



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

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

**April 20, 2005
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded
Tape 05-10**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF: Harvey Rose, City Manager; Keith Lemieux City Attorney; Rita Gable, 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 – 6:03 p.m.

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations, Lots 34, 35, & 36, Parcel Map # 10819, Ridgecrest Business Park (RBP), APN # 033-070-34, 35, and 36, recommendations of Redevelopment Advisory Committee, and Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions - Negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea and Gary Parsons

GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations, 110 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard vacant building. JD's and adjoining properties. APN 067-192- 24, 26, 31, 33 and 16 and 27. - Negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea, and Gary Parsons

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CG 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Identification of party would prejudice the City's interest

GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claim of Eric Polite #05-
03

REGULAR SESSION – 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council Member Clark

INVOCATION Reverend Jim Weston, Desert Christian Center

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney reported out of Closed Session – Council received information regarding Parcel Map 10819-no action taken; Council discussed 110 W Ridgecrest Boulevard-no action taken; no action taken on anticipated litigation; and Liability Claim of Eric Polite #05-03 was denied.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Rose requested addition of a resolution urging Continued Public Access to Haiwee Reservoir for Recreational Fishing-item arose subsequent to publishing of the Agenda.

Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Clark TO ADD THE HAIWEE RESERVOIR RESOLUTION. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation - Child Care Provider Month

Mayor Holloway and the City Council presented a proclamation to Little Deer Durvin, Little Deer's Family Child Care, in recognition of Child Care Provider Month, May 2005.

2. Proclamation - Respect for Law Week

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Mayor Holloway and the City Council presented a proclamation to Howard Auld, President, Optimist Club, Jeff Bunn, President Exchange Club, Jim Bowen, President, Foot Printers, Sam Brown, Elks Lodge, and Betty Summers, Kiwanis, in recognition of Respect for Law Week, April 23-29, 2005. Dinner will be April 29 at Victoria's at the Heritage.

3. **Proclamation – Administrative Professionals Day**

Mayor Holloway and the City Council presented a proclamation to Patricia Richard, Police Clerk II, Darlene McGonagle, Administrative Secretary, Pamela Pearson, Administrative Secretary, and Phillip Braem, Information Systems Technician, with an aggregate 32 years employment with the City, in recognition of Administrative Professionals Day April 27, 2005

4. **Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week**

Mayor Holloway and the City Council presented a proclamation to Rita Gable, City Clerk, Gale Vanderpool and Rachel Rumbo, Deputy City Clerks, in recognition of Municipal Clerks Week, May 1 through 7, 2005

PUBLIC COMMENT 7:07

Howard Auld, 641 Mamie Avenue

- May 21 is Armed Forces Day and there will be a program at the flag pole area at City Hall
- Requested the Council to have a Special Council Meeting that day adopting a resolution in support of our Armed Forces and of the families of our military personnel
- Theme for the year is "Heroes Among Us"
- On May 20 there will be a vigil in honor of the families as they serve as well as the service members

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. **Request For Approval Of Profession Service Agreement With Helt Engineering, Inc. For Construction Support Services And Engineering Services For Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project**

McRea

This item removed for discussion

6. **Resolution No. 05- A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council In Support Of The Request To The Bureau Of Land Management To Make Certain Public Lands Available For Public Sale Through The Federal Land Exchange Program Within The Unincorporated Kern County Area Adjacent**

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To The City Of Ridgecrest And To Recommend The Exchange Of Properties Within The City Of Ridgecrest Parsons

7. **Resolution 05- 26A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Filing Of A Grant Applications With Office Of Economic Adjustment (OEA) For The Advanced Planning Grant** Parsons

This item removed for discussion

8. **Resolution No. 05- , A Resolution Authorizing Recordation Of The Final Tract Map For Tract 6221 Unit A** Pollock

The Developer of Tract 6221 Unit A has completed all public improvements required for said Unit A in substantial conformance with the approved tentative tract map and desires to record the final map.

9. **Minutes Of The Special City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of March 29, 2005** Gable

10. **Minutes Of The Special City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of March 30, 2005** Gable

11. **Minutes Of The Special City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of March 31, 2005** Gable

12. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of April 6, 2005** Gable

13. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated April 1, 2004 In The Amount Of \$189,805.44** Winegardner

14. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated April In The Amount Of \$804.82** Winegardner

Council Member Clark requested removal of item 6; Council Member Morgan requested removal of item 8

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Clark TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEMS 6 AND 8 REMOVED. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

6. **Resolution No. 05- 27, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council In Support Of The Request To The Bureau Of Land Management To Make Certain Public Lands Available For Public Sale Through The Federal Land Exchange Program Within The Unincorporated Kern County Area Adjacent**

**To The City Of Ridgecrest And To Recommend The Exchange Of Properties
Within The City Of Ridgecrest** **Parsons**

Community and Economic Development Director Parsons

- The City is in favor and showing its support of the Federal Land Exchange Program with this resolution
- Siding with Kern County urging Bureau of Land Management to offer land for sale and hoping to free this land up for private use and more growth
- Most of the land is outside the City boundaries but there are several BLM lots within the city limits with developments around them
- If these lands are freed up all concerned will have to deal with the West Mojave Plan in acquiring this from BLM

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Believe BLM is required by law to get appraisal of the property before selling
- Interest in what would be traded by the City for BLM land
- Feels BLM has enough land now

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-27 A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO MAKE CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SALE THROUGH THE FEDERAL LAND EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED KERN COUNTY AREA ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AND TO RECOMMEND THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF RIDGECREST. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote 5 ayes

8. Resolution No. 05- , A Resolution Authorizing Recordation Of The Final Tract Map For Tract 6221 Unit A **Pollock**

Assistant Public Works Director Pollock

- The Developer of Tract 6221 Unit A has completed all public improvements required for said Unit A
- The tract map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative tract map
- The Developer desires to record the final map
- All paperwork is done and map is mathematically correct
- Question of what we are going to do with Warner Street is still there

Council

- ❖ This map was not approved by Planning Commission –the tentative map has been modified/revised

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- ❖ We can deny or send back to Planning Commission or agree that map meets the parameters
- ❖ We need to have Warner Street bonded for improvements before Morgan will vote yes to record this tract map

Deputy City Manager for Public Service McRea

- The map was modified but is in substantial compliance
- Substantial means close but not identical to original
- Developer made all the improvements without getting the tract map approved

Mr. Pollock stated that is the way it is done these days but usually done concurrently

Neil Chrisman, Developer

- had to do some alterations to the original tract map
- Lois Landrum said the changes were not substantial as long they were not more than 10% it would be in compliance
- Planning Commission removed condition to pave Warner Street
- It will be paved eventually once he gets to Unit C

Chester Cornelius, 305 Dawn Court

- Property owner to the west in the country
- Property south has been deeded and is in the City of Ridgecrest
- Warner is a road near his property but a wash to the south during the rains
- Has concerns about how the water flow will be handled
- Map is incomplete and would be an injustice to the City if approved
- Said 20K square foot lots was minimum developer could put in original tract map
- As a neighbor he is not satisfied with map as it does not address all the issues involved in drainage

Dave Matthews

- This item should not have been on the Consent Calendar
- Been going round and round for over half an hour on this one item
- People out there have no idea what you are talking about
- Need to let the public know in more detail what the items are

Kris Kauffman, 1257 Palo Verde

- He and his wife are hoping to buy one of these houses sometime
- Have looked at this development during and after the rains
- Need to pave Warner from top to bottom

Council asked Mr. McRea to address the CC&Rs re the 20K SF lots

- The area of this development was zoned R10

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Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-29, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING UNMET AND REASONABLE TO MEET TRANSIT NEEDS FINDINGS. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote 5 ayes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

16. Discussion Of City Of Ridgecrest Ordinance No. 81-2 Regulating The Placement Of Mobile Homes On Permanent Foundations On Lots Zoned For Single Rose

Mr. Rose stated there was some discussion and unrest in the community about siting mobile home in residential areas. Restrictions are spelled out in Ordinance 81-2. The Kern County Building Inspectors inspect these mobile and manufactured housing siting to assure that codes are met. Those on Downs Street have met those codes.

Paul Lascalia, Ripley Estates

- There are approximately 180 houses on permanent foundations in this area
- Statements made by Mr. Parsons were false about the house at Downs Street and Church Avenue
- Said house had axels and tires and was towed onto the site and now sits on "jacks" not a permanent foundation
- Our tract has specific architectural features in reflected in each home
- Recommends a certificate of occupation not be issued for this mobile home-it is not a manufactured home

Sharon , 509 E. Wilson Avenue

- Her son has spent his life savings on building his home now this mobile home comes into the neighborhood
- It is not attached permanently to the ground
- Asked where is the justice in this

Council

- ❖ building inspector has assured that this meets all the codes and is compatible within the community
- ❖ This home will have a built on site 2 car garage added
- ❖ Mayor personally talked to State of California housing people and got the laws regarding manufactured homes and also got the HUD laws

Mr. Lascalia

- Has no problem with manufactured homes
- There are some are on Down Street near Bataan Avenue

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- They came in on trailers and were slide off onto a permanent foundation
- This mobile is on jack stands and not on a permanent foundation

Added item – Haiwee Reservoir

Resolution No. 05-30, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Urging Continued Public Access To Haiwee Reservoir For Recreational Fishing

Rose

City Manager Rose

- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power acquired the reservoir and has notified they intended to close it for safety of the people
- They are also citing terrorist acts as a reason to close the reservoir to public access
- This subject will be heard at one of their May meeting
- We have been asked to adopt a resolution that public access be allowed for recreational fishing
- It does not appear any other reservoirs above or below Haiwee are being closed

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Carter TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-30, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL URGING CONTINUED PUBLIC ACCESS TO HAIWEE RESERVOIR FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING. no public heard. Motion carried with voice vote of 5 ayes.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Economic Development Committee

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Chip Holloway, Mike Biddlingmeier, Chuck Roulund

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

Next meeting May 5

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Legislative Committee

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: probably quarterly - at 8:00 AM; Council Conference Room

Next meeting to be announced

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 May 10

City Organization Committee

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

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

Met April 14

- Lot of discussion on transit and costs
- Scheduled to redo transit plan and Kern County will help with that
- Requested we try to make it more efficient
- Maybe a fixed route
- Requesting staff to meet with the County and pool funding
- Get with DART and SSUSD and make things more cost effective for all
- Chief of Police discussed things going to happen
- Community policing using a K9 unit
- First dog will be trained in narcotics second in explosives
- Looked at how we can do community servicing – an officer assigned to a specific area
- Info from Sheriff as to City contracting with them for police services cost more money
- Would lose 911 dispatch, chiefs position and secretary
- Sheriff is not interested in contracting with new cities
- Talked about an initiative for funding police department on the ballot need more officers
- Looking at how to put something on ballot for infrastructure
- Talked about getting a police motorcycle to assist with traffic and off road
 - Chief stated we have motorcycle now
- Talked about budgeting process starting soon
- Under our budget in spending

Next meeting May 12

Quality of Life Committee

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Chip Holloway, Howard Laire, Matt Feemster

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

Next meeting April 28

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Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Members: Chair Ron Ketcham, Vice Chair Lois Beres, Mike Hogan, Bob Peoples, Gary Charlon. Ex-officio Members Council Members Steve Morgan and Ron Carter, Planning Commissioner Mike Biddlingmeier

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

Met April 19

- Nothing of significance to report
- 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

Met April 20

- Board reviewed current years budget and expenditure-will consider next years budget at May meeting
 - Reported on premier screenings on Discovery channel of "Biker Build Off" filmed at Cuddeback Dry Lakebed
 - Also independent feature "Lost in Plainview" which shot in several locations in and around Ridgecrest in December of 2003
 - And the made for TV movie "The Fallen Ones" filmed at the Trona Pinnacles will premier on the Sci-Fi channel on May 14
 - Recent rains created a "once in a century" wildflower season it cost Ridgecrest an estimated \$1.2M in film revenues due to flooded locations
 - RACVB will go to New York City for the International POW WOW Travel Convention in May-a premier annual event for international tour professionals
 - March/April filing so far includes four commercials, two still photography shoots and one music video
- Next meeting May 25

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Martin – will be attending the League of California Cities Desert-Mountain meeting on Friday April 22. April 8 was in San Jose for Environmental Quality Committee. Mayor Holloway was also there for one of his committees. Had teleconference with Senator Flores regarding his sludge bill-League was not in support of it because it took away local control

Clark - Senior ad Hoc committee meets at 4:00 p.m. April 28

Holloway – Administrative Services Policy Committee looked at a lot of bills – some are

AB 184 some changes to the Brown act – League is opposed

AB 463 security issues

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AB 432 re new citizens can vote after 14 days – League supports
AB 1013 vacancies on councils, boards, commissions, etc. – shall immediately fill the vacancy with the 3rd highest vote getter - if not available call special election
SB 787 – restrict like 1A – League opposes

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Morgan

- + The Community has an opportunity for information on xeroscape on Saturday April 23 at Kerr-McGee Center
- + Four students will be competing for \$4K in the Lions Club Student Speakers Contest at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on Saturday April 23 – theme is Keys to Success
- + His daughter Nicole made the cheerleaders squad at Burroughs High School
- + There will be a car wash for cheerleader squad on Saturday at Jim Charlton Ford
- + Spring Fair is May 12-15
- + Commended other four Council Members for time they took with the tract map item
- + That was a small taste of what the Planning Commission goes through

Carter

- + Some good news-the Sierra Sands Unified School District Board last night hired Jody Runner as permanent Superintendent of the District
- + Great to have someone from the community serving as Superintendent
- + Congratulated Jody Runner on her selection as Superintendent

Clark

- + Also thanked school board for their choice of Jody Runner
- + Shared the results of the town hall meeting with items prioritized by votes
- + Long term - local option sales tax was #3 on the list
- + Signature event – 42 votes on expanding Maturango Days
- + Some others were Technology days-mad scientist and robotics race
- + Thanked community for coming to the town hall meeting and contributing

Martin

- + Welcomed home Mike Hill
- + He came home on 30 day convalescent leave on Monday
- + Burroughs High School won distinguished school designation
- + Congratulations to Jody Runner
- + Educate yourself before you vote

Holloway

- + Really glad about Jody Runner

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- ✚ Thanked community for support of Mike Hill home coming-about 300 persons turned out to line various streets around town
- ✚ Also thanked Council for working on the tract map issue

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 1020

Rita Gable, City Clerk