



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

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

**June 2, 2004
6:00 p.m.**

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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 chip not here

STAFF Harvey Rose, City Manager; Wayne Lemieux, City Attorney; Rita Gable, Chief Deputy City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Finance Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Director; Jerry Helt, Public Works Director; James McRea, Community Development Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police; and other personnel

CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

GC54957 Personnel Matters – Performance Evaluation and Compensation Review of the City Manager

REGULAR SESSION – 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor pro tem Holloway

INVOCATION – Silent Moment

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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As the City Attorney was not in attendance, Mr. Rose stated the Council performed annual evaluation of the City Manager and found him adequate to continue in the position.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Morgan, seconded by Council Member Martin TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation – "Democracy, Is It For Everyone?"

Marilyn Rajaratnam, a sophomore at Immanuel Christian who participated in the Lions Club's multiple District 4 California/Nevada Student Speakers Contest gave her speech on the topic "Democracy, Is It For Everyone. She was presented with a Council Certificate of Achievement.

2. Proclamation – Team Ridgecrest

Mayor Carter and the City Council presented a proclamation to Team Ridgecrest, Kim and Chuck Frankenberger, Kem Park, and Jay and Alissa Kovar, a group of volunteers working together for a better community. This group is being recognized for their outstanding efforts in taking on the responsibilities of the Junior Olympics held on April 24, 2004.

3. Proclamation – Honoring Dr. Charles Milligan

Mayor Carter and the City Council presented a proclamation honoring Dr. Charles Milligan, Superintendent, Sierra Sands Unified School District.

4. Proclamation – Sherman E. Burroughs High School Football Team

Mayor Carter and the City Council presented copies of a proclamation, originally presented to the Athletic Department in January, to the athletes of the 2003 Burroughs High School Football Team and their coaches for their demonstrated teamwork, outstanding achievements, and contributions for an outstanding football season.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Huey, 1128 Windy Lynn

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- Asked what progress is being made to re-establish the Cable TV ad hoc Committee and the Solid Waste ad hoc Committee – Mr. Rose stated items were still under study.
- Congratulated Council Member Morgan on Sunland Street and E. Ridgecrest Boulevard project with CalTrans and City
- Commented that resolution of the safety problem at that intersection should not have taken 9 months to get results
- Suggested we try to form better relationships with County and State agencies

Dorothy Brown, 221 N. Gold Canyon Drive

- Read paper she distributed to council re the "miracle" of the people to respond during World War II and how much we have digressed since then (copy in clerk's agenda packet)
- She was 15 during WWII and "lived" the history as it happened through newsreels and new media – our children today have no concept of history
- We are losing the patriotic effort in this country

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Commended Dorothy on her thoughts
- Commented on Chips football comments during the Burroughs presentation
- Went to an all boys school - Wesley institute where football was an important part of the schooling process
- On Monday he went to Lake Isabella for dedication of the USS Arizona fragments in the WWII veterans park
- Kern County has numerous vets and Pearl Harbor Survivors

Jerry Taylor, 315 Mesquite Avenue

- Asked if we are proceeding with the Redflex red light system at our major intersections
 - Chief Avery said Redflex has completed their survey but no intersection meets their criteria but they have some other things they think we might be able to use
- Asked if the City is proceeding with hiring An Assistant City Manager
 - The answer was yes
- Still has some concerns that it may be a trade off of other things and positions in the City's 2004/2005 budget

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Resolution No. 04- , A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing A Progress Payment (Payment No. 2) To Asphalt Construction Company In The Amount Of \$107,623.80 For Work Completed To Date On Allen Street From Upjohn Avenue To Bowman Road Pollock

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6. Resolution No. 04-30, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Calling And Giving Notice Of The Holding Of A General Municipal Election To Be Held On Tuesday November 2, 2004 For The Election Of Certain Officers As Required By The Laws Of The State Of California Relating To General Law Cities Rose
7. Resolution No. 04-31, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Requesting The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Kern To Render Specified Services To The City Relating To The Conduct Of A General Municipal Election To Be Held On Tuesday November 2, 2004 Rose
8. Minutes Of The Special City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of May 15, 2004 Gable
9. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of May 19, 2004 Gable
10. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated May 14, 2004 In The Amount Of \$187,612.61 Winegardner
11. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated May 14, 2004 In The Amount Of \$9,045.63 Winegardner

Al Huey requested items 5, 10, 11 be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Moved by Council Member Morgan, seconded by Council Member Martin TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEMS 5, 10, AND 11 REMOVED. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 yeas.

5. Resolution No. 04-32, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing A Progress Payment (Payment No. 2) To Asphalt Construction Company In The Amount Of \$107,623.80 For Work Completed To Date On Allen Street From Upjohn Avenue To Bowman Road Pollock

Assistant Public Works Director Pollock gave staff report

- Gave explanation of payment and delay of 3-4 weeks of expected completion of project
- Months before going to bid all utilities were notified of expected date for start of the project
- They were asked to do replacement or repairs to their lines or pipes before the project start date
- PG&E did not decide to do their maintenance until after the start time which delayed the project 3-4 weeks

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Mr. Huey asked if there was a policy in place to levy fines against utilities if they have to dig up new asphalt

- No policy for fines currently in place.

Moved by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Council Member Clark TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 04-32, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A PROGRESS PAYMENT (PAYMENT NO. 2) TO ASPHALT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,623.80 FOR WORK COMPLETED TO DATE ON ALLEN STREET FROM UPJOHN AVENUE TO BOWMAN ROAD. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 aye, 1 absent. Council Member Martin had temporarily left the dais.

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Finance Director Winegardner explained that warrants are checks written upon city funds to pay the bills of the City. The "DWRs" are routinely paid, approximately every two weeks, and given to Council in the next meeting agenda for information.

Moved by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Martin TO APPROVE ITEM 10 COUNCIL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST (DWR) DATED MAY 14 2004 AND AGENCY EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST (DWR) DATE MAY 14 2004. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

12. Ordinance No. 04-04, An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Chapter XX Zoning McRea

Community and Economic Development Director McRea gave the staff report

- Ordinance adopts General Plan Amendment (GPA 04-01) and clarifies modifications to the City Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency between the newly adopted Housing Element and other General Plan Elements
- The ordinance was approved on first reading at the regular Council meeting of May 19, 2004. It is returned for seconded reading and adoption.

Moved by Council Member Morgan, seconded by Council Member Holloway TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND TO ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, ORDINANCE NO. 04-04, AN ORDINANCE OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL

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AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER XX ZONING.
No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 abstention.
Council Member Martin abstained.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Discussion Of Local Option Sales Tax Proposal

Rose

City Manager Rose noted he and Rita Gable went to a clerk's summit at the Kern County Elections Division in Bakersfield today. Will be giving Council paperwork pertaining to the measure shortly

Council Member Morgan gave presentation to the electrical engineers last week. They wholeheartedly felt tax should go on in perpetuity in order to address our tremendous backlog of infrastructure projects. To day only three persons have indicated they were in favor of having an ending date on the measure. It was the consensus of Council to have an open session discussion on the tax measure in lieu of regular council meeting on July 21.

Council Member Holloway suggested setting up a call in radio show with KLOA

Public comment

Dave Matthews asked Council Member Morgan to clarify the three in favor of having an ending date of the measure?

Dorothy Brown asked how will City guarantee that the 1/2 cent will be put toward infrastructure and 1/4 cent to safety?

- o Mr. Rose stated there will be two ordinances – 1 describing what tax will be for - 2nd will describe how it will be used

Jerry Taylor asked if we vote this in how many times do the ordinances come up for discussion and once voted in what will it take for the public to eliminate it?

- o Mr. Rose stated Proposition 218 says public has to vote in and also vote out taxes

Council Member Clark stated the Democratic Club was concerned about the sunset clause if in or out of the measure

Council Member Holloway suggested brining ordinances in for first and second readings as soon as possible to get the public comments out in front of everyone

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

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City clerks of the County met in Elections Division of Kern County today in Bakersfield. Main thing brought out was that Kern County Clerk is suing Secretary of State regarding the use of electronic voting machines. Ballots in November will most likely be paper optical read. Most of the clerks indicated that their cities will be putting tax measures on the November ballot.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Economic Development Committee

Members: Chair Chip Holloway, Dan Clark, Mike Biddlingmeier, Howard Laire

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 4:30 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting June 3 3 p.m.

Legislative Committee

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8:00 AM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting June 16 10 a.m.

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Duke Martin, Chuck Roulund, Jim Smith

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

Next meeting June 8 5 p.m.

City Organization Committee

Members: Chair Chip Holloway, Ron Carter

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting June 10 4 p.m.

Quality of Life Committee

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter, Mike Biddlingmeier, Howard Laire

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

Next meeting June 24 5 p.m.

Redevelopment Advisory Committee

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Members: Chair Ron Ketcham, Vice Chair Lois Beres, Harley Baker, Bob Peoples, Gary Charlon. Ex-officio Members Council Members Steve Morgan and Duke Martin, Planning Commissioner Shelia Torkelson

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

Next meeting June 15 5 p.m.

RACVB

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Dan Clark - Alternate

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

Next meeting June 16 8 a.m.

Other Committees, Boards, or Commissions

- ❖ Military Civilian Committee 17 June 1130-1330 on base
- ❖ 100 Voices for Women steering June 7 6 p.m.
- ❖ Kern County LAFCO June 22 Bakersfield
- ❖ Quad State June 11 9 a.m. Bakersfield
- ❖ Kern County Association of Cities Council Members Holloway and Martin attended last Thursday in Bakersfield
 - Shafter and Bakersfield both want to annex adjoining land both want the same area
 - They met with Bakersfield Council Member Jacquie Sullivan and Assistant Manager Stinson

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Martin –

- Has been a busy two weeks
- Went to Vegas with Jim McRea, Gary Parsons and Chip Holloway for the Shopping Center of America annual conference
- Met with a number of companies showing interest in Ridgecrest
- Very worth while for the City to attend this conference
- Went to Lake Isabella for the USS Arizona memorial dedication and spoke with the Governor of Nevada
- Congressman Thomas, Supervisor McQuiston, Assemblyman McCarthy and Superintendent of Schools for Kern River District Mary Partell
- Students of the school district at Lake Isabella will maintain the memorial
- Council Members Clark and Holloway also attended the dedication

Holloway -

- Congratulated Lake Isabella on their accomplishment of obtaining the USS Arizona artifacts

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- Frustrated him that it took over five years to get Freedom Park and the Veterans Memorial Garden established
- Went to Long Beach with Hurley Vanderpool to go to a transit/transportation seminar – was extremely enlightening
- Saw a handicap mini van – looks like it should be 1/2 the cost of standard transit bus
- Come December 27 the feds will require us to put more bells and whistles on our transit system
- Third time he has gone to Las Vegas for the shopping center conference
- Will meet with someone tomorrow - that contact came out of that trip
- Proud to watch CSPAN and the dedication of the WWII memorial
- Happy to see Sunland Street project has made progress to resolution
- Concerned about how we have lost so much local control of funds and issues
- Ridgecrest has a new star – on June 5 Dan Clark will appear In the Follies
- Also appearing is Ray Arthur and Gary Parsons
- June 12 there will be "A Taste of Ridgecrest" on Balsam Street and the "Concert Under The Stars" at the gazebo in Freedom Park
- Will not be here for the June 16 Council meeting– will be at League of California Cities in Sacramento

Carter -

- Thanked Jim McRea and Gary Parsons for all the business recruiting they have been doing
- Housing is biggest talking point and safety
- Many college students are being funneled into two year colleges
- Lot of opportunities here
- Went to Advance Placement class at Burroughs High School - it was advance math and calculus
- Was astounded by the plans they have for their careers in the future
- The word is getting out about Ridgecrest
- Youth Advisory Committee wants to start promoting to the kids all the things that are going on in community
- Thanked Chief Avery for his leadership of the youth
- Thanked Council for the leadership certificates given out to school students

Clark -

- We have a Youth Advisory Council that is not duplicated anywhere in the country
- The YAC was established by him and John Sterling
- This is a message to parents to get their kids involved as colleges look at what community involvement the kids have had
- Thanked Council Member Holloway for getting him involved in the Follies

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- Congratulated all senior that are graduating – it is an awesome accomplishment
- Went with Council Members Martin and Holloway to the USS Arizona memorial at Lake Isabella
- Noted speaking to an USS Arizona survivor when he was about 18 and how unbelievable it was to him then
- In September will try to resurrect the local Arts Council

Morgan –

- House has 17M for China Lake Spike Missile - which is a good opportunity for this City's economic stability
- Always encouraging to hear base is getting funding
- Entering a period of many patriotic events
- Council and community are very dedicated to our military and veterans
- June 14 is Flag Day – hope to see a preponderance of flags
- July 4 is the community fireworks display – a youth singing group will be there too
- June 6 sixty years ago was the D Day invasion of Normandy - code name Operation Overlord
- We all should reflect on the sacrifices made that day
- God Bless America - goodnight

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carter adjourned the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

Rita Gable, Chief Deputy City Clerk