



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

October 16, 2013
5:30 pm

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Clark, Council Members Jim Sanders and Steven Morgan

Council Absent: Council Members Marshall 'Chip' Holloway and Lori Acton

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Added video communication from Kevin McCarthy to presentations as item No. 3.

Motion To Approve Agenda (As Amended) Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Sanders. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstain, And 2 Absent (Council Members Holloway And Acton)

PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

- No closed session public comment was presented to Council.

CLOSED SESSION

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – APN number 0330-060-03, 940 North China Lake Blvd – Agency Negotiators Dennis Speer, City Manager and Gary Parsons, Economic Development Programs Manager

GC54956.9 Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City Of Ridgecrest v. Matasantos

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REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Real Property Negotiations – received report, no reportable action taken
 - City of Ridgecrest v. Matasantos – received report, no reportable action taken
- Other - none

PUBLIC COMMENT opened at 6:42pm

Harris Brokke

- Successful auction fundraiser for Maturango museum and thanks community
- New gift shop opening at Maturango museum.

Jerry Taylor

- Spoke on Maturango museum gift shop and encouraged community to visit.
- Spoke on economic development conference and the 5-year measure 'L' plan.
- Encouraged council to bring information back during strategic plan meetings.

Dave Matthews

- Reinforced suggestions of Jerry Taylor
- Suggested infrastructure meetings or department reports at the council meetings.
- Street activities in community for streets that are not on the 5-year plan
- Suggested getting public input for streets projects and updating public on existing projects.

Closed Public Comment At 6:48 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation Of A Proclamation Recognizing The Month Of October As Energy Awareness Month Clark

- Council presented a proclamation to Deborah Hess for Energy Awareness Month.
- Deborah Hess Thanked Council and announced plans for solar class.

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2. Presentation of City of Ridgecrest Parks Update

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Jason Patin

- Presented PowerPoint presentation and staff report *(copy available in the City Clerk's office)*

Dave Matthews

- Asked if software is just for parks and recreation or the full city.
 - Mayor Clark - Currently looking at available programs and suggested the question be posed directly to Mr. Patin

3. Presentation Video From Kevin McCarthy

- Council had a video presentation from Congressman Kevin McCarthy aired for public viewing.
- Video topic was a message of congratulations to City of Ridgecrest on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of incorporation and to Naval Air Warfare Station China Lake on the 70th anniversary of operations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Accept For Filing The Quarterly Investment Report Ending June 30, 2013

McQuiston

5. Adopt A Resolution Accepting The Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Actuarial Study As Of June 30, 2013 Prepared By Nyhart Epler

McQuiston

6. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Application For And Acceptance Of The United States Department Of Justice, COPS Hiring Program Grant

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7. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing Allocation Of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds To The FY14 Budget To Purchase New Office Furniture For The Police Department

Strand

8. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing A Proclamations For Relay For Life And Native American Heritage Month AND Scheduling Presentation Date And Time

Ford

9. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Regular Council Meeting Dated October 2, 2013

Ford

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Items Pulled:

- none

Motion To Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Sanders, Second By Council Member Morgan. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstain, And 2 Absent (Council Members Holloway And Acton)

ORDINANCES

- 10. Ordinance No. 13-04, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City of Ridgecrest Adopting Zoning Text Amendment No. 12-02, By Amending Chapter XX (Zoning) Of The Municipal Code By Permitting Towers In Excess Of 35 Feet To Be Erected Subject To A Conditional Use Permit Within The Estate Residential Zone Districts,(E-1,E-2 And E-3), The Single Family Residential Zone District, (R-1), The Residential Mobile Home District, (RMH), The Agricultural Zone District, (A-5), And The Medium-Density Multi-Family Districts, (R-2,R-3 And R-4). Applicant: City Of Ridgecrest Planning Department** **Alexander**

Matthew Alexander

- Presented staff report to council, ordinance brought forward for second reading and adoption.

Public Comment Opened At 7:12 P.M.:

Dave Matthews

- Requested clarification of the limit changes.
 - Matthew Alexander – complied.

Motion To Waive Reading In Full And To Adopt By Title Only, Ordinance No. 13-04, An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending Chapter XX Of The Municipal Code, (Zoning) To Permit Towers In Excess Of 35 Feet To Be Erected Subject To A Conditional Use Permit Within The Estate Density Zone Districts, (E-1, E-2 And E-3), The Single-Family Residential District, (R-1), The Residential Mobile Home District, (RMH), The Agricultural (A-5) District, And The Medium-Density Multi-Family Residential Districts, (R-2, R-3 And R-4). Applicant: City Of Ridgecrest Planning Department Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Sanders. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstain, And 2 Absent (Council Members Holloway And Acton)

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Ordinance Continued

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DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

11. Budget Projection Update For Fiscal Year 2013-14

McQuiston

Rachelle McQuiston

- Presented Staff Report *(copy available in the City Clerk's office)*

Steve Morgan

- Understand the early timeframe and appreciate this step in right direction so members of the public can ask questions.

Jim Sanders

- Requested in-depth discussion at next council meeting

Dan Clark

- Information will be put on the website for community access.

Public Comment opened at 7:20pm

Jerry Taylor

- Commented on format of budget attachment and suggested actual month to month projections showing where each department stands, understanding that some revenues are received later in the year.
 - Rachelle McQuiston – responded
- Understand the need for detailed tracking and commented that straight line projections can be misleading and is hard.
- Suggested graphical summaries for format purposes

Closed public comment at 7:25pm

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Dan Clark

- Requested clarification of revenue receipts and straight line items
 - Rachelle McQuiston – budgeting has considered last year’s baseline and will do a comparison from previous year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Members: Jim Sanders
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 4:00 P.M., Kerr-McGee Center
Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Jim Sanders – no report

Veterans Advisory Committee

Members: Dan Clark
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month At 6:00 p.m., Council Conference Room
Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Dan Clark

- Approximately \$7,000 in funds from stand-down and goals and objectives are being designed for next year.

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Chip Holloway
Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.
Next Meeting: Time and Location To Be Announced

- No Report

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- None

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- CTC meeting update approved west Ridgecrest Blvd. project for \$6.2 million
- Strategic planning session rooms reserved and made council aware this interferes with community day at the base.
- Monthly reports being restored after 2 years, departments have provided articles and will be published next week. Will be made available to public and on website.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jim Sanders

- Thankful for efficient meeting
- Thanked Mr. Patin and excited about improvements coming in the parks and recreation division
- Looking forward to monthly report and anticipate it helping people to understand what is going on at the City
- Looked thru past newsletters which had a lot of good information.

Steven Morgan

- Thanked staff who have discussed their plans and process for reports to bring before council
- Thanked Rachelle for finance report
- Believes will be beneficial
- Depending on time constraints, would be beneficial to present budget presentation by charts on a quarterly basis
- Thanked Jason for software process to streamline what parks and recreation brings in and be accountable and make staff more efficient
- Suggested inventory programs and other processes that will upgrade as money allows.
- Commented on \$500k cost for upgraded financial system.
- Appreciate staff and know they are working hard
- 50th anniversary quickly approaching
- Desert Empire fair starts tomorrow and encouraged community to support the fairgrounds and non-profit organizations.
- Mike Lemming has worked hard to bring something the community can enjoy. We can either use it or we will lose it since state funding no longer available to fairgrounds.
- If community does not support the fairgrounds they will go away
- Great family outing and promotes sense of community
- Non-profit organizations raise funds by selling foods and Kern COG will have a booth at the fair with information on what is coming down the road for Ridgecrest.

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- Council members will be available to have conversations with public.

Dan Clark

- Thanked Mr. Patin for his hard work and excited about watching things develop
- Pancake breakfast raised \$300 for parade float
- Thanked community for \$15,484.38 funds raised for the 50th activities
- Assistant secretary to navy Juan Garcia, senator fuller, and Shannon grove will be attending, past city managers, city police chiefs and council members will be attending also
- Reception after the parade sponsored by committee and put on by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Thanked Justin O'Neill for advertising and participation
- Can be proud of 50 years supporting the community and the Navy
- Encouraged public to join in the celebration
- Working on petroglyph festival for next year
- Spoke on meeting today with Supervisor Gleason and the new park connected to Jackson will be Petroglyph park
- Thanked Congressman Kevin McCarthy for his video wish of the 50th anniversary

ADJOURNMENT at 7:42 p.m.



Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk