be irresponsible not to take action.

Jim Sanders

- Flyer suggestion, eliminate wording referencing regional rates.

*Motion to adopt item 10 with revision to rates adjusting increases to 60% in year 1, 50% in year 2, 40% in year 3, 3% in year 4 and 3% in 5 year rates made by Jason Patin, second by Holloway. Roll call vote of 5 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; and 0 absent.*

**11. Monthly Budget Projections Update for Fiscal Year 2012-13 McQuiston**

Item removed prior to approval of agenda.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**City Organization**

Members: Dan Clark, Jim Sanders  
Meeting: 3rd Tuesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room  
Next Meeting: May 21, 2013

Jim Sanders – reviewed last meeting

- Reviewed Measure 'L' report of expenditures
- Reviewed travel budget, on target.
- Gas tax review of revenue, waiting on expenditures.
- Discussed fees charged, will continue in budget workshop
- Discussed legal fees for past 5 years.
- Sales tax revenue was up and gas tax revenue was down.

**Community Development Committee**

Members: Jason Patin, Chip Holloway  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room  
Next Meeting: May 2, 2013

Jason Patin – announced next meeting

**Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Dan Clark, Jason Patin  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M., Council Conference Room  
Next Meeting: May 8, 2013

Dan Clark – announced next meeting and will be discussing the sewer management plan.

**Quality Of Life**

Members: Chip Holloway, Lori Acton  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Kerr-McGee Center  
Next Meeting: May 9, 2013 (Dark in June, July, December, and January)

Chip Holloway – reviewed last meeting on April 11.

- Presentation on the Ridge project which includes median cleanup and proposals of new median using stamped concrete.
- Encouraged public to go online to see what they do.
- Report from parks director about viewfinders grand prix.
- Recommendation from parks director to cancel lease on Leroy Jackson Park. No proposal sent to county yet.
- Remaining meeting was discussion of preserving the pool and programs. Commented on using return on investment as being a loss for the pool and not wanting to use that as only basis for making decisions. Received more input from public.
- AdHoc committee established.
- Next meeting proposal of drug addiction and mental health program for the community.

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

Members: Jim Sanders, Jason Patin  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 4:00 P.M., Kerr-McGee Center  
Next Meeting: May 21, 2013

Jason Patin – have not met

**Veterans Advisory Committee**

Members: Jason Patin, Lori Acton  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month At 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room  
Next Meeting: May 6, 2013

Dan Clark

- PSA out for Stand-down
- Dollar rent-a-car offering transport to LAX and other businesses in the southland.
- Fundraising efforts with logo shirts and patches.

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

Members: Jason Patin, Chip Holloway  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.  
Next Meeting: May 1, 2013 at location to be announced

Chip Holloway – have not met

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

- None

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Dennis Speer

- Scheduled order of appearance for budget hearings.
  - Public Works
  - Public Services
  - Administration
  - Finance
  - Police
  - Parks & Recreation

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Lori Acton

- Follies Saturday.
- Thanked public for input on wastewater discussion. Glad for dialogue and suggestions

Jim Sanders

- Good debates today with good information
- Passed flyer to pay back 30 year loan but intention is to find a way to repay the loan as soon as possible. Will be budget workshop discussion.
- Want to see costs vs. revenue numbers at the budget workshop.
- Appreciate staff for their time and efforts.

Chip Holloway

- Policy Committee meeting in Pasadena last week.
- President Obama's budget proposal includes eliminating tax exempt status for municipalities.
- Would prevent sale of bonds on all nationwide infrastructure projects.

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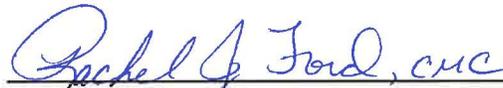
Jason Patin

- Items that come from committee are reviewed by full council before decisions are made.
- School uses our pool for a fee. Funds they received are not allowed to build a pool with it.
- Jackson park is not under discussion, only who will maintain it.
- Wildflower festival had great turnout
- Follies this Saturday.

Dan Clark

- Proud of council, difficult decisions are being made and a 5-0 vote is awesome.
- Thanked community members for being here.
- Working on infrastructure is great thing.

**ADJOURNMENT at 9:57 pm**

  
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Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk