



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

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

**May 3, 2006  
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded  
Tape 06-10**

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**CALL TO ORDER – 6:30**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Marshall Holloway (City business)

**STAFF:** Harvey Rose, City Manager; 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

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Eagle Scouts David Dang and Ben Zdeba of Troop 848**

**INVOCATION – Reverend Jean Throckmorton**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Clark TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. No public comment. Motion carried with a voice vote of 4 eyes, 1 absent; Mayor Holloway absent.

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### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Proclamation – Child Care Provider Month**

The City Council presented a proclamation to Little Deer Durvin In recognition of Child Care Provider Month, May 2006

2. **Proclamation – Be Kind To Animals Week**

The City Council presented a proclamation to Mary Trowsdale, President, Indian Wells Valley Humane Society, in recognition of National Be Kind To Animals Week, May 7 through May 13, 2006.

3. **Proclamation – National Day of Prayer, May 4**

The City Council presented a proclamation to Dean Elliott, President, Kiwanis Club, in recognition of the National Day of Prayer, May 4, 2006.

4. **Proclamation – Mental Health Month**

The City Council presented a proclamation to Debbie Covey, President and Bob Millsop, Treasurer, Depressive and Bipolar Support Alliance, in recognition of Mental Health Month, May 2006

5. **Presentation – Outstanding Financial Reporting 2005-2005**

The Council recognized Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Winegardner for receiving a letter and certificate from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers for Outstanding Financial reporting 2004-05.

6. **Presentation – Quad State Government Coalition**

Gerry Hillier, Executive Director, Quad State Government Coalition, updated the Council and community on coalition activities and legislative activities.

### PUBLIC COMMENT            7:30 p.m.

William Dale Howard, 1109 Mayo

- Commented on the mental health proclamation

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Commented on the be kind to animals proclamation
- Has two creatures at home
- Commented IWV concert Association season

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- Requested consideration of a proposal to provided bus service to the concerts for handicapped and senior citizens
- Would like to see city provide bus for these concerts
- Would like the proposal discussed a the next City Organization Committee meeting
- Distributed an outline for the bus service (copy in Clerk's Agenda packet)
- Concert Association would provide a seat for driver to save from having to return to City Hall and then back
- Seating capacity of bus could be a problem or multiple trips
- Hopefully funding will not be a problem

Gerry Taylor, 315 Mesquite

- Commented on the bad acoustics in the Chamber
- Suggested the microphones needed to be replaced are bad

Closed at 7:30 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

7. Resolution No. 06-28, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing An Additional 69 Calendar Days Of Construction Time For Special Service Contractors Incorporated For The Rehabilitation Of The Headworks And Digester Cleaning At The Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Plant Pollock
8. Resolution No. 06- 29 A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing \$2,000 To Be Used For Sister City Events To Be Held On May 31, 2006 Ponек
9. Resolution No. 06-30, A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing \$1,000 To Be Given To The Four Winds Intertribal Pow Wow Event Scheduled For October 21 And 22, 2006 Ponек
10. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of February 1, 2006 Gable
11. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of February 15, 2006 Gable
12. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of March 1, 2006 Gable
13. Minutes Of The Special Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting Of March 4, 2006 Gable

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14. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated April 14, 2006 In The Amount Of \$619,791.99** Winegardner

15. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated April 14, 2006 In The Amount Of \$4,062.53** Winegardner

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

**OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

16. **Consideration of the Indian Wells Valley Water District Proposal For An Updated Groundwater Flow Model** Rose

Tom Mulvihill, General Manager, IWV Water District made a presentation and stated it will be a financial partnership between the District and the City

Council comments and questions

- Have seen other studies often with differing opinions from the community
- Will this be different with more positive results
  - Yes yearly updates
- How much will it cost city of the 178K
  - Looking for whatever Council thinks appropriate
- Asked if there was a timeframe as he wants to go to committee
- Do you have the funding
  - Has adequate funding but wants a broad based team pulling together and share the burden
- Will the Water Board help us with some of the studies we have to do
  - They are restricted by their charter
- What other agencies are or might be involved
  - Navy base, Searles Valley Minerals, Hospital, School District
  - Has talked with the base and the technical people in environmental

Council concurred to send to the Infrastructure Committee for the May 9 meeting at 4:00 p.m.

17. **Pam Corporation Proposal For Land Trade** Rose

Mr. Rose gave the staff report

- PAM Corporation would like to trade property at Las Flores and Mahan for some the City owns on Downs near China Lake Boulevard near Burns

Council

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- questioned why this came to Council and not to a committee such as Economic Development
- Asked if we have clear title and do they on their property
- What does staff say about this
  - Staff has no concern
- Will not enter into it if there are restrictions

Gerry Taylor

- Cautioned Council to be careful which land you are giving up

Nichole Guerreo

- Is City going to maintain the park
  - Not going to be bound to that
- What benefit would they have by putting in a park

William Dale Howard

- No way is commercial property less than residential
- Should put it up for bid and realize some revenue

### **CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

There is a conflict with meetings on May 20 – Armed Forces Day recognition and the RAC / RRA joint meeting

Mr. Carter - cannot add anything else to his schedule

Mr. Morgan – we need to find a date when all agency members will be available

Mr. Clark - suggested trying to do them both on the 20th – Armed Forces Day 9 a.m. to 12 noon and RAC / RRA 1 to 4 p.m.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS – not in attendance**

### **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 May 4

Joint meeting of Economic Development and Infrastructure Committees May 8 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Legislative Committee**

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

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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 May 9

### **Planning and Zoning Ad Hoc**

Members: Chip Holloway, Steven Morgan, Jim Smith and Matt Feemster  
Meetings: *Day, time and place to be decided* 4th Wed of month for 1st meeting 4:00  
Next meeting to be announced

### **City Organization Committee**

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan  
Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM; Council Conference Room  
Next meeting May 18

### **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 May 25

### **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: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:15 PM, Council Conference Room  
Next meeting to be announced May

### **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 May 17

Great coverage about the movie winding up shooting in area

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

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League of California Cities Legislative Days May 16-18

International Council of Shopping Centers May 21-23

LAFCO May 23

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

#### **Morgan**

- What a weekend we had – spring fair, art show, health fair
- Wonderful to see so much to participate in
- Would encourage the Arts Council and Balsam Street Merchants to work together
- Will have 10K worth of fireworks for the 4th of July
- People would like to see better events on the ground on the 4th
- Fund raiser bingo for the fireworks will be done again
- Need your help and participation

#### **Carter**

- Thanked staff for discussion with the community
- Worked hard on economic development
- Appreciate Jim Winegardner and his staff
- And Harvey Rose for his insights and leadership
- Thinks staff is doing a fantastic job with limited staff and funds

#### **Clark**

- Council job is to listen to the public and promote discussions of ideas
- Fees we have come up with a reasonable agreement for the development fees
- We do listen to what the public has to say
- Hopefully most of the community will support this
- Thanked Debbie Hess for a great event at San Bernardino
- Thanked staff for the budget retreat and all the effort put into it
- Thanked Steve Perez for coming to Mesquite – he's running for Kern County Sheriff

#### **Martin**

- Will reserve comments on impact fee process until after completed
- Budget fest was WOW
- Networking with LCC and our legislators is working well
- Took positive action 5 years ago to become proactive with our constituents and our elected representatives
- Assemblyman McCarthy will be here for a fund raiser this weekend
- Complimented the community for the art show last weekend
- Tomorrow at 6:30 a.m. the Prayer Breakfast will be held at Kerr-McGee Center

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- We are at a very decisive time in history – we are at war

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor pro tem Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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Rita Gable, City Clerk