



**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**

**September 16, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Peggy Breeden; Council Members Eddie B. Thomas, and Mike Mower

Council Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore James Sanders and Vice Mayor Lori Acton

Staff Present: City Manager Dennis Speer; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City Attorney Keith Lemieux (via Teleconference), and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[ADDED TO CLOSED SESSION:](#)

GC 54956.9(b)(1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – MPB Furniture LLC v. City of Ridgecrest

Motion To Approve Addition Of Closed Session Item As A Need Arose Item And Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 3 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 2 Absent (Council Member Sanders And Acton).

PUBLIC COMMENT (Closed Session)

- None Presented

CLOSED SESSION

- GC 54956.9(b)(1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Public Disclosure Of Litigant Would Prejudice The City Of Ridgecrest And Would Jeopardize Its Ability To Conclude Existing Settlement Negotiations To Its Advantage.

Added Prior To Approval Of Agenda

- GC 54956.9(b)(1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – MPB Furniture LLC v. City of Ridgecrest

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation – moment of silence

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Kern County Superintendent Of Schools – report received – no reportable action
 - Ashley Furniture (MPB Furniture LLC) – report received – no reportable action however may have something at future agenda
- Other
 - none

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation Of Employee Service Awards

Council

- Mayor and Council Members presented certificates of appreciation to recipient employees who have reached major milestones with the City of Ridgecrest.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*Regular Session*)

Christina Witt

- Commented on stop sign removal at Silver Ridge and concerns about Gateway School nearby and left turn traffic. Requested the sign stay in place for safety.
- Remembering the Fallen was a huge success and thanked the City for use of facilities and support of the Council. Many people from the surrounding area came to see the monument and left notes and mementos. Have reserved for next year at the same time and pleads with Council for use of the facilities again. Organization commented Ridgecrest was the most welcoming and generous community they have visited.

David Milam

- Measure 'L' meeting topic, Mr. Robert Gould should be recognized and praised for his commitment to Law Enforcement. Will be 81 years old on November 9 and is a volunteer in uniform supporting the Ridgecrest Police Department and community.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eddie Thomas

- Announced the Veteran's Advisory Committee will be hosting an event for veterans on September 25 with Madam Mayor as the guest speaker.

Peggy Breeden

- Showed a short video of Mr. Vignall, Burroughs High School Counselor, speaking on behalf of RIDGEPROJECT. When Gary Charlon sent this to me I thought 'Oh My Gosh, he's in our schools' but made me think about it. Need to make our city look better.
- 23rd of this month the Board Of Trade will be meeting in Ridgecrest, at the Marriott hotel. Invited community to attend. Will announce more when the schedule is available. Would appreciate fellow council attending.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving Contract Change Order Number One For A Zero Dollar Value With The Contractor, Super Seal & Stripe, Inc., On The Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle Five Signing And Striping For Twelve Intersections And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer To Sign Change Order Number One Speer
3. Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Rescinding Resolution No 15-64 And Amending And Approving A Transit Policy Mandated By The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) For Service Criteria For Complementary Paratransit Speer
4. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated August 19, 2015 Ford
5. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority Meeting Dated September 2, 2015 Ford

Items Removed From Consent Calendar

- None

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2, 3, 4, And 5 Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 3 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 2 Absent (Council Member Sanders And Acton).

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- 6. Discussion And Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Supporting The Military Banner Program As A Signature Event Of The City And Authorizing Special Event Insurance Coverage Breeden**

Dennis Speer

- Presented staff report

Peggy Breeden

- Many volunteers are ready to work on the banner program

Public Comment

Randy Broden

- American legion riders are willing to work on this project, questioned coverage.
- If approved Legion Riders would like to take this project on.

Michael Cash

- CEO of operation Family for severely wounded veterans. Have been working with the Legion Riders on this project and will join them in providing financial assistance as needed.
- Questioned coverage regarding equipment

Motion To Approve Item No. 6 Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 3 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 2 Absent (Council Member Sanders And Acton).

- 7. Discussion And Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Supporting The 2015 USO Event As A Signature Event Of The City And Authorizing Special Event Insurance Coverage Breeden**

Peggy Breeden

- Presented staff report

Item No. 7 *(continued)*

Justin O'Neill

- Presented a PowerPoint update of the USO Event project.

Eddie Thomas

- Questioned potential 3rd band
 - Justin O'Neill – have calls out to several bands and discussing with current bands to have fuller sets.

Tina Warren

- Chamber is eager to work with Justin, City and Historical society to make this event successful. Waiting on tonight's decision to file proper permitting.
 - Peggy Breeden – looking forward to working with Chamber because they have contributed substantial time and funding for this event and our insurance will make this happen.

Eddie Thomas

- Asked if the insurance covers the entire event or shared with the USO.
 - Dennis Speer – we are covering this event entirely.
 - Peggy Breeden – there are other events occurring on connecting days and they are being covered by their insurance. Our insurance will only cover Saturday.

Motion To Approve Item No. 7 Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 3 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 2 Absent (Council Member Sanders And Acton).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website)

City Organization and Services Committee

Members: Lori Acton; Mike Mower
Meeting: 4th Wednesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Council Conference Room B

Mike Mower

- Meeting next Wednesday, hopefully discussing permit process with the County. Working to get County to attend and give presentation.

Peggy Breeden

- Questioned City Attorney, with two Council Members on committee can a third show up and listen providing they do not speak.
 - Keith Lemieux - correct

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Jim Sanders; Mike Mower
Meeting: 3rd Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Council Conference Room B

Mike Mower

- Meeting tomorrow night, have asked Mayor Breeden to attend in my place.

Peggy Breeden

- Asked staff that works on the agenda for this committee would like to be briefed about the items on the agenda.

❖ **Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee**

Members: Jim Sanders; Peggy Breeden
Meeting: 1st Monday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Conference Room B

Peggy Breeden

- Announced next meeting

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton
Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 12:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Eddie Thomas

- No agenda items.

❖ **Ad Hoc Youth Advisory Council**

Members: Eddie Thomas
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Eddie Thomas

- Met and discussed getting students engaged and types of involvement. Inducted new officers. Discussed ideas and what they want to accomplish. Next meeting Wednesday, September 30.

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

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton
Meeting: Quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Eddie Thomas

- Meeting quarterly, next meeting in December.

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Lori Acton and Eddie Thomas
Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.
Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Eddie Thomas

- Next meeting in October

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Peggy Breeden

- Questions with CalTrans and how they deal with input on building the art for the medians. Ridgecrest and China Lake Blvd median art project issue with relation to sign visibility
- Emanuel Christian Church 40th anniversary celebration this Friday at 5:00 p.m.
- East kern air pollution control district meeting in Ridgecrest on October 12. Encouraged everyone to participate. Quality of life in east Kern is significantly different than in West Kern. Solar entity going in at California City so much discussion and appears to be going quite well.
- Mr. Mower and I asked for a review of budget for September and municipal code on how the city operates. Either as discussion item or in a workshop. Would like to know the Mayor and council responsibilities and how things happen with respect to budget and other operations.
 - Keith – will assist City Manager on municipals code analysis
- Requested TAB review.
- Young man wrote me a wonderful letter and I have misplaced it. Please call me at (760) 382-3563

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- TAC was dark so there was no Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.
- Comment on removal of stop sign, traffic study has been completed. Will be leaving a clear sight distance for the intersection. The stop sign was never put in according to code so must follow the code.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mike Mower

- Commented on progress of median construction on China Lake Blvd.
- Headed to Chicago for 4 days.

Eddie Thomas

- Caltrans is striping China Lake Blvd. so getting closer to completion. Think this is going to look really good and will enjoy the beauty and attracting people to our great city.
- People still don't believe Walmart is coming, looking forward to the ground breaking in October.
- Thanked family for attending.

Peggy Breeden

- Maturango Museum auction Saturday night and invited everyone to attend.
- Those who no longer drive China Lake Blvd. are invited back and encouraged to support the businesses.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:57 p.m.



Rachel J. Ford, CMC

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City Clerk