



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RIDGECREST MEASURE L ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

February 6, 2013
5:30 pm

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.

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; City Attorney Keith Lemieux and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- *Item 5 – replacing attachment B*
- *Item 2 – presenter running late so item moved after Consent Calendar.*

Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Sanders. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent (Mayor Clark)

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

- None

CLOSED SESSION – 11:30 a.m.

GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation – Public Disclosure of Potential Litigant Would Prejudice the City of Ridgecrest.

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REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Conference with Legal Counsel – Received Report – no reportable action
- Other
 - Met with Measure 'L' Oversight Committee to review tasks such as a resolution establishing meeting dates and times. No action taken on any issues. Received comments on draft resolution and will present final draft at next meeting on February 20 at 4:30 with the attorney.

Mayor Clark and Council welcomed Mr. Duncan and his Economics class.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened public comment at 6:10pm

Randy Jenkins

- Read a statement after the election thanking citizens and encouraging them to continue toward change.
- Expressed individual belief and reliance on Jesus and spoke on oppression and evil resulting from removal of Jesus from life.
- Spoke on truth surpassing current state of affairs and hope and anticipation of upcoming religious holidays. Quoted scripture from the bible.

Harris Brokke

- Announced 3rd Annual Wildflower Festival and introduced new brochures, ensured wide distribution of the brochures and expanding on the benefits of the festival. Distributed copies of the brochures to the Council and encouraged businesses to call for brochures to place in their business.
- Festival scheduled for April 12-14, 2013

Dan Brady

- Southern California Edison contact introduced himself to the new Council
- Distributed business cards

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Becky Richardson

- Identified as the Relay for Life chairperson for 2013
- Spoke about her Mothers battle with cancer and asked for support of the annual Relay for Life
- Invited City of Ridgecrest to participate by forming a team and participating on committees
- Announced organizational meetings the 3rd Tuesday each month beginning March at 6:00pm at Cordell Construction. Offered to provide flyers and contact information.

Paul Vanderwerf

- Gave anecdote about the Lakers Basketball team.
- Commented that Council has many challenges with a sense of urgency and asked leadership to let citizens know where they can help.

Jerry Taylor

- Distributed a graph of the current budget general fund balance and expenditures made from unavailable funds.
- Spoke about hiring new finance director and encouraged Council to give direction to staff on what is to be kept and what is to be eliminated
- Currently community does not know what Council needs help with, asked Council to identify the needs.
- Concerned with optimistic budget projections of current budget. Reality of Navy budget is not an upward trend and leads to major concerns for income, sales tax, and TOT.
- Encouraged Council to not wait for next budget cycle.
- Encouraged the compilation of a budget without Measure 'L' to show citizens what will be lost.
- Strongly suggested Council lead citizens thru these trying times.

Tom Wiknich

- Good news, customers have donated additional \$2000 to City for this tax year.
- Asked if Ethics training has been completed.
- Asked Council Member Acton if she was on the board of directors for boys and girls club
- Mentioned ethics meaning that something might be right legally but may not be ethically correct.
- In past, Council have stepped down when things were discussed that affected their position.
- Not always personal financial gain but may mean gaining in an esoteric way such as position or power.
- Encouraged Council Member to take this into consideration during discussions later in the meeting.

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Mike Neel

- Trust within the community and appearance, regarding two occasions recently borrowing money from wastewater funds. Encouraged Council to put those items in the budget as a specific line item and referenced illegal borrowing in past with a 30 year payback.

Katy Nasik

- Casual observer of the Measure 'L' fund
- Voted for it because of the citizens oversight committee and believes the re-visioning of the committee and discussions along with subsequent event has given the appearance that Council is trying to smack down the committee
- Hopes this is not the situation and requested the Mayor attend the next meeting to put the matter to rest.
- Praised the volunteers who are trying to make this move forward and need to be supported by the Mayor and Council.
- Notes were not worded correctly and were taken in a threatening manner.
- Presumed there was a contingency plan in place if the measure had not passed and encouraged two budgets be presented for transparency.
- Citizens are aware of budget issues and are willing to step up and help but citizen need to feel they can trust that the money will be used in the manner promised.
- Asked the Mayor to attend the meeting.

Barbara Auld

- Attended the Measure 'L' meeting.
- Progress is being made and City Attorney Lemieux helped
- Added support for suggestions made by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Vanderwerf
- Spoke on past meeting with Mr. McCarthy and efforts to bring money to Ridgecrest.
- Encouraged a town hall meeting to continue the efforts.
- Encouraged Council to ask for input and communicate with the committee and citizens thru a town hall meeting.
- Has spent 68 years to build up this community and need to put it back on its feet.

Closed Public Comment at 6:35pm

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation Of Service Award To Former Planning Commission Chairman Craig Porter **Clark**

- Matthew Alexander presented a plaque from City Staff honoring Craig Porter for his work as the outgoing Chairman of the City Planning Commission. Recited accomplishments achieved during his tenure as a Planning Commissioner.

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- Craig Porter thanked Matthew, staff and Council for the recognition. Spoke on trying experience made better by the assistance of staff.
- Council Members shared words of congratulations to Craig Porter.

2. Presentation Of The Annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Report By the Independent Audit Firm of Pun & McGeady Sloan

Kenneth Pun

- Gave PowerPoint presentation to Council of the 2012 audit of the financials *(copy available in City Clerk's office)*
- Annual CAFR is available on the City of Ridgecrest website and in hard copy in the City Clerk's Office and City Finance Office
- Reviewed the five phase audit process and internal control risk assessment.
- Reviewed the financial summary which includes all funds.
- Explained variance from 2011 to 2012 which was affected negatively by dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency.
- Compared Revenue v. Expenditures between 2011 and 2012
- Compared General Fund highlighting Wastewater Fund loan which increased total liability.
- Compared Operating Income
- Reviewed Reserve Fund which shows -37% surpluses.
- Reviewed Post Employment Healthcare Plan.
- Presented summary of Key Transaction regarding dissolution of Redevelopment Agency.
- Going concern is deficit fund balance of the General Fund created by a refund of \$4,250,000 settlement of the franchise fee to wastewater fund.
- Presented updates to GASB Standards which will require changes in current financial reporting to comply various GASB Statements issued.
- Highlighted Pension reporting changes.

Chip Holloway

- Asked for explanation of formula used to calculate workers compensation numbers.
- Asked how an individual City major claim affects the remaining cities in the pool.
- Discussion of actuarial studies required every two years and estimates for medical insurance obligations.
- Asked if self-insurance, workers comp and other pools are monitored in the audit and update City of the investment returns are below expectations.
- Demographic statistics over the past 9 years, can we gain nexus of information with per-capita income and budget.

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Dan Clark

- Asked about CalPERS commitment which will affect the future budget and how we gain the figures needed to include these numbers.
 - System is being enhanced to provide numbers by 2015
- Confirmed 5%-10% recommendation of general fund reserve increased.
 - Projections are derived from 2 months of expenditures.
- Asked if other cities were at the 5% reserve.
 - Some clients have up to 20% but a lot of cities in trouble at this time.

Jim Sanders

- Asked if the general fund reserve was a recommendation or best-practice
 - Best Practice recommendation is a minimum of 5%

Jason Patin

- This study lets us know what needs to be done in the next budget cycle. Feel we need 10% reserve which will be tough but a good goal to have.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Taylor

- Questioned Council if presentation was made available before the meeting.
- Recommends the presentations be available in the packet.
- How can public have questions or be prepared if they can't see it before it is presented.
- Relative to PERS liability, this is just the known liability and not a projection of the future.

Phil Salvatore

- Plea to make the budget easier for a lay person to understand especially with regard to the Internal Service Funds.

Paul Vanderwerf

- Liability of wastewater fund, asked how it came up during the audit.
 - Ken Pun – Stated that during audit process terms sent to attorney to look at claims or potential liability.
- Commented that internal control is vital and City should have been able to identify liability.
- Spoke on CPA unqualified opinion, which is good however there is a negative going concern consumption which means we are going broke.

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Jim Fallgatter

- Concerned with Mr. Patin's comment of fixing this in the next budget round.
- Hope this is not the same opinion of all Council.
- Going broke and hope Council does not wait until July to make changes.
- Asked for Council opinion of when action will take place.
 - Council seated in December and immediately cut the budget due to not being balanced. Council is making major decisions and encouraged input from citizens.
 - Jason Patin clarified statement and is ready to begin making necessary cuts immediately.

Dave Matthews

- Commented on no concerns with internal controls.
- Commented with decisions made at state level and asked if there was a way to gain additional funding without making cuts now.

Jerry Taylor

- Thanked Phillip in MIS for providing the PowerPoint presentation.
- Referenced slide 13 of the presentation, specifically revenues have decreased and expenditure have increased.
- When money is shifted from one account to another then have not cut.
- Encouraged Council to schedule the budget meetings, understanding the draft budget is not ready yet, but to establish goals.

Mike Neel

- Questioned if there was a reason to wait until April or May to hold the budget sessions.
 - Dan Clark – will be scheduling as soon as possible to be completed by June. Announcements will be in the paper.
- Encouraged Council to set hearings as early as possible.
 - Lori Acton – has been proactive in scheduling time with citizen to understand parts of the budget and am having discussions with staff to identify where cuts can be made. Also having conversations with other cities to identify how they made cuts.
- Suggested pay cuts for department heads.

Paul Vanderwerf

- Related conversation with staff for next year which indicated next year's budget would be more difficult.

Dan Clark

- Thanked Tess Sloan for stepping up during vacant Director of Finance position.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Special Council Meeting Of January 23, 2013** Ford

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

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- 4. Appointments to Council Committees, Boards, and Commissions** Clark

Dan Clark Nomination to Personnel Board – Ron Carter

Continued to next meeting.

- 5. Community Development Block Grant Application** Speer

Dan Clark

- Explained federal funds received for special projects.

Dennis Speer

- Gave staff report.
- Continued public hearing of proposed public projects.
- Proposed projects are to fund improvements for the Senior Center and Boys & Girls Club facility.

Dan Clark

- Read eligibility requirements of CDBG funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Wiknich

- Asked for opinion from Attorney pertaining to government ethics with Lori Acton remaining on the discussion of this subject.
 - Keith Lemieux – Responded that there is no legal conflict.
- Personally believes there is an ethical conflict and asked Mrs. Acton to step down from the discussion.
- Asked why the cost change for contingency.
 - Dennis Speer requested member of club who prepared the project to respond.
- With previous budget presentation, requested the maximum citizen benefit be considered and requested ADA compliance be considered rather than a club that only benefits a small percentage of the public.

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- Listed observation of citizens with ADA issues being forced into traffic due to lack of community and non-automatic doors.
- Asked Council to put the money where the maximum benefit to citizens would be met.

Phil Salvatore

- Second Mr. Wiknich plea.
- Referenced previous discussion of using these funds for ADA compliance
- Grim projections for budget in the future.
- ADA compliance is a legal requirement whereas boys and girls club is not.
- Suggested outside donations for the proposed projects and encouraged utilizing these funds for the legal compliance.
- Related story of home remodel cost and compared to the proposed costs.

Travis Riley

- Both projects proposed are important, senior and youth.
- Roads are important.
- Feel the senior center should have more funding. Respect all of the projects.
- Asked Council to divide it equally between the three but if had to eliminate one then boys and girls club would be less important than seniors and roads.
- Related experience of difficulty riding bike without having to go into traffic.

Lori Acton

- This is federal funding, asked for clarification of where handicap could be installed.

Patricia Meyer

- Answered question regarding increase to costs including advertising, contractor retention, etc. which is added onto the top of the proposal.

George 'Andy' Anderson

- Asked when the City would begin incurring retribution from the Federal government for failure to meet ADA compliance. Eventually if we do not comply with ADA we will be penalized.
- Suggested researching and evaluating this point before allocating funds to nice things.
- Have no problem with supporting the senior center and other facilities but do not want to incur the wrath of the federal government.

Dan Clark

- are continuously working toward compliance and therefore fulfilling commitment.

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Dennis Speer

- required developing a plan, which is our next step toward ADA Compliance. No specific due date, is due now however is an unfunded mandate and federal position is that you are in fact moving forward and have a program or plan in place.

Margaret Graham

- Senior center serves a good purpose.
- Tired of holding nose in the restroom due to sewage odor.
- Doors are not compatible with wheelchairs

Alardy Bolerio

- In favor of ADA compliance. Mentioned various locations with blind persons.

Phil Salvatore

- Making a willing decision not to fund ADA when we have the funding to do so.

Dave Matthews

- No rehabilitation has taken place in senior center since original build date.
- Second facility which is deteriorating which might benefit more of the community than these two, the Pinney pool.
- Understand proposal has a deadline, but \$300,000 would help that facility also.

Marilyn Smith

- Attends senior center and thank God for the senior center.
- Cannot stand the stench at the bathrooms. Can smell them to the front door.
- Ceiling is bad and floors are marred and worn thin.
- Need Council help to rehab the Senior Center.
- Supports the roads and senior center and if anything is left over then the youth.

Mike Neel

- Reviewed the December 5 meeting and kinds of improvements that have never been considered, street drainage and water/sewer line improvements.
- This money could be used to take care of some of the linear sewer line issue.
- Why are a significant building expansion being considered when there is a fundamental need to improve or repair sewer lines.
- If sewer lines implode, City hall would be inundated with calls from citizens with urgent needs.
- Highly questions expansion of boys and girls club building.
- Encouraged Council to consider overall infrastructure needs in that area of potential sewer issues.
- Expanding the building in a time when having to cut back.

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Jerry Taylor

- Suggested remember park & recreation used to be in City hall. Large amount of floor space available and could contract for them to run Kerr McGee and bring Parks & Recreation administrative staff back to City Hall.
- Challenged school district to use their funding to provide facility for after school club.
- Asked Council to consider their unfunded needs that also meet this funding source requirement.

Ended Public Comment At 8:07pm

Chip Holloway

- Referenced Mr. Speers 3 phase proposal from December 5 agenda.
- Delayed due to lack of information for tonight's proposed projects and now have the information.
- Originally asked for a hybrid approach which included the ADA plan and a couple ramps in that area and assuming leverage was not diminished then work with boys and girls club and a phased plan for senior center.
- Have to spend \$.40 to receive \$.60
- Still in favor of ADA plan first then other projects in phases.

Dennis Speer

- Costs are estimates until projects are bid and awarded.
- Majority Council directed staff to focus on these projects on December 5

Chip Holloway

- In a public meeting we discerned a problem and fail to take action then may have consequences from the federal government.

Jason Patin

- Two City buildings being discussed repair has to be addressed.
- With the budget report received, not a good idea to do expansion.
- ADA is an unfunded mandate and a large chunk of money should go there.
- Either re-house the functions and not use these buildings or repair the buildings.
- Also need to look at the sewer issue. We have to live with the consequences of our decisions also.
- When we get money that can address infrastructure then have to take action.
- Have to have public safety and infrastructure.
- Ok with fixing the buildings without expansion and remaining funds to infrastructure.

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Jason Patin

- Do not think the proposed projects are wise at this time.

Lori Acton

- We send proposal to county who respond with a nay if not accepted. We then have a choice to modify the project and can roll the funds.

Jason Patin

- Get the approval, then assess projects for rehab without expansion and then roll remaining funds into infrastructure.

Dennis Speer

- Need direction for staff to re-prepare application to modify the boys and girls club project eliminating expansion.
- Can modify projects the next year.

Jim Sanders

- After approval can the project be redefined.
- Do not feel boys and girls club is a wise use of the funds at this time.
- Senior center does have major issues and parking lot seems to be the biggest liability to City, which is not even addressed. Support repaving the parking lot.
- Would like to see more funding allotted to ADA compliance.
- Keep allotted amount for senior center to repave parking lot and remainder go to ADA compliance.

Dan Clark

- Visits the senior center at lease once per month.
- Largest problem is inside the facility, especially the sewage smell and support the project to rehab the inside of the facility.
- Willing to compromise with ADA Compliance even though heart is with the boys and girls club.
- Concerned with the extensions and if we do not move on it now, county will tell us no and have to wait another year.
- Feel strongly seniors deserve rehab of the building and willing to support a compromise for ADA.
- Asked Council to put together proposal for ADA compliance that staff can use.

Jason Patin

- Asked the real-time date for the application.

Chip Holloway

- Feels we can get another two weeks. Have passed the original date.

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Lori Acton

- Has different information as a result of recent conversations with county. Must do this now or wait another year.

Jason Patin

- Asked who provided the proposals. Staff should have assessed the situation at the boys and girls club.
 - Parks and recreation director did have conversation with boys and girls club and accepted their recommendation.

Chip Holloway

- Asked if we were sure that the county will not take this building.

Lori Acton

- Meeting on Friday
- County parks director stated he does not mind taking over the facility but other parks issues involved.
- We may have an answer on Friday and will have an answer, what happens if we let it sit for another year.

Dan Clark

- This facility is for the seniors, regardless of whether the City or county owns the building. We are investing in our seniors. Focus on the seniors which is the critical issue. Parks and recreation director is working on way to cut parks and recreation \$200k

Lori Acton

- Has anyone asked the club what would happen if we do not fund their project.

Dan Clark

- Proposed funding the senior project and request staff to rehab the boys and girls club facility without the expansion and then remaining funds to ADA compliance.

Jim Sanders

- In terms of compromise would support funding senior center and putting the remainder into ADA compliance.

Lori Acton

- Boys and girls club did have a rehab.
- Supports senior center, put 75% of remaining toward ADA compliance, and balance toward infrastructure.

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Dennis Speer

- Must do the work on senior center prior to county taking over the facility.
- If we just have a plan, must compliment the plan with actual construction for ADA

Jason Patin

- Asked we take a look at the two buildings needs and the rest of the funding go to Infrastructure.

Chip Holloway

- Supports ADA as number one priority with senior center and boys and girls club afterwards.

Lori Acton

- Asked what was funded last year
 - Norma Street project and ADA has \$302K allocated.
 - 2013-14 was rolled over.

Jim Sanders

- Dedicate \$150k for ADA and remainder to senior center.

Dennis Speer

- Suggested funding senior center and roll the remainder to next year for ADA ramps.

Jim Sanders

- Concerned that next year we come back and priorities change.

Dan Clark

- Question of how committed to ADA, seems all Council are in support of ADA.

Dennis Speer

- Have advanced funding and can combine 3 years. if we borrow from a future year then have to borrow from a pool in the CDBG account and funds may not be available.

Dan Clark

- Asked Council to entertain motion as suggested by Mr. Speer

Chip Holloway

- Asked county to consider committing some of the investment to fire fund.
- requested paring down the projects at senior center, cut kitchen cabinets and counters, outside paint

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Motion To Amend Senior Proposal To A Maximum \$147,280 And Approve At Least \$150,000 To ADA Compliance Made By Council Member Sanders, Second Council Member Holloway. Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes; 1 No (Council Member Patin); 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

- 10 Minute Recess then meeting reconvened and revised resolution reviewed by Council and Public.

Motion To Approve Resolution As Amended Made By Council Member Acton, Second Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes. 0 Noes, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

ORDINANCES

6. Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Municipal Code With Respect To Agencies, Commissions, Boards, and Committees Lemieux

Keith Lemieux

- Routine revisions of sections of the municipal code.

Jim Sanders

- Questioned the change to personnel commission

Dave Matthews

- Asked about the length of time to make changes.

Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Municipal Code With Respect To Agencies, Commissions, Boards, And Committees Made By Council Member Clark , Second By Council Member Holloway . Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Municipal Code With Respect To Agencies, Commissions, Boards, And Committees Made By Council Member Clark , Second By Council Member Holloway Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Organization

Members: Dan Clark, Jim Sanders
Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: February 12, 2013

Dan Clark – announced meeting date of February 19

Community Development Committee

Members: Jason Patin, Chip Holloway
Meetings: 1st Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: Cancelled

Jason Patin – will be meeting in march

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Dan Clark, Jason Patin
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: February 13, 2013

Dan Clark – no scheduled meeting at this time.

Quality Of Life

Members: Chip Holloway, Lori Acton
Meeting: 2nd Thursday Of The Month At 5:00 P.M.; Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: February 14, 2013 (Dark in June, July, December, and January)

Chip Holloway – February meeting cancelled, next meeting march 14

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

Members: Jim Sanders, Jason Patin
Meetings: 2nd Monday Of Odd Numbered Months At 4:00 P.M., Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: March 11, 2013

Jason Patin – next meeting in March

Veterans Advisory Committee

Members: Jason Patin, Lori Acton
Meetings: Every Monday as needed at 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: February 11, 2013

Jason Patin – no report

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Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Jason Patin, Chip Holloway
Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.
Next Meeting: March 6, 2013 at location to be announced

Chip Holloway – report at next meeting

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- TAC meeting reviewed new highway bill (Map 21) appears will be challenge to obtain types of funding from past
- New director of finance will be Rochelle McQuiston and will begin February 18

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lori Acton

- excited about tonight's meeting.
- Will be attending new Council training in Anaheim the next two days.
- Good progress tonight and moving in the right direction.
- Be conscious of what is going on in our nation and how it will impact us.

Jim Sanders

- went on ride along with PACT member and got a good feel for the efforts volunteers put into our community and how seamless they work with sworn officers. Everyone knew what they should be doing and able to free up an officer to do their job.
- Also went out with code enforcement and impressed by quality of volunteers in this community.
- Hats off to PACT volunteers.
- Increased concern for future economic state of Ridgecrest.
- Many rumors and most are untrue but is a real concern with how federal will be funding the military in the future.
- Time to prepare fiscally for the hard times and challenges ahead.
- If we practice the right principles, then we will keep the City solvent.

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Chip Holloway

- Jason and I attended meeting with community CERT team who bragged about Thousand Oaks PACT members of about 20.
- PACT saved City over \$500k last year.
- Rigged into helping with the Mr. IWV Contest.
- Congratulate Mr. Speer in hiring Finance Director internally.
- There have been ongoing budget discussions and not going to have open discussion until am certain about the impact to personnel, respect the employees who have been thru hell and not going to put them thru more hell.
- No one intends to wait until the last minute and excited about a new set of eyes to help this Council improve the budget and make it more palatable to the public.
- Echo comments of Mr. Salvatore on the lack of user-friendly budget.
- Heading to Pasadena for Executive Committee meeting including review of 54 lawsuits connected with dissolution of Redevelopment.

Jason Patin

- tough break for Boys And Girls Club who went from expansion project to zero.
- Appreciate the students coming to experience the Council meeting.
- Part of the budget process is to put together a strategic planning session.
- How can we create a viable budget when we don't know where we are going?
- need to get to a common ground before we can start talking about the budget.
- Council is not trying to smack-down the Measure 'L' committee, just trying to get on the same page with them.
- Discussed the joint meeting of all emergency response personnel.

Dan Clark

- Thanked Mr. Duncan for bringing Economics Class to see the Council meeting.
- Reading a 300-page emergency response plan and our responsibility.
- If there are personnel cuts made, we need to be cognizant of what is going to happen. Have major decisions to make.
- Cerro Coso is having a celebrity sports dinner with raffle and auction.
- Had opportunity to attend the Planning Commission seminar. Very appreciative of staff for the in-house training.
- Held a meeting of the 50th celebration of City incorporation. Will bring back ideas for public participation. Looking to put together a huge event honoring this community.
- Goodnight and Thank You all.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:27pm


Rachel J. Ford, CMC, City Clerk