



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AND  
RIDGECREST REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**City Council Chambers  
100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, California 93555**

**December 1, 2004  
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded  
Tape 04-25**

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**CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ronald Carter, Mayor Pro Tem Marshall Holloway, Vice Mayor Richard Martin, Council Members Steven Morgan and Daniel Clark

**STAFF:** Harvey Rose, City Manager; Wayne Lemieux City Attorney; Gale Vanderpool Deputy City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Deputy City Manager Administrative Services/City Treasurer; Jim McRea, Deputy City Manager, Public Services; Gary Parsons, Community and Economic Development Department Director; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Department Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police; and other personnel

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiation – Parcel Map 10819, a portion of Lot 5 - Discussion of using Agency owned property adjacent to Ridgecrest Business Park for Macrosmic Impact testing by Globe Protect as part of an Economic Development agreement. - Agency negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea and Gary Parsons

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:40 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Carter**

**INVOCATION by Reverend Hearn, Union Missionary Baptist Church**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - No action taken**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Morgan requested that item # 10 be moved to the front of the agenda. Mayor Carter said no because group that wanted to talk about item # 10 knows where the item is on the agenda and they may not get the opportunity if it is moved. Also the new council needs to be sworn in before discussing any issues. Motion to accept calendar as is made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Holloway. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Proclamation – Native American Culture Month**

Mayor Carter and the Council presented a proclamation to Little Deer Durvin, Vice Chairman, Four Winds Inter-Tribal Council of the Indian Wells Valley, in recognition of Native American Culture Month, December 2004.

**2. Proclamation – Toys For Tots**

Mayor Carter and the Council presented a proclamation to LTCOL Patrick Blubaugh, Executive Officer, Marine Air Detachment, China Lake, and Ann Ryan, Coordinator, Indian Wells Valley Toys For Tots in recognition of Toys For Tots Days, December 2004.

**3. Proclamation – Honoring Ridgecrest Citizen**

Mayor Carter and the Council presented a proclamation honoring Ray Watters. Given to Eric Kaufmann for presentation to Mr. Watters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Senn 133 S. Lumill Ridgecrest.

Problems of city finances and its failure of the passing of Measure Q. Most important item is the budget deficit and need to obtain additional funding. City needs financial security and the budget needs to be balanced. Mandatory trash removal is a good idea. Planning commission suggestion to reorganize the Transit Department is a good idea. December 9 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Senn will be giving a presentation to the City Organization Committee to show a better way to manage City finances.

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Al Huey 1128 Windy Lynn Ridgecrest

Memories of Christmas lights and decorations are important. Thanks to Kathy Armstrong and all the volunteers. The City looks great.

**CITY CLERK**

4. **Resolution No. 04-70, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Reciting The Fact Of The Consolidated General Municipal Election Held On November 2, 2004, Declaring The Result And Such Other Matters As Provided By Law** Rose

Motion by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

5. **Introduction Of Council Elect And Administering Of The Oath Of Allegiance**

Kern County Superior Court Judge Catherine D. Purcell administered the Oath of Allegiance to the Council.

6. **Election Of Mayor For A Two Year Term Of Office Ending In November 2006 And Reorganization Of The City Council**

Mayor Carter nominated Marshall Holloway as Mayor  
Mayor Pro Tem Holloway nominated Richard Martin as Mayor Pro Tem  
Vice Mayor Martin nominated Daniel Clark as Vice Mayor

No other nominations, Council Member Clark made nominations for acceptance of the proposed new Council, Council Member Martin seconded. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

Other members of the Council are Steven Morgan and Ronald Carter

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

7. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of November 17, 2004** Gable
8. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated November 12, 2004 In The Amount Of \$70,224.00** Winegardner
9. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated November 12, 2004 In The Amount Of \$3,137.98** Winegardner

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Motion made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Martin to approve items on consent agenda. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes

**OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

**10. Resolution No. 04-71, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting A Five Year Consolidated Plan And The FY 05-06 Annual Action Plan For Community Development Programs Pollock**

Opened for Public Comment:

Jo Ann Dickey Randall Street Ridgecrest

Boys and Girls Club should not take over the senior center. Seniors have heard no talk of getting a new facility

Dorothy Brown Gold Canyon Ridgecrest

Presentation by council is not accurate. She requests offer for use of the funds be put in writing. Also she brought up the question of the 5013C organization benefiting from tax dollars.

Dave Mathews Kevin Court Ridgecrest

Who determines what is considered low to moderate income? Mr. Pollock explained that CDBG has the formula. Mr. Mathews further commented that he feels the Boys and Girls club is a social program and should fall under the auspice of the School District. City needs to fix and support infrastructure.

Gwen Jensen Panamint Avenue Ridgecrest

She is sure the Boys and Girls club does good things, but being able to walk on an even sidewalk does more for its seniors.

Sharon Paxton, Ridgecrest

Boys and Girls Club Board Member wanted to assure the public the club is more than a babysitting service. The Club teaches children who would otherwise have none, teaches them role models and self esteem and self respect.

Dorothy Bennett, Randall Ridgecrest

She has been very impressed with the Boys and Girls Club. Wishes Council not to forget this program

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Dawn Sanders, Ridgecrest

Is sure the Boys and Girls Club is a good thing, but she was recently a victim of crime and feels the lack of street lights played a major role. She would like the funds used on better street lighting.

Christine Destry, Ridgecrest

Executive Director of the Boys and Girls club. She feels the public is definitely not aware of all the club offers. She would like to sit down with any member of the public and show them the program goals. It was also not their intention to displace the seniors or any other group.

Al Huey Windy Lynn, Ridgecrest

Clearly this is a money situation and the question on the board is social issues versus street issues. Money should be used for streets. Council should be aware they are crossing a line here. What about all the other service and community organizations that need funding also? A precedent may be set here that will be hard to live up to.

Jerry Taylor Mesquite, Ridgecrest

Council needs to be aware that BRAC issues are very much alive and that they look at Infrastructure. We need to look at street lights and streets above all else.

Richard Senn Lumill Street, Ridgecrest

Council is discriminating against the other non profits. This will cause dissension among the community

Opened to Council Comment

Council Member Morgan-After reading proposal, issues are being requested for expansion of the program. The Boys and Girls Club while successful are running short of funding. Program has plans in place and ideas. Council needs to support Option A and take care of the infrastructure

Council Member Martin –We need to maximize the dollars that we get is what we should do. Support for Option A.

Council Member Clark- Found this decision very hard to make personally since he has supported Boys and Girls Club since its start. Option A has his support, cant support community program should be to infrastructure.

Council Member Carter supports Option A. Infrastructure in the community is key; but can we do something for Boys and girls club funding in the future.

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Timing is not right for this venture. He also wants it noted that CDBG funds are for both Community Projects as well as Infrastructure.

Mayor Holloway agrees with the comments that the School District needs to be involved with the Boys and Girls club. The timing is not right for the City to assist.

Motion made to accept Option A made by Council Member Morgan, Seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

**5 Minute Recess called by Mayor Holloway - return at 8:20 pm**

**CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

City Manager Rose requested from Council their Holiday schedule. It was determined based on the fact that most of the staff would be on holiday the last week of December; the Council will not meet on January 5, 2005

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS - None**

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**11. Council appointments to Committees, Boards and Commissions**

Council may make appointments to the various committees, boards and commission at this time if they have selected appointees.

Appointments are as follows:

Economic Development	Council Members Clark/Holloway
Legislative	Council Members Martin/Holloway As Needed – Possibly Quarterly
Infrastructure	Council Members Morgan/Martin
City Organization	Council Members Carter/Martin
Quality of Life	Council Members Clark/Holloway
Redevelopment Advisory Committee	Council Members Morgan/Carter – ex-officio members
Youth Advisory Council	Council Members Carter/Clark

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Planning Commission	Council Member Morgan – Chuck Rouland Council Member Carter – Howard Laire Council Member Clark – Open Council Member Martin – Jim Smith Council Member Holloway – Mike Biddlingmeier * (unknown if he will accept due to promotion on base)
Personnel Board	Council Member Morgan – Michael Smith Council Member Carter – Open Council Member Clark – Open Council Member Martin – Dave Mechtenberg Council Member Holloway – Mike Whalen
Redevelopment Advisory	Council Member Morgan – Open Council Member Carter - Open Council Member Clark – Open Council Member Martin –Ron Ketcham Council Member Holloway – Gary Charlton  Mayor Holloway appoints Council Members Carter/Morgan as ex-officio members
KernCOG	Mayor Holloway/ / Council MemberMorgan
KernCOG Transportation / Sales Tax	Council Member Morgan
Kern County Air Pollution Control District	Mayor Holloway
Kern County City Selection Committee	Mayor Holloway
League of California Cities Division	Desert/Mountain Mayor Holloway / Mayor Pro Tem Martin
Indian Wells Valley Civilian / Military Affairs	Mayor Holloway / Mayor Pro Tem Martin
Indian Wells Valley Ground Water Management	John Bracken / Jim McRea
Indian Wells Valley 2000	Mayor Holloway / Mayor Pro Tem Martin

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RACVB Mayor Pro Tem Martin / Council Member Morgan

LAFCO Mayor Pro Tem Martin

Quad State Council Member Morgan

Kern Council of Cities Open to all who wish to attend

**Economic Development Committee**

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Chip Holloway, (Planning Commission members to be selected at next Planning Commission meeting)

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

**Legislative Committee**

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

**Infrastructure Committee**

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Duke Martin, (Planning Commission members to be selected at next Planning Commission meeting)

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., Council Conference Room

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**City Organization Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Duke Martin

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room

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**Quality of Life Committee**

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Chip Holloway, (Planning Commission members to be selected at next Planning Commission meeting)

Meetings: 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Kerr-McGee Center  
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**Redevelopment Advisory Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Ketcham, Vice Chair, Gary Charlon (3 vacant seats to fill) Ex-officio Members Council Members Steve Morgan and Duke Martin, (Planning Commission member to be selected at next Planning Commission meeting)

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Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM, Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

### **RACVB**

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan - Alternate

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:00 a.m., RACVB Office

Next meeting to be announced

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

League of California Cities – Council Member Martin attended Executive Session, very informative but nothing new to report

100 Voices for Women and Senior Ad hoc – attended by Council Member Clark. Nothing new to report. Be watching for information forthcoming on Community Forum. December 6, 2004 6pm Kerr McGee Center Hospice Presentation

BRAC – attended by Council Members Holloway and Martin, Scary information coming down. Stay involved, write your Congressmen, write your Governor. Stay informed and aware of this ongoing issue.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Martin – Thank you to the Marines and the Toys for Tots Program. Kathy Armstrong and all the service groups and volunteers did a wonderful job on the trees and the ceremony. Congratulations to Burroughs High School Football Team for going as far as they have. Thank you to the voters for their support. Congratulations to the new Council.

Council Member Clark – Thank you former Mayor Carter for leading with such a high level of professionalism and civility. Thank you for all your past efforts. Please come to the Community Forum tentatively scheduled for January 15 at Kerr McGee Center 9 – 12. Thanks for a wonderful tree lighting ceremony.

Council Member Morgan – Thank you to the voters for letting this Council know what they want. Sorry about the failing of Measure Q. Citizens stay engaged, changes will be happening with mid year budget adjustments. If there are opinions, call, write, email, don't just attack in the newspaper. This is a very active council and available council. Would be happy to sit down and listen any time. To Mayor Holloway, take control of this Council, don't allow individuals to run over the rest.

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Council Member Carter – Thank you to the voters, thank you to all the running mates, Thanks for the discussions and concerns. All citizens stay involved, stay active. Support your community, there is a need to bring back the shop local campaign, work with the Chamber of Commerce and small business. Let's keep Ridgecrest prospering.

Council Member Holloway – Thank you to the council members for their support. I have been away for 2 weeks contemplating whether or not I can stay on this Council let alone be Mayor. Now is the right time, it's a time to be aggressive to move forward. See the problems, set the goals. It is my job to keep this Council together. This is a diverse Council. We may have different opinions but we all have the same goal. We will reach those goals together. I will lead by example. Effect positive changes. Mr. Clark has a good idea but it needs to be brought back as an Agenda item for discussion and timing so all Council may attend. My goal is to facilitate ideas and bring them to where they should be for positive action. Thank you voters for your voice and belief in this council.

**ADJOURNMENT at 9:30pm**

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Gale Vanderpool, Deputy City Clerk