



**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**

**February 5, 2014  
5:30 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Dan Clark; Vice Mayor 'Chip' Holloway; Council Members Jim Sander (arrived prior to closed session); Lori Acton; and Steven Morgan

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Acting City Manager Rachelle McQuiston; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City Attorney Keith Lemieux; and other staff

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Removed Item No. 13
2. Moved Item No. 12 to be heard immediately following presentations

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION**

None Presented

## **CLOSED SESSION**

GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation for Purchase – APN 067-050-15 located at 602 west Ridgecrest Blvd. - Agency Negotiator Loren Culp, City Engineer and Gary Parsons, Economic Development Program Manager

## **REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

- Closed Session
  - Real Property Negotiations – received report – no reportable action.
- Other
  - None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Christina Witt

- Spoke on right turn lanes for charter school.

Unknown Speaker

- Spoke on youth baseball funding and requested funding to pay for equipment replacement.

Tom Wiknich

- Graduated from police academy.
- Spoke on communication at the meetings.
- Suggested allowing dialogue on agenda item subjects rather than public comment without opportunity to respond.

Jerry Taylor

- Spoke on previous discussion of street projects and reminded council of pavement management study 2016 projections for streets
- Spoke on micro-paving and reminded council of the reduced life expectancy versus full reconstruction.
- Gave scenarios and suggested investments

Mike Neel

- Spoke on measure 'L' incident not being in report.
- Spoke on pet incident with Helen Jackson arrest and charges.
- Expressed disappointment with police.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **1. Presentation To Council From The Exchange Club Of Ridgecrest**

Mayor Clark received a presentation of a flag honoring his participation in the 1000 Flags Parade and related events from the Exchange Club

### **2. Presentation Of The Employee Of The Month Award** **Clark**

- Council awarded the Employee of the Month to Sandra Aichlmayer

### **3. Presentation To Council By Eileen Shibley On Cal UAS**

- Council received a presentation on Cal UAS activities and future projects.

Steve Morgan

- Spoke on opportunity for City of Ridgecrest which staff should have conversation with Cal UAS regarding economic development
- Eileen Shibley - Spoke on meeting with an organization which may provide opportunity for lease arrangement between government installations and private enterprise. Discussions are preliminary at this stage but would like to request consideration if appropriate for start-up funding.

Lori Acton

- Questioned if legislation is being formulated.
  - Eileen Shibley – privacy legislation is being proposed on both state and federal arenas.
- Thanked Eileen and Cal UAS for their efforts to enhance the community.

Jim Sanders

- Thanked Cal UAS and spoke on positive FAA comments

Chip Holloway

- Publicly thanked Eileen and Cal UAS for their efforts.
- Expressed frustration in lack of state support and political decision.
- Presented example of privacy legislation and use of drones for police and other opportunities which are being stalled by special interest groups.
- Thanked airport for vision and investment

Dan Clark

- Thanked Eileen for their efforts.

**4. Presentation Of The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)**

**McQuiston**

- Council received a presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report from Kenneth Pun of Audit Firm of Pun & McGeady. *(Copy Available in the City Clerk's Office).*

Dan Clark

- Questioned what a healthy liability is recommended for a budget.
  - Ken Pun – responded with examples dependent on the agency and area.

**DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 12** *(Moved Prior To Approval Of Agenda)*

**Tax Allocation Bond Project Review**

**McRea**

Gary Parsons

- Presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation

Steve Morgan

- Referenced Old Town project and requested clarification of actions previously taken

Lori Acton

- Requested clarification of the Ridgcrest Commercial Specific Plan
  - Gary Parsons – clarified this is the Wal-Mart project
- Asked for a list of projects under Economic Development
  - Gary Parsons – at this time no specific projects however generating jobs was the primary request, followed by small business incentives, and thirdly for building refurbishment.
- Questioned the amount for roads and if the Wal-Mart project was covering roads.
  - Gary Parsons – clarified the current agreements with Wal-Mart

Jim Sanders

- Referenced Old Town Enhancement program which has already been spent
  - Gary Parsons – Balsam Street improvements clarification, at some point if we receive reimbursement from Department of Finance for the \$3 million then could reallocate those funds.
- Inquired on the obligation with bond holders
  - Gary Parsons – reviewed the bond requirements as being used for brick and mortar construction rather than consultants for advertising or other services. Engineering work is related to the street however if the street was not built could be challenged.

Jim Sanders *(continued)*

- Questioned the portions and whether they were part of the agreement with the bondholders.
  - Gary Parsons – responded and assured the projects have been reviewed by legal counsel and have met their approval

Lori Acton

- Questioned if the bonds are for brick and mortar then would incentives for economic development meet the requirement
  - Gary Parsons – presented examples of what is allowed and what is not.

Chip Holloway

- Referenced previous discussions and the original bond list allocations.
- Reviewed the original agenda item recommendations
- Comfortable with the allocations in the summary however is concerned with less money going to the economic development allocation and the need for the future.
- Need to proceed forward with the allocations and meet the expenditure requirements.

Dan Clark

- Good with the allocations as presented.
- Referenced previous discussions and time constraints if projects are changed.
- Comfortable with giving direction to staff to move forward.

### Recess for 10 minutes

#### Public Comment for item no. 12

Dave Matthews

- Asked about possibility of modifying the bond due to extenuating circumstances.
- Expressed concern about trying to spend the funds too quickly
  - Keith Lemieux – some leeway of what constitutes spending the money and bond counsel will review

Mike Neel

- Expressed strong objection to handouts being presented at the meeting and not 3 days prior to the meeting
- Suggested rescheduling the discussion
- Presented graphics of where city needs to be and how much is allocated toward streets.
- Commented on police salaries being paid by Measure ‘L’ and recommended Council spend every dollar possible for streets
- Commented on campaign promises made for sports fields

Christina Witt

- Agree city needs revenue and ways to bring it here
- Commented on suggestion of an indoor pool which can be used year round
- Exemplified In-Shape Health having an active indoor pool
- Spoke on personal car not being maintained when the opportunity was available and compared streets repair and maintenance.
- Asked if TAB funds could be used to purchase equipment to maintain the streets once repaired.
- Wants to see council repair the streets but also outline the future maintenance costs and fund those.

Jim Fallgetter

- Spoke on Balsam Street improvements and the potential for enhancing the old town district.
- Suggested improvements to streets and sidewalks which would not involve the landlords or businesses
- Commented on Encinitas California
- Possibility of a round-about located at Balsam and French streets
- Suggested enhancing Balsam Street is directly related to economic development.
- Leaving economic development undefined could be problematic
- Commented on the corporate yard improvements and suggested spending those funds toward economic development

Ron Porter

- Spoke on funds given to the department of finance
  - Keith Lemieux responded about a dispute which is ongoing.
- Suggested asking bond holders to move the deadline use date
  - Gary Parsons – not bond holders but rather the IRS which requires a percentage of the funds be expended within five years.
- Disappointed this is a last minute item.
- Reviewed agenda item and questioned land acquisition.
- Suggested building concession stand and restrooms separate from each other and questioned the amount allocated for the construction
- Spoke on other allocations.
  - Gary Parsons – responded
- Questioned grant programs
  - Lori Acton – reviewed agenda backup including history of the TAB funds and as the reader continues reading the backup it ends with the actual condensed list that council approved.
- Commented the lists do not match each other and suggested bringing back for more discussion.
  - Rachele McQuiston – confirmed this is a comprehensive list of all projects which were approved.

Alex Rhineheart

- Commented on traveling thru California and the worst roads found being in Ridgecrest
- Encouraged council spending as much as possible on roads.
- Spoke on quality of life and economic development.
- Encouraged to hear that leftover funds will be put toward streets

Tom Wiknich

- Motions were taken on the items listed.
- As a council member, requested more discussion and details, but never had the detailed discussions.
- Commented on original parks budget of turning parks over to users.
  - Steve Morgan – no official action to do this by resolution, parks will remain under City control
- Spoke on requests for specific agenda items and discussions which were turned down.
- Spoke on original \$1 million allocation to repair swimming pool and asked for the plan for the pool
  - Chip Holloway – plan is being developed which will come before council and will not require \$1 million to accomplish. Plan includes a cover and could extend the pool life for several more years. Pool has been underutilized for many years.
- Support having \$1 million for the pool.
- Original Ridgecrest Blvd. project, \$1 million put up for project was to have been the total contribution for City, now see additional funding required.
  - Loren Culp – need to refer the question to Mr. Speer who is not here.
- Referenced the Wal-Mart project and suggest this is more toward economic development rather than streets and flood control.
- Requested pavement management system clarification
  - Chip Holloway – responded most is repairs with some new construction.
- Asked for clarification of pole relocation
  - Steve Morgan – explained the pole relocation which is City responsibility rather than utility company.
- Asked what happens to the economic development funding if not used in the required time frame
  - Gary Parsons – responded
- Asked attorney if projects are allocated is it considered spent
  - Keith Lemieux – working on it with bond counsel
- Would like more details on the parks and recreation allocation.

Andy Anderson

- Asked about the parks which are now not being turned over to the users and how City plans to maintain them thereby preserving the money expended to upgrade the parks.
  - Jason Patin – have been maintaining them and no new requests for staffing.
- Projects approved in the past and question the funding shortage, asked to not change or delete programs to meet the budget but extend to a future time when funds could be found to complete them.

Ron Porter

- When redevelopment funds were taken, does city have to repay these bonds
  - Steve Morgan – still have to repay however no longer have the money, the state has the money and payment is being made thru them.

Justin O'Neill

- Agree that roads are extremely important however eventually they will break.
- Suggested more funding be invested in economic development to build revenues for future maintenance.
- Without investing in the future economic structure then will be back at the same place in 10-15 years.
- Does not help to fix a pothole if in 10 years can't re-fix the pothole
- Need independence from the state
- Encouraged council to explore other resources

Jerry Taylor

- Agree with Justin on comments for economic development
- Commented on reduction of funds to corporate yard which has other offset funding from grants
- Spoke on lost sales taxes via internet and other out of town purchases so need economic development
- Spoke on the challenge of trying to expend the funds for streets without consultants and staffing
- Spoke on parks and recreation and possible reduction of funds if Measure 'L' is not refunded.
- Referenced Kerr McGee approvals and insurance funding which can offset the TAB allocation
- Reviewed other parks allocations and suggested striking some of the funding.
- Commented on previous discussions of preserving Aquatic Park and council meetings with little discussion before voting.
- Suggested going back to previous discussions and review details as well as broad investments across the board.

Jerry Taylor *(continued)*

- Referred to the original pavement management study and commented that roads are going to fail earlier because work was not done at the time the study was completed.
- Commented on parks being turned over to the groups who use them.
- Suggested teaming with others in the community as partners.
- Spoke on maintaining facilities rather than reinvesting because maintenance has not been done.
  - Gary Parsons – referenced agenda backup including motions.

Closed public comment at 9:05 p.m.

Dan Clark

- Asked for direction to staff

Steven Morgan

- Commented that costs are estimates and if they are actually more then there is a problem however if the costs are less than estimated then do not see an issue with rolling remaining funds to streets.
- Commented on the cost of replacing the building and funds received by insurance will not cover the entire cost of rebuilding what we would like to have
- Believe council has done the best we can

Lori Acton

- Previous councils have made the decisions and I trust their decisions.
- Project list is still fluid enough that it can be adjusted as needed.
- Good with moving forward because if it stops now then will not be ready to move forward in time to expend the funds as required by the IRS.

Jim Sanders

- Requested clarification of why the process would stop if Council chose to review the list and adjust it.
  - Gary Parsons – clarified engineering already done and the need to go before the state with revised lists. Once department of finance issued certificate of compliance staff began moving forward with projects already allocated.
- Believe the list needs to be updated as some things have changed, in particular the parks and recreation department with new management and believe the vision several years ago is not the same. Would like to reevaluate those projects and have staff come to council with ideas they would like to see changed.
- Not looking for total overhaul, just massage a few things

#### Chip Holloway

- Parks master plan was already paid for with these funds due to ADA compliance issues. The plan is a Cadillac plan which will cost more. Can eliminate what we can't afford and work on those we can afford. This will happen throughout the process.
- Council is committed to getting the right person in parks and recreation and right now the organizations are not willing to take over the parks in their current condition and we owe it to them to improve the parks before they can take over.
- Do not want to increase any category on the list except streets without coming before council
- Don't want an infrastructure committee because I want these issues coming before the full council.
- Comfortable staying within the borders presented and come back with projects later.

#### Dan Clark

- Commented on Mr. Wiknich's statements regarding lack of discussions and agreed there were some issues that seemed rushed.
- Quality of life committee did crunch numbers and present projects
- At this time willing to go forward with the projects as allocated by the previous council.
- Broad approach and feel confident we should move forward

#### Chip Holloway

- Reviewed previous quality of life recommendation for parks.

#### Jim Sanders

- Asked when council would be able to review individual projects within each category
  - Gary Parsons – council will be required to approve the expenditures on each project as staff brings forward and council will have opportunities to make changes. This allows staff to move forward with their cap and will be working on projects within that cap.
  - Jason Patin – spoke on what was originally approved and how the numbers have changed. Plan on going back to each park and re-evaluating them.
- Concerned if staff moves forward with this list, council would not have the opportunity to make changes.
  - Jason Patin – parks plans will be brought back for discussion and funding requests which council can change at that time.

Chip Holloway

- Council is comfortable with the general expenditure amount and the detailed projects will come back to council for discussion and vote.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Adopt A Resolution Consenting To The Inclusion Of Properties Within The City's Jurisdiction In The California HERO Program And Approving An Amendment To A Related Joint Powers Agreement Speer
6. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing Destruction Of Certain Records In Accordance With Established Record Retention Regulations McQuiston
7. Approve By Minute Motion Approval Of The Appropriation Of Unanticipated Revenue And Approve Corresponding Appropriation Increases To The Self-Insurance Fund McQuiston
8. Approve By Minute Motion Approval Of The Appropriation Of Unanticipated Revenue And Approve Corresponding Appropriation Increases For Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds (TAB) Funding McQuiston
9. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Regular Council Meeting Dated December 18, 2013 Ford
10. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Regular Council Meeting Dated January 15, 2014 Ford

Items Pulled From Consent Calendar

- 5, 7, and 8

*Motion To Approve Items 6, 9, and 10 Of The Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Acton, 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*

### Item 5 Discussion

Dave Matthews

- Requested translation
  - Chip Holloway – responded with explanation of HERO program which allows homeowners to finance projects for energy retrofit.

Item 7 discussion

Ron Porter

- Questioned the breakdown of where the money was being allocated.
  - Rachelle McQuiston - responded

Jerry Taylor

- Requested council look at the type of insurance for depreciated value or replacement value and suggested enhancing coverage for the future.

Item 8 discussion

Ron Porter

- Asked about these funds being moved to general fund
  - Rachelle McQuiston – anticipated how much could be spent by the end of this budget year. Have to recognize the funds and allocate where staff can begin spending on various projects. Remaining funds that cannot be spent this budget year is placed in capital projects until staff can come back to council with detailed projects. If there is a concern, council can modify the amounts. If council directs then funds will not be spent without coming back to council with exception of chamber of commerce.
- Feels these funds should come back to council before expending.

*Motion To Approve Items 5, 7, and 8 Of The Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Holloway. Motion Carried By Voice Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Clark, Council Members Holloway, Sanders, Acton, and Morgan), 0 Noes, 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent*

**DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

**11. Appointment To Fill A Vacancy On The Planning Commission Alexander**

Lori Acton

- Presented the staff report and nominated Matthew Baudhuin to replace Pat Brokke

Council concurred with nomination

**12. Adopt A Resolution Approving A Contract Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Kern County Fire Services McQuiston**

- Item pulled prior to approval of the agenda

### **13. Year End Budget Projections FY 2013-14**

**McQuiston**

Rachelle McQuiston

- Presented the staff report

Dan Clark

- Commented on TOT revenues

### **14. Discussion Of Funding For The 2014 Petroglyph Festival**

**Clark**

Dan Clark

- Presented the staff report requesting City commitment of up to \$10,000 in a combination of cash and in-kind services.
- Reviewed the educational and other events being planned for the festival

Steven Morgan

- Asked Doug Lueck to discuss the other investors involved in this project
  - Doug Lueck – RACVB is investing 10,000 plus pursuing grants. Chamber of commerce has been approached to sponsor. Working on a sponsorship program which will be proposed once outlined. Spoke on consultant discussions and the economic value of the festival.
  - Harris Brokke – spoke about PBS program which will reach 20 million viewing audience. Looking to brand Ridgecrest as the rock art capital of the west. Expecting students from Lancaster, Palmdale, and Los Angeles to visit. Large development opportunity for the community and need seed money which will probably not be needed in the future as the festival takes off. Bringing new money to the community.
  - Reviewed estimated attendance to the Indian Pow Wow and the festival, could reach up to 5,000 people.
  - Doug Lueck – LA Unified school district is planning on bringing up to 1000 students per day to the festival and at this time we can't handle that many, but the cost is already covered by grants and student funding.
  - Solomon – spoke on chamber of commerce participation.
  - Justin O'Neill – spoke on the fund raising process through sponsorship opportunities for businesses and reviewed the success of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Commented on attendance and the benefits to the community. Local element has expressed desire to have more events like these in the community. Spoke on opportunity to make an investment that will benefit the community by capturing the tourism dollars that go by on highway 395 every year.
- Want the public to know this is a partnership and not just a group of people asking for a handout. Difficult to discuss a project like this with the revenue shortages we are experiencing.
- Asked if this is a commitment of cash, in-kind, and needs to be defined.

Lori Acton

- Lucky to attend these meetings and see what is happening in the community. There is a lot of involvement from many different entities
- This is worthwhile and will ultimately benefit the entire community.
- Currently working on some STEM grant money for boys and girls club who will be involved.
- Support the request

Jim Sanders

- Like the idea of the festival and support ways of bringing people to the community
- Little hesitant to commit at this time because do not know very much about it at this time.
- Questioned more detail of the in-kind service
  - Dan Clark – hope to use the Kerr McGee Center for some of the educational events and possible permit fee waivers then make up the \$10,000 balance as a cash donation.

Chip Holloway

- Had good turnouts for two local events but these were local events and one of them was free
- Want council members to define the in-kind service and those costs.
- Trying to attract people from out of town and making momentum with wildflower festival.
- Concerned that we do just enough to get by and then expect a great return
- Asked Doug to come back to council with an honest, full plan showing how much money we really should spend on an event of this size.
- Have not seen anything in the community to build this up. May want to do a two-year plan after seeing the expert's numbers.
- I want an event that people are excited about and who will participate and attend.

Harris Brokke

- Commented on the budget presented to the council. Still have to raise the funds. Developer is behind the plan for 2014. Two years planning could make a better event but do have support for the 2014 plan and are gather support from the local businesses. Meeting with the developer on Friday.

Chip Holloway

- Even if happy with the plan right now, want to fund it out of the FY 2014-15 budget and want to see a more detailed plan and if more is needed then need to have the discussion with everyone.

Dan Clark

- Commented on discussion with organizers of the Bishop Mule Days which includes year round staffing to prepare for it. Their comment was to grow it slow.
- Budget is an estimate and the plan is aggressive and could be a good economic development mechanism.
- Suggested funding out of the current general fund reserve.
  - Rachelle McQuiston – do not want to touch the general fund reserve unless in an emergency. Could seek the funds from other budgets.
- Believe this is something we need to fund and was hoping to do so out of the current budget.
- Asked Doug Lueck about the needs.
  - Doug Lueck – will know more this weekend and may be able to pay the consultant on a payment plan. If have to hold back on marketing then will disrupt the festival success

Lori Acton

- Suggested council keep in mind and RACVB come back with more information at a future meeting.
  - Doug Lueck – consultant will hit the ground running and may need funding before next budget year.
- Suggesting this as an agenda item in two weeks with more information being available.

Dan Clark

- Happy with coming back at the next council member.

Jim Sanders

- Requested full projections and details before moving forward.

Dan Clark

- Shared that National Geographic is interested in the Indian Pow Wow and doing a lineage study on the indigenous tribes in this area.

Steve Morgan

- Asked for a budget outline for the in-kind services being proposed.
- Not against the idea of paying more but want to see the budget.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Jim Sanders

- Met January and discussed teen court which shows a reduction to students needing assistance and indicates the program is working
- Chief Strand mentioned an abuse counseling program

### **Veterans Advisory Committee**

Members: Dan Clark  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month At 6:30 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center  
Next Meeting:

Dan Clark

- Reviewed meeting
- Non-profit application
- Veterans stand-down certificate of appreciation

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

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

Chip Holloway

- Read director's report *(Copy Available In The City Clerk's Office)*
- Long Beach Travel Adventure Show this weekend, February 7, 8 and 9, 2014. Doug Lueck and Kari Hunter from RACVB and Harris Brokke of Maturango Museum will be attending.
- U.S. Travel Association subject was State of the Union and Travel. Featuring issues of critical importance to travel community, including immigration reform, quality job creation social media and America's infrastructure challenges.
- Attended State of the County Dinner and Address in Bakersfield on Wednesday, January 29, 2014.
- 2014 Creative Handbook, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary which goes out to production directors, producers and film production companies. Passed around to Board of Directors.
- Locations California Magazine is circulated and each Board of Director given a copy with tab on page 20, which has "The California High Deserts" half page ad.
- March 28, 29 & 30, 2014: Still coming is, Steve Brown, Editor and Publisher from "The Sun Runner" PBS show, The California Deserts will have television group filming live in Ridgecrest.
- January 22, 23 and 24, 2014 met with Ramon Jaime, Executive Producer, Logistics and Marketing.
- FILMING: Doug Dressler of NATILUS PRODUCTIONS for 2 days, with a crew of 35 for Lamborghini car commercial at Inyokern Airport.
- Next Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, March 5, 2014, location to be determined.

## **OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

Lori Acton

- Attended Meth Amphetamine task force in Bakersfield.
- Attended Jawbone Canyon Friends of the Desert

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- No Report

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Steve Morgan

- Thanked Mayor and members present for the information on the petroglyph festival
- Think it's worthwhile and if I can afford it will personally donate \$200 and if I can do more then I will.
- Couple of comments made earlier by Mr. Neel were from the Measure 'L' meeting
- Item under complaint at the Measure 'L' meeting were my comments, I asked them to think about some things. Did not direct them or tell them to make a certain decision. I was part of the process.
- Have known for years that city's insurance does not cover rebuild cost because I asked. If we want to find out what full replacement costs would be then let's have the conversation.
- Respect the conversation from Jim about his TAB concerns.
- TAB always had the uneasy feeling to members of the project about coming back with specific projects with detailed budgets. Council has always said this and no one believes us. Streets list is now approved and council has told staff to move forward, the other divisions are going to have to do the same thing. Fully expect the replacement for concession stand to be more than what was received.
- The building was not ADA compliant or properly plumbed and in essence was a condemned building so this is what insurance paid us.
- We correct things when we find them and council does care
- Adamant that we need the infrastructure committee back and will explain why when a certain report comes before the council
- Have to trust our staff and show faith in them and then project it to our citizens and get them onboard. Sometimes we succeed and other we fail.

Lori Acton

- Soft goods are great but there is only so much people can buy. We need to seriously look at bringing in more industry.
- Regarding the water issues in the valley, Wednesday at the senior center will receive the full report and looks like we will have to import water. Visit the county website and read the report

Jim Sanders

- Appreciate everyone's patience with the TAB concerns
- Attended committee meetings for league of California cities
- Member of the community services committee and discussed what the committee wants to focus on for the state such as bills relating to homeless, mental health, human trafficking, panhandling, and e-cigarettes
- Environmental quality committee and had state senator discuss water bonding and the drought being an opportunity to push water bonding forward. Definite needs but uncertain about how the bill will look like in its final form. Also discussed plastic bag legislation.
- Excited to be a part of the league of California cities that watch and weigh in on state legislation. Hard for Ridgecrest to have influence in Sacramento but combined with other cities in the league give a formidable power.

Chip Holloway

- Reviewed Mike Neel's example of a graph showing that all of parks problems could be solved completely for 20-30 years with all the TAB funds
- Tired of the selective statements being put out in the community
- Commented on streets conditions in other cities including Las Vegas and Los Angeles as having streets in worse condition than Ridgecrest
- Spoke on ideas for new ways of gathering funding for roads being proposed including meters on cars that show miles driven
- Need a balance to everything done in government, parks and recreation and economic development are just as important as streets
- Spoke on being transparent with Measure 'L' and the impact of AB109 on public safety
- Reviewed league of California cities committee meeting which reviewed the impacts of AB 109, legislation pertaining to recreational marijuana and taxation.
- Commented on a small windfall we might get with triple flip catchup for the payment which has been in arrears however gas tax may be going down
- Revenue and taxation committee spoke on water bills and the California infrastructure bank, additional redevelopment bills and house passed a San Joaquin water bill.
- Want to see about giving a loan to the sports association for equipment.

Dan Clark

- Visited with 9 tribes and Cpt. Lazar at Death Valley and have about an 80% support from the tribes for the petroglyph festival.
- Need to educate the students and people not to desecrate the Native American art.
- Supervisor Gleason is putting funding to Petroglyph Park and planning to have educational lessons.
- Requested one more council member to participate on the committee
  - Lori Acton will attend
- Plan on doing a better job educating council on the petroglyph meetings.
- Commented on suggestion of having committee meetings prior to council meetings and asked about the process of setting the agenda's. Asked council to think about it.
- Previous council chose not to allow marijuana dispensaries in the community and commented on the effects on youth and the brain. Asked if the community and council need to think about their posture.
- Requested this community say no to recreational marijuana.

**ADJOURNMENT at 11:01 pm**



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Rachel J. Ford, CMC  
City Clerk