



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

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

**December 6, 2013
1:00 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Council Present: Mayor Dan Clark; Vice Mayor 'Chip' Holloway; Council Members Jim Sander; Lori Acton; and Steven Morgan

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Dennis Speer; Deputy City Clerk Karen Harker; City Attorney Keith Lemieux; and other staff

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REGULAR SESSION – 1:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Taylor

- Since the dissolution of Committees the Council has not spoken to or about Infrastructure Committee meeting. What are the roads projects that are being done with the Measure L money that was give this last year. There was \$800 K. Redevelopment money has purchase parks and not roads. I recommend that the Council bring back the Measure L list that was given to the Council. How do we prioritize the money? Discussed roads and the streets in our community. Mr. Taylor is very concerned about our infrastructure in our community.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Authorization to Pay the State Department of Finance the disputed claim amount related to the Dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency Speer

Dennis Speer

- Presented staff report as written

Mayor Clark

- Would like to turn it over to legal staff

Keith Lemieux

- The big question is can this payment be made by bond proceeds. Mr. McEwen to think that we can make the payment from the proceeds and that this would not impact the proceeds and would not cause the litigation to stop.

Chip Holloway

- How quickly would we see the issue of the funds or bonds

Keith Lemieux

- Referred to the health and safety section of the resolution and discussed the action and how it would proceed forward. We could have this issued as soon as Monday and no later than Friday.

Steve Morgan

- Goes without saying that we need to take this route but we need to free up this money and need to make payment of this amount at this time and to good for this community.

Lori Acton

- We pay under protest and giving three million so that we get 24 million so that we can do the streets and keep moving forward

Jim Sanders

- No right answers. Frustrating that it has come down to this and that the public doesn't see how we have to work with the state. I feel that this is the right thing to do to move forward.

Chip Holloway

- Frustration and being active at the League and offered this solution from day one and were told no and now here we are doing this and have lost time where we could have been doing our Capital Improvement projects.

Keith Lemieux

- Underlying dispute is just difficult and you never know what the State is going to do. We try and do the best that we can with the information that we have at the time.

Mayor Clark

- It is imperative that we resolve this issue, we have time constraints and need to move forward quickly.

Public Comment

Dave Matthew

- Does the existing litigation go away

Keith Lemieux

- The existing litigation still moves forward even though you receive the bond funds

Dave Matthew

- How long will it go on for?

Keith Lemieux

- I don't know how long it could go on for.

Jerry Taylor

- You might as well proceed. Regarding the funds that you get I would caution you that the State could ask that you pay back what you are spending. You might have to pay out of your general fund. Do you have it in your general fund? The Council needs to be very cautious. If we had spent like our predecessor has told us to we might not be in this situation. But we didn't and I just would caution the Council.

Keith Lemieux

- We know that we are half on a slippery slope and half not.

Closing Comments

Steve Morgan

- Mr. McEwen and Mr. Lemieux thank you for all of your help for getting us through this process. I appreciate it. Some might have thought we should have moved quicker but here we are.

Lori Acton

- Echo what Mr. Morgan said. Thank Mr. McEwen and Mr. Lemieux. Just need to move forward and get the funds into the community.

Jim Sanders

- I just wanted to make sure that I recognize the support the City received from our state legislators. Is it possible for the State to issue not issue the Notice of Completion?

Keith Lemieux

- I guess that there is always that possibility, but it wouldn't be to their advantage.

Chip Holloway

- Letters from the Legislators were probably not even open. Discussed how the League worked to move this through the

Mayor Clark

- When the Bonds were issued the city was supposed to spend 10%, 30%, 60%, 85%. Time is of the essence. In March the City sent \$7,707,181 million, \$4,252,053.25 million, \$2,998,867 million. This year alone 14 million was sent to the State. When it comes to what it says and we are working with an 11million dollar budget.

Motion To Approve A Resolution of the City Of Ridgecrest Acting as Successor Agency to the Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency to pay disputed claims related to the dissolution of the Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency under protest Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

ADJOURNMENT at 1:26 pm



Karen Harker, Deputy City Clerk