



**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 5, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded
Tape 06-08**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:01

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Council Member Steven Morgan

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 – 6:02 p.m.

GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Claim of Luis G. Gaurano

GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – John Van Fossen v. Sierra Sands Unified School District, et al.

GC54957 Conference with Legal Counsel – Security of Public Buildings and Essential Public Services

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GC54956.8 Real Property Negotiations – 110 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard and Adjoining Sites – APN 067-192-24, 26, 27, 31 And 33 – Agency Negotiators Harvey Rose, James McRea and Gary Parsons

REGULAR SESSION – 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by

INVOCATION – Reverend Ralph Mueller, Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Council/Agency received updates and information regarding legal matters of Luis G. Gaurano and John Van Fossen v. Sierra Sands Unified School District, et al; Security Of Public Buildings And Essential Public Services; and 110 W. Ridgecrest Boulevard and Adjoining Sites – APN 067-192-24, 26, 27, 31 And 33. Staff was given direction.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rose requested addition to the Consent Calendar of a resolution to pay ERAF.

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ERAF RESOLUTION ADDED TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Council Member Morgan absent.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of New Police Officer

Chief Michael Avery introduced the City's newest police officer Bradley Snyder to the Council and the community. Officer Snyder was recently sworn in as a full time police officer after graduating from the Kern County Sheriffs Academy.

2. Proclamation – Boys and Girls Club Week

Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a proclamation to Christine Destry, Executive Director, Southern Sierra Boys and Girls Club, in recognition of Boys and Girls Club Week April 2 through 8, 2006.

3. Proclamation – Contract Management Week

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Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a proclamation to Heidi Kettler, President, May Jacobs, Vice President Education and Certification, Derrick Hu, Employment and Newsletter Chair/Staff Photographer, and Lisa Pelzi, President elect, China Lake/Ridgecrest Chapter of the National Contract Management Association, in recognition of Contract Management Week April 10 through 16, 2006.

4. **Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Mayor Holloway and the Council presented a proclamation to Karin Stone, Program Manager, Women's Center-High Desert, in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Jenkins, 327 Robertson Road

- Police Department has labored carrying the torch with an undermanned department
- Need to hire 6-9 new officers
- Pay raises for PD would be well deserved – need to give them a substantial pay raise
- We have many new families and people moving into the City of Ridgecrest
- Consider establishing a bicycle patrol or golf carts and use new officers to acquaint them with the city
- Suggested junior badges for the kids – it's good PR
- Congratulations to them - they do a fantastic job

Adams Summers, 221 N. Helena

- Shared News Review editorial position
- 130 persons at meeting 3 meetings ago
- Persons were concerned but did not believe Council was regarding eminent domain
- Was hurt between Council and those present
- Said prominent staff person was the one who spread the rumor or info regarding eminent domain
- Council needs to explain further to the citizens
- Will be watching how Council will follow through on this issue

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. **Resolution No. 06-22, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Award Of The Contract To Construct Sidewalk On The East Side Of French Avenue From China Lake Boulevard To Drummond Avenue**
Pollock

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6. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 17, 2006 In The Amount Of \$309,585.24 Winegardner
7. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 27, 2006 In The Amount Of \$1,000.00 Winegardner
8. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 17, 2006 In The Amount Of \$9,571.37 Winegardner

Added item

Resolution RRA No. 06-23, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The Payment Of Fiscal Year 2006 Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund Assessments By The State Of California In Conformance With Health And Safety Code 33681.12 Winegardner

Mayor Holloway had question regarding item 5 and asked Joe Pollock to explain which he did.

Moved by Council Member Carter, second Council Member Clark TO APPROVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Council Member Morgan absent.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

9. Ordinance No. 06-03 An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Increasing The Salary Of Council Members Rose

This ordinance was approved upon introduction and first reading at the March 15, 2006 Council meeting and is returned here for second reading and adoption.

Randy Jenkins asked how much Council salary is at present – \$580 – thought it should be \$1000

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Clark TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND TO ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST INCREASING THE SALARY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. Public comment heard. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Council Member Morgan absent.

10. Ordinance No. 06-04, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Zoning Map For APN#510-010-12, 17, & 18 from Urban Reserve to Estate Residential Parsons

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This ordinance was approved on introduction and first reading at the Council meeting of March 15, 2006 and is returned here for second reading and adoption.

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Carter TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND TO ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR APN #510-010-12, 17, & 18 FROM URBAN RESERVE TO ESTATE RESIDENTIAL. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent. Council Member Morgan absent.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Complemented Council Member Ron Carter for meeting regarding distinguished school

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Economic Development Committee

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

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

Next meeting April 6

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, Jim Smith, Lois Beres

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

Next meeting April 11 - 4:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Ad Hoc

Members: Chip Holloway, Steven Morgan, Jim Smith and Matt Feemster

Meetings: *Day, time and place to be decided*

Next meeting to be announced

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City Organization Committee

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

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

Next meeting April 13

Quality of Life Committee

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter, Howard Laire, Matt Feemster

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

Next meeting April 20

Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Members: Chair Mike Hogan, Vice Chair *vacant*, Bob Peoples, Gary Charlon, Ron Ketcham and Nicole Guerrero. Ex-officio Members Council Members Steven Morgan and Ron Carter, Planning Commissioner Lois Beres

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

Next meeting April 18

RACVB

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan- Alternate

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

Next meeting April 19

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Arts Council on April 19

Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Martin at Los Angeles for LCC policy committees for 3 days last week. Both will give written reports soon.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carter

- Great event at Las Flores – being considered for a California distinguished school designation
- Visiting teams came to check out what was on the application
- Interviewed students, teachers, citizens, parents, site counselors, elected officials
- All information was validated

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Martin

- Congratulated Ron Carter
- Congratulated 100 Voices For Youth
- Great car show last week end
- Home Show also
- Attended the Bluejacket of The Year dinner and awards
- Presented a proclamation and key to the City to the two honorees

Clark

- Attended award ceremony for Las Flores
- Has been on accreditation teams 12 times
- The team was so impressed with Las Flores they were choked up
- It was amazing
- Accolades for Ron
- Thanked everyone for the youth attendance on Tuesday 160 – it was a 5 hour conference with your regarding drugs and alcohol
- Asked his students how they felt after the conference – they felt very good about the results
- Thanked Council for support, Sierra Sands Unified School District, Youth Advisory Committee kids
- Chief Avery facilitate a table as did Cerro Coso Community College, Burroughs High School, the middle schools and City staff
- Kern County Sheriff was there for a while
- Will share insights as soon as they get it together

Holloway

- Solid Waste Committee needs to have a discussion on the High Desert Green Energy Park
- Cable TV Franchise Committee needs to jump on the franchise renewal
- Friday, at 1230 at Nickoletti's Courtyard Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy will announce his candidacy for Congress
- April 19 wear your denim
- Mrs. James Bell drainage being one of the biggest serious problem in the community that he did not address the problem 3 inch rainfall annually
- City wide assessment district may be the only way to be able to attack this problem
- Long Beach Mississippi – had his family here last week mother sister and niece takes opportunity to get them away from there
- The problem in Louisiana has not been solved
- They came here to thank the people of Ridgecrest for what they have done
- Read letter from Mayor Billy Skelly of Long Beach, Mississippi thanking the citizens of Ridgecrest for their aid
- Incredible display today at Las Flores School

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- His goal was to have SSUSD the number 1 school district in California
- The more distinguished schools we have the more we shine
- Congratulations to UCLA and to Florida

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk