



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

August 20, 2014
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; Vice-Mayor Marshall 'Chip' Holloway; Council Members James Sanders, Lori Acton, and Steven Morgan

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Moved Item No. 7 to Presentations

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

Council Member Sanders arrived prior to Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION

- GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiations For Lease Or Purchase – Leroy Jackson Park – Agency Negotiators City Manager Dennis Speer And Parks Supervisor Jason Patin
- GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City Of Ridgecrest v. William Dale Howard

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GC54956.9(d)(4) Conference With Legal Counsel - 21st Century Insurance Company v. City of Ridgecrest, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 14K10447

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiations For Lease Or Purchase – Leroy Jackson Park – received report, no action taken.
 - Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City Of Ridgecrest v. William Dale Howard – received report, no action taken.
 - Conference With Legal Counsel - 21st Century Insurance Company v. City of Ridgecrest, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 14K10447 – received report, no action taken
- Other
 - None

PUBLIC COMMENT Opened at 6:15 p.m.

Randy Jenkins

- Read a prepared speech on freedom, liberty, and the constitution of the United States.
- Presented personal belief in Jesus and referenced the conception and birth of Jesus.

Eric Kaplan

- Thanked Council for their time
- Commented on outdated rules and regulations at Skate Park that does not allow bikes at the Skate Park and requirement of safety equipment.
- Commented on non-enforcement by police
- Commented on past insurance issues for BMX bikes. Suggested the possibility of insurance costs having decreased over the years.
- Spoke on \$10,000 donation which went to Skate Park
- Asked Mayor Clark for help to solve discrimination and allow BMX at the skate park.

Jake Powers

- Commented that BMX riders having been fined for riding bikes at the park.
- Asked Council to consider amending the rules and updating them to allow BMX riders at the Skate Park.

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Craig Thayer

- Requested Council amend the ordinance for the Skate Park to allow BMX bike riders to use the facility.
- Related personal experience riding BMX bikes.

Stan Rajtora

- Commented on attending the Planning Commission meeting and commented on briefing of the Housing Element update. After reviewing the briefing noticed the schedule which is very tight. Does not see in the schedule a time for public review of the update.
- Commented on past Housing Element update having public involvement.
- Stated the Housing Element is critical and requests public have an opportunity to give input.
 - Steve Morgan – Confirmed that Council will make comment to the City Planner.
- Commented on Staples closing and expressed sadness and concern. Thanked the three Council Members who voted for economic proposals and expressed concern regarding potential investors seeing a split Council which could lead to loss of future investors.
- Suggested City does something to show a united front for economic development, to let those with money to invest know that we are concerned with our economics and want their help.

Dave Matthews

- Jerry Taylor is currently on business and stated he received a notice from City today that since he is the name of record on the military banner program he must take down the banners on Ridgecrest Blvd. by Monday. Suggested maybe SCE could accumulate them and bring back to City.
 - Dennis Speer – spoke with Mr. Taylor and the notice came from SCE. We are replacing all the poles on Ridgecrest Blvd. Understand the inconvenience and will discuss with City Engineer the possibility the banners could be removed from the poles after they are taken down.
- Thanked Randy Jenkins for the inspiration. Commented about liberty.
- Referenced statements made at the previous Council meeting complimenting the Mayor about his newspaper column regarding marijuana. Spoke about the developmental aspects of youth using marijuana and referenced a report which he was unable to find.
- Commented on the issues in Ferguson Missouri where confrontation led to Mr. Brown dying. Autopsy revealed that Mr. Brown had marijuana in his system. Commented on Mr. Brown's plans to attend college which will not happen now. Stated, why take the chance with drugs.

Tom Wiknich

- Addressed public concerns about his being the owner of a television station and also a candidate for Mayor. Has filed papers and will follow the FCC rules. Noted that another candidate has access to advertising opportunities, the Swap Sheet. Stated that everybody has to be treated equal therefore the TV station will not run any Mayoral advertising during this campaign. Assured Council that he will not have any unfair advantage over other candidates. Additionally, the cost for running for Mayor is expensive and some candidates would be able to purchase more advertisement where others could not, therefore station will not sell advertisement.
- Commented on allocated time for quorums and the station manager will be in charge. Allowing the use of station for 3 quorums and will not influence the quorums in any manner. Trying to rise above any perception of impropriety.

Robert Eierman

- Complimented Council on the conduct at the public comment portion of the meeting and thanked members for the interaction.
- Proposed a solution to reduce the recent lack of decorum. Termed 'The Speak Now' practice. Compared to the wedding opportunity to speak now or forever hold your peace. If Council has a response to something said in public comment, say it then and allow open dialogue rather than speaking at the end of the meeting. If comments are made by Council at the end of the meeting then requested public be allowed to respond with open dialogue. Suggested this as a better way for everyone to express themselves without anger or frustration.

Renee Westalusk

- Stated she is deeply inconvenienced by the upcoming closure of Staples and asked where printer cartridges can be taken for recycling; copies made; and supplies purchased. Asked if there is a plan to try to keep Staples open or recruit another similar business locally or outside the community.

Carol Vaughn

- Commented on proclamations made on things we don't have a lot of control over.
- Commented on attending a recent water board meeting and a person in the audience saying 'we need to solve the problem, whatever the solution.'
- Suggested City get behind a long-term solution to the water problems.
- Expressed the need to have a long-term plan that will bring water to the valley.
- Stated the City needs to make it clear they are firmly behind a long-term solution.
- Noted there is nothing wrong with conserving water and other natural resources, but City needs to be very clear to those who want to invest, that we are firmly behind a long-term plan to bring water to the valley. Requested Council ask the people in charge to give us a plan and make it clear that we will make sure there is always going to be water.
 - Steve Morgan – asked if public would like the water district discussions to be brought here at a future Council meeting.

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Carol Vaughn *(continued)*

- At the planning commission meeting heard a tone that made her nervous that we might come across supporting a 'let's make sure we conserve everything and can't have it both ways' plan. Need a plan to get more water. Asking Council to ask the people in charge to have a plan. Conserving is a short term solution to a very long problem.

Christina Witt

- Watched the last Council meeting from out of town. Asked if there is a way for public to call in. Referenced difficulty in managing multiple calls from different locations.
- Frustrated about hiring someone with a \$26,000 budget and have not identified where the funds are coming from.
 - Chip Holloway – is in the budget.
- Commented on the frustration expressed by Ms. Acton about being compared to the base. This Council is based on the constitution. Government is answerable to the people. Expressed frustration with the sentiment that we are not like the government. Have to abide by the constitution so therefore stand by the spirit of democracy where even a minority has a say.
- People presenting their cases were not being heard and Council Member Acton stated we are not like the base. People were expressing their desires and Council did it anyway which will cause credibility issues.
- Requested Council look into the ability of people calling in to meetings.

Mike Neel

- Distributed written materials to Council, a training announcement for basic SWAT course. Stated the person taking the training also attends fully equipped. Additionally City paid for two of these trainings. Asked why we have officers taking this training if we are not setting up a SWAT team.
- Referenced recent inappropriate SWAT responses across the country. Commented on the old ways of taking care of situations before the SWAT capability.
 - Chip Holloway – requested specific concerns from Mr. Neel
- Concerned that if we are moving in this direction that they are not used for routine warrant searches and activities. We should show people how it is done right.
- Commented on the interchange between Council and citizens. Referenced a letter to Measure 'L' from Mayor Clark and provided a copy.
 - Dan Clark – did not send this document to the committee. What I was going to bring to Measure 'L' was an outline. I never saw this.
- This was provided on City website and was presented by Mr. Speer and drafted by the City Attorney.
 - Mr. Speer – acknowledged this was his outline and not the Mayor's.
- Stated that all the committee members were under the impression this came from the Mayor. Can now put this to rest.

Mike Neel *(continued)*

- Commented on letter in the paper by the Council Member Holloway.
 - Chip Holloway – clarified and read the entire letter for the public. People of this community need to support those who contribute to this community.

PUBLIC COMMENT closed at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

7. Proclamation For Linda Estrada Holloway

- Item No. 7 was moved to presentations prior to approval of the agenda.
- Council presented a proclamation honoring Ridgecrest citizen Linda Estrada.

1. Fresno State Economic Development Presentation Speer

Dennis Speer

- Introduced Ismael Herrera of Fresno State

Ismael Herrera

- Presented PowerPoint presentation on economic development strategy.
- Provided handouts of the presentation to Council and the public *(Copy Available In The City Clerk's Office)*

Mayor Clark

- Thanked Mr. Herrera for coming to present their plan to the City.

Lori Acton

- Asked if they are able to pursue the Chamber Of Commerce grant
 - Mr. Herrera - Will look at and submit simultaneously. Will follow up off-line with Ms. Acton
- Asked if Boron is considering the plan
 - Mr. Herrera - They are interested and are following up with them. California City is on-board and has held a training workshop. Only firm commitment to date is California City
- Suggested Mr. Herrera meet with the Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Consortium
 - Mr. Herrera - Will follow up with the committee members.

Jim Sanders

- Thanked Mr. Herrera for the presentation. Particularly impressed with roles of government with creating jobs
- Questioned Taft strategy and working with municipal code to give incentive.
 - Mr. Herrera - Workshop for staff members to clarify assumptions of their role and review zoning codes and ordinances that are affected by economic development. Spoke on current pilot program and Mr. Speer's tour of process at a Dairy

Chip Holloway

- Credit Mr. Speer for seeing the project which won an Innovation Award.

Ismael Herrera

- Mission is to be a resource hub to smaller communities for their needs.

Chip Holloway

- We would like to be a pilot program for biodegradable plastic bags.
- Thanked Mr. Herrera for coming.
- Positive feedback and interaction
- Attending follow-up meeting with Mr. Speer at Taft and everyone was positive with clear goals.
- Excited about the community input and ability to tailor the plan in the direction we want to go.
- Asked if SWAT analysis will keep us from doing something crazy
 - Mr. Herrera - We provide the map and suggest what might fit. Sessions are honest and we facilitate. Coming from a university, we have no profit. Try to recover staff and travel time but not profit driven. Invited to Taft to talk to people who have been thru the process. This is meant to be a living document, a plan that does not collect dust on a shelf. Written in a way that is very readable and use on a daily basis with updates every 3-5 years.

Steve Morgan

- How do you deal with equality and fairness? You will find Ridgecrest has documentation on what you want to see, studies, partners, etc. Not sure other cities will be as advanced so in dealing with a regional approach, how do you handle this? You will have a lot of different strategies and studies which we already have. Not sure Boron or Mojave would have these. How do you deal with this?
 - Mr. Herrera - Committee formation is beginning and represents as many stakeholders as possible. Sessions 1-8 we bring stakeholders together, education process, informative process. Sessions 7-13 are customized with each community.

Steve Morgan (*continued*)

- Impartial analysis will go thru challenges, exemplified Silicon Valley of alternative energy.
 - We collectively identify resources needed and available to implement the vision. Committee will let us know what the vision is then we identify what the requirements are to implement that vision. Process will be good for economy here because we will be required to stay in this area for several days per week a couple times per month.
- Clarified meetings 7-10 will digest the information we already have.
 - We would try to synthesize the documents and present to the community so they can understand.
- No issue with providing a venue and glad will be partnering with past agencies.

Dan Clark

- Concur with fellow Council Members. Appreciate your approach to Economic Development. Will open to public comment.

Dennis Speer

- Asked Mr. Herrera to explain the academic connections to other campuses and Sacramento.
 - Mr. Herrera - San Joaquin valley including Kern County. Designated secretariat by governor appointment. Connected to multiple state and national communities to bring back manufacturing in the country. States innovation Hub network. A lot of opportunity between renewable energy researches. Work with faculty at Fresno, Chico, Merced, and UC Davis. Part of national and state discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Wiknich

- Asked about the size of the committee
 - Mr. Herrera - Actual numbers available in the Taft strategy handout. Goal is to make it inclusive and no one is excluded from participating.
- Reviewed City commitment and request for \$150,000.
 - Mr. Herrera - Cover work by office for staff, document preparation, travel, and a portion to the communities. Regional plan and customized plan included in the amount.
- Asked for numbers for cash or in-kind match
 - Mr. Herrera - EDA allows a reduction of match based on demographics of the area. If all communities are included as a consortium numbers might reduce. Looking at a 1to1 match. Our organization has plans to issue a large percentage of the match. Anything brought to table to help the cause helps reduce the match provided by our organization. Letter would document the types of match which will be provided.

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Dave Matthews

- Commented on slide showing phrase governments don't create jobs, businesses do.
- We are not part of the San Joaquin valley
 - Mr. Herrera - Entire Kern County is part of the valley for our purposes.
- When will applications available for committee and where can I get one.
 - Mr. Herrera - Probably be available after October if Council chooses to participate. Ample time to identify members, recommend starting program in February.

Peggy Breeden

- Commented on tourism which costs nothing but brings revenue. Referenced the Dean Ruyan report. Presented tourism statistics directly affecting Ridgecrest.
- Encouraged supporting local businesses and invest in growing tourism.
 - Mr. Herrera – agreed with possibility of capturing tourism dollars to implement projects within the community. Referenced City of Taft. Commented on partnership between City and chamber of commerce.
 - Steve Morgan – City went to England which was instrumental in getting the Royal Air Force to come here and is time to do it again.
- Commented on Ian Cunningham and the royal air force. New commander can't wait to come back.

Steve Morgan

- City of Ridgecrest understands the benefit the Royal Air Force brings to this community.

Dan Clark

- This item will be on the September 17 agenda for discussion.

2. Presentation To Council From Parks And Recreation Division

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Jason Patin

- Presented a PowerPoint update of the Parks & Recreation Department. *(Copy Available In The City Clerk's Office)*
- Reviewed HLA Parks Master Plan which was created in 2008 and now ADA compliance requirements have been changed therefore dollar amounts are no longer valid. HLA is preparing an updated plan.

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Steve Morgan

- Understand Parks has approximately \$2.5 million in TAB funds, there are facilities that can be improved, expanded, or increased however everything hinges on what happens with the City and County with regard to Leroy Jackson Park
- We have 3 options for Leroy Jackson park, can partner with County, give back to County, or take it over. Each has dollar ramifications. What issue is this creating for you when trying to come up with a plan?
 - Jason Patin – my job is to be prepared regardless of which direction the City goes for this park.
- There is a contingent in the community that believes we should not spend any money of this park. Not an option to just let parks go. Some people will bleed the pool or parks and the ADA compliance is massive and will cost a lot of money regardless of where we improve.
 - Jason Patin - Correct, that is why getting the numbers is imperative.

Jim Sanders

- Doing a great job and very happy with the progress in that division.
- Have wanted to see the electronic enrollments and tracking so happy to see this and will have hard numbers to look at for budget.
- Recreations are now bringing in more revenue that costs which is a product of the changes implemented.
- Lighting, as we replace lights keep in mind what it would take to put in a dark sky light. If not that costly then why not consider it in replacement lighting.
- Commented on water conservation conversation with Jason. Impressed and excited to see it moving forward.
 - Jason Patin – currently testing the smart water system thru Rain Bird

Chip Holloway

- Previously brought proposals for water conservation, grants, registrations, and USA Swimming and am glad to see you are being proactive on these areas that we have wanted to see for a long time. A lot less complaints are being received
- ADA compliance is a major problem and now have to deal with the changes made in 2013 by federal government
- You are doing a great job.

Dan Clark

- To those who doubted your ability and resigned the council to take this on, you have done a wonderful job.
- Will you be attending the parks conference to learn what is happening at other places?
 - Jason Patin – hope to attend one this fall.
- Recommend you attend a conference and bring back some new ideas for our community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approval By Minute Motion Of Designation Of Authorizing Agents For California Emergency Management Agency To Obtain Federal Financial Assistance Speer
4. Approve A Resolution To Amend The Professional Services Agreement With The Engineer Of Record, Mark Thomas & Company, For Right Of Way Acquisition And Surveying Of The West Ridgecrest Boulevard Project And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer, To Approve The Amendment Speer
5. A Resolution Formally Approving A Vendor Solicitation Policy And Procedure For The City Of Ridgecrest Speer
6. Approve A Resolution Approving The City's Appropriations Limit Of \$19,667,895 For Fiscal Year 2014-15 (GANN Limit) McQuiston
7. Approve A Resolution Authorizing A Proclamation For Linda Estrada Holloway
 - Item No. 7 was moved to the presentation section of the meeting prior to approval of the agenda
8. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Minutes For Meeting Date August 6, 2014 Ford

Items Pulled From Consent Calendar

- Item Nos. 4, 5, and 6

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Items Nos. 3 and 8 as amended Made By Council Member, Second By Council Member. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Clark, Council Members Holloway, Sanders, Acton, and Morgan); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

Item No. 4 Discussion

Ron Porter

- Commented on these changes normally being done with the project. Why spending additional money for something that should have been part of the original contract
 - Dennis Speer – correct, responded with explanation.

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Ron Porter *(continued)*

- Appears someone either failed or it was hung up due to funding. These are big pieces that should have been part of the original plan and survey.
 - Loren Culp - Part of the discovery process that was prompted by the guide poles and guide wires. Trying to perfect these and in looking in the record information found ambiguity that revealed certain rights of ways were not present. Trying to clean up now.
- Did we pay an engineer to survey this and if so, why are we paying for it again.
 - Loren Culp - Right of ways the record information indicated the right of way was there and the title information was not pulled. We pursued those we did need right of way and obtained them but only when we had issues with SCE on pole placements that we discovered these right-of-ways were necessary.

Steve Morgan

- If not required to put a guide pole outside the street bed, we would not have found this discrepancy.
 - Loren Culp - Correct

Mike Neel

- Funds coming from contingency and does anyone know what will be left after this expenditure.
 - Loren Culp – continually accounting for minor expenditures so requires further accounting to give an accurate accounting.

Item No. 5 discussion

Dave Matthews

- Are these vendors which provide City services and supplies or something else?
 - Dennis Speer – vendors who approach the City regarding their services or products.

Item No. 6 discussion

Chip Holloway

- Is this another indicator that General Fund balance is below typical standards
 - Rachelle McQuiston – cities would save/hoard money and appropriations skyrocketed. Taxpayers requested money back. Everyone is now within the GANN limit because everyone is cutting back.

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Items Nos. 4, 5, And 6 Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Clark, Council Members Holloway, Sanders, Acton, and Morgan; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

ORDINANCES

Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Conflict Of Interest **Lemieux**

Michael Silander

- Presented staff report

Dan Clark

- Called for comments from Council Members and public
 - None presented

Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Conflict Of Interest Made By Council Member Morgan, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Clark, Council Members Holloway, Sanders, Acton, And Morgan); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

Requires A Second

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code As It Relates To Conflict Of Interest Made By Council Member Holloway, Second By Council Member Sanders. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Clark, Council Members Holloway, Sanders, Acton, And Morgan); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

Requires A Second

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Jim Sanders

- No report

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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

- Shared suggested activities other veterans organizations are doing to honor veterans with stars from flags

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Chip Holloway

Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.

Next Meeting: Date And Location To Be Announced

Chip Holloway

- No report

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

- none

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- Ridgecrest Blvd. closures due to Caltrans permit requirements during construction near the intersection of China Lake Blvd. and Ridgecrest Blvd.
- Recently completed new road on Sunland between Upjohn and Bowman and will be open next week.
 - Mayor Clark – receive a lot of compliments regarding Sunland from residents.
- Information desk is short staffed and encouraged volunteers to come forward.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Steven Morgan

- To Renee Westalusk – City does need to research what copy service and office supply services are available. Will be difficult to replace Staples and staff is discussing the situation. We used to have a really nice stationary store which went out of business because other businesses came in and they couldn't compete.
- Parade of 1000 flags and Ridge fundraiser dinner coming up September 6. Encouraged community to participate
- Small changes to Municipal Code have been made with regard to zoning and staff interaction

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- Caltrans and SCE got pounded on a blog site about how we are supposed to be cooperative. Will not apologize to all the utilities that have caused all these problems for west Ridgecrest Blvd. Caltrans couldn't tell us earlier? Can't blame council for the negligence of the utilities.
- No quorum for September 3 meeting so meeting will be cancelled.
- Find some of the things going on already in the election cycle amusing. Found out today that a candidate has gotten his attorney to object to what I have as a job with my name. Some people say one thing and do another. Will be turning my cell phone off for the next 5 days.

Lori Acton

- To all the young gentlemen who spoke on the BMX and skate park. Learned recently about bike polo and hope we can accommodate the youth. Need to encourage them when they want to do something that is good.
- Linda Estrada is a wonderful woman. 20 years ago she taught me what it was like to be a strong woman and to excel
- Met with BLM and County about the class 1 bike path. Hopefully can work on the one section that no one knows who owns
- Good night.

Jim Sanders

- Good meeting tonight.
- 14 hours of back to back meetings, worst day of my life.
- Happy to see Mr. Herrera from Fresno State to show us their economic development program. Willing to get the public involved in the strategy of economic development. Very little involvement when hiring a consultant and this sounds like we will have more involvement and can craft our strategy
- Discussions on water with Mr. Speer and Mr. Patin. Trying to get the information and get conversations going but seems like we have some good possibilities. Council has talked about opportunities with wastewater and more will come. Want to look at selling non-potable water as a possibility. Need to keep all options open and confident we will find some solutions to the water crisis. We are only one stakeholder in this valley and will be up to each stakeholder to find their solutions. We will do our part and look into it and find as many solutions as possible.

Chip Holloway

- Last council meeting questions, can we hold any of the utilities liable for the cost their delays are creating. Business owners may have a possibility but can we do anything.
 - Dennis Speer – will approach the question with the attorney
- Suggested project for Mr. O'Neill, League of California Cities beta test program California Municipal Health Diagnostic.
- Most frustrating thing of an election is the constant reminder or realization from people. Tons of hours are spent of these ideas and you defend your efforts, then people bring the idea up again, is very frustrating.

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Chip Holloway *(continued)*

- Change is a process and not an event. Most people look at election as the event that will save the City. Commented on the possibility of very little corporate knowledge moving forward which is scary.
- Attended the Global leadership conference at crossroads and related a story told by Carly Fiorina.

Dan Clark

- Tom, Randy, Peggy, appreciate you being at council. if you want to be a competent candidate you need to be willing to sit thru the entire meeting and read the agenda packet. Consistency and education, and take this job seriously.
- Regarding Staples. They committed to stay another year if we increased sales. We didn't go to their store but ordered it online. Will probably not be talking to their CEO. We as a community need to learn that in the days of online shopping, we need to look at the businesses in town and utilize their supplies.
- Was interviewed by Robert and Al which was a positive experience. Encouraged Council Members to participate.
- It hurts our community when we degrade our public servants or candidates and hold a campaign that is not honorable. Takes a ton of time to sit up here and a ton of commitment to be a candidate. Take my hat off to all the candidates. I admire anyone who is dedicated to their community as a public servant.
- September 3 council meeting will be cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- Petroglyph Committee did presentation to the Chamber Of Commerce. If successful will be bringing in new money to this community. Estimates of 6000-7000 people coming into the community for the festival. Meeting dates are August 26 and September 9 & 23, every week in October and first part of November. Meetings are at City Hall, 9:00am on those dates.
- Complimentary tickets to the R. Carlos Nikkei concert given to each Council Member and City manager.
- Thanked community for sharing comments and listening to decision making process.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:40 pm



Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk