



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

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

**September 20, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded
Tape 06-19**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 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; Steven O'Neill, City Attorney; Rita Gable, City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Deputy City Manager Administrative Services/City Treasurer; Jim McRea, Deputy City Manager, Public Services; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Department Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police; and other personnel

CLOSED SESSION – 6:04 p.m.

GC54957 Personnel Matters – Appointment of City Manager

GC54957 Personnel Matters – Labor Negotiations – Negotiator Harvey Rose

GC54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Matrix Motor Co.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:59 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council Member Morgan

INVOCATION – Silent Moment

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CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney O'Neill – Under GC54957 Personnel Matters - Council discussed two (2) items and gave instructions to staff; under GC54956.9 Existing Litigation – Matrix Motor Co. Council received update information and gave instructions to staff.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Rose requested an addition to the Agenda as item 18A under Public Hearings of a Resolution and Ordinance for a General Plan Amendment and one Change – Applicant – Dr. Shiu Basuthaker – this item was inadvertently omitted during Agenda preparation.

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ABOVE ITEM ADDED AS 18A. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – Constitution Week

Council Member Morgan, on behalf of the City Council, read and presented a proclamation to Carolyn Riise, Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of Constitution Week, September 17 through 23, 2006.

2. Proclamation – Honoring Matt Feemster

Vice Mayor Clark read a proclamation honoring Matt Feemster commending him for serving the City as Chair of the Planning Commission and for his dedicated interest in city government. Mr. Feemster was not able to be present, having moved to a new position in San Diego. The proclamation will be forwarded to him.

3. Introduction of Cero Coso Community College President

Vice Mayor Clark introduced Dr. Mary Reterer, the new President of Cero Coso Community College, to the Council and community.

4. Presentation – Government Finance Officers Association Award

Mr. Gary Caporicci of Caporicci and Larson, CPA, will present the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Financial Reporting FY ending June 2005 to James Winegardner, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services/Finance

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Director and Treasurer. Mr. Winegardner acknowledged his staff many of whom were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT 7:20 p.m.

Jeff Clark, Epicurean Delights

- Addressed the City's urgency ordinance regarding medical marijuana and cannabis dispensaries
- Paper misquoted where he got his material – gets them from another dispensary in Bakersfield
- Has done remodeling in the building
- Security systems are in place
- Paining inside and soon will start on outside
- Charges sales tax which contributes to community
- Invited Mr. Carter to visit to see improvements

Tom Wiknich, 105 S. Holly Canyon Drive

- Has followed with interest City policy for enforcing conditions for buildings
- Has been watching closely over these past months
- Have you had any more discussions about enforcing these conditions
- Does not seem to be happening

Council Member Morgan suggested that City Code Enforcement Officer attend a Council meeting with a report on his activities.

William Howard, 1109 Mayo

- Proposition 90 is coming up on the November election
- It is meant to save our homes and property from eminent domain

Council Member Morgan noted that the funding for this proposition is coming from out of California and read a list of organizations opposed to this proposition

Closed at 7:26 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Resolution No. 06-64, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Recordation Of The Final Tract Map For Tract 6133 Unit B Pollock
6. Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of August 16, 2006 Gable
7. Minutes Of The Special City Council Meeting Of August 18, 2006 Gable

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8. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 18, 2006 In The Amount Of \$396,480.95 Winegardner
9. Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated September 1, 2006 In The Amount Of \$517,301.25 Winegardner
10. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated August 18/06 In The Amount Of \$15,546.01 Winegardner
11. Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated September 1, 2006 In The Amount Of \$514.42 Winegardner

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Carter TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Public Hearing to Consider Comments and Recommendations for Expenditures for Funds Received under the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund Avery

Assembly Bill 1913 requires a public hearing to solicit recommendations from the public and review recommendations from the Chief, for law enforcement expenditures under the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund. This hearing must be held each September that funds are appropriated by the state.

Chief Avery

- Stated his Citizens Advisory Committee recommended we expend these funds to secure full time police officers

Mayor Holloway opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. and hearing no comments closed at 7:30 p.m.

13. Resolution No. 06-65, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Issuance Of Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds By The California Statewide Communities Development Authority To Benefit Ridgecrest Regional Hospital McRea/Rose

This is a duly notice Public Hearing on behalf of the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (the "Authority") is proposing to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds for the purpose of, among other things, enabling the Corporation to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of capital improvements of certain acute-

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care hospital facilities and related facilities (the “Facilities”) located within the City of Ridgecrest (the “City”) and certain costs with respect thereto. The Authority proposes to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Seventy-three Million Dollars (\$73,000,000.00), and loan the proceeds thereof to the Corporation pursuant to a loan agreement. Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority and the financing of the Facilities with the proceeds thereof must be approved by the City because the Facilities are located within the territorial limits of the City.

David Mechtenberg CEO of Ridgecrest Regional Hospital asked if there were any questions: None were heard.

Opened at 7:33 p.m.

William Howard, 1109 Mayo

- Asked if this would reduce borrowing power of City and City Manager Rose stated it does not impact City unless the hospital was to default.

Closed at 7:35 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Martin second Council Member Morgan to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-65, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BENEFIT RIDGECREST REGIONAL HOSPITAL. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

14. **Resolution No 06-66, A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving General Plan Amendment 06-05, A Request For An Amendment To The City Of Ridgecrest General Plan To Change The Land Use From Commercial/Professional Office (C) To Low Density Residential (LD). Applicant: Pam Companies** **McRea**

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Clark TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 06-66, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 06-05, A REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIDGECREST GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE FROM COMMERCIAL/PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (C) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD). APPLICANT: PAM COMPANIES. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

Introduction And First Reading, By Title Only, An Ordinance An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Adopting Zone Change No.

06-06, Changing The Zoning District From Professional Office (PO) To Single Family Residential (R-1): Applicant: Pam Companies McRea

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Clark TO INTRODUCE FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING ZONE CHANGE NO. 06-06, CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (PO) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1): APPLICANT: PAM COMPANIES. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

15. **Resolution No 06-67 A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving General Plan Amendment 06-07, A Request For An Amendment To The City Of Ridgecrest General Plan To Change The Land Use From General Plan Amendment From Medium Density Residential (MD) To Low-Density Residential (LD). Applicant: Pam Companies** McRea

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 06-67 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 06-07, A REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIDGECREST GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE FROM GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MD) TO LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD). APPLICANT: PAM COMPANIES. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

Introduction And First Reading, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Adopting Zone Change No. 06-08, Changing The Zoning District From Zone Change From Multi-Family Residential (R-2) To Single Family Residential (R-1): Applicant: Pam Companies McRea

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Carter TO INTRODUCE FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING ZONE CHANGE NO. 06-08, CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM ZONE CHANGE FROM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1): APPLICANT: PAM COMPANIES. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

16. **Resolution No 06-68 A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving General Plan Amendment 06-08, A Request For An Amendment To The City Of Ridgecrest General Plan To Change The Land Use From General Plan Amendment From Medium Density Residential (MD) To Low-Density Residential (LD). Applicant: Pam Companies** McRea

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Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Concerned about drainage and other issues and have they been addressed

Council Member Martin stated it had been brought to Infrastructure Committee, reviewed and discussed

Mr. McRea noted the issues were the Bowman Channel and ingress and egress to the project. Not before the Council were these conditions relating to the Tentative Tract Map which will come back to Council later. The developer will have to do extensive remedial work on the berms in order to span the Bowman Channel. Resolution was adopted a month or so ago brought about by Council Member Martin for a west to east park along the Channel.

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Morgan TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 06-68 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 06-08, A REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIDGECREST GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE FROM GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MD) TO LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD). APPLICANT: PAM COMPANIES. Public Comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

Introduction And First Reading, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City of Ridgecrest Adopting Zone Change No. 06-09, Changing The Zoning District From Zone Change From Multi-Family Residential (R-2) To Single Family Residential (R-1): Applicant: Pam Companies **McRea**

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Clark TO INTRODUCE FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING ZONE CHANGE NO. 06-09, CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM ZONE CHANGE FROM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1): APPLICANT: PAM COMPANIES. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

17. **Resolution No 06-69 A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving General Plan Amendment 06-11, A Request For An Amendment To The City Of Ridgecrest General Plan To Change The Land Use From Low-Density Residential (LD) To Medium Density Residential (MD). Applicant: City Of Ridgecrest** **McRea**

Patricia Segal, 409 Ashton

- She questions density as this will impact that same area as the Larkspur project

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- Low to high density is not good idea
- Asked if there is there anything she can do to change this zoning
 - Council Member Morgan stated when the General Plan update is done it will go through the Planning and Zoning Committee
- She wants to be notified when this occurs

Mr. McRea stated that the resolution is relative to consistency in the General Plan zoning. The property is currently R-4 - we are only bringing the CP to the same.

Mr. Alexander stated this is zoned for multi family R-2 multi family 1 unit per 3000 sq ft. No developer is currently interested in developing this area. It is a housekeeping action.

Dave Matthews

- Asked which is more important General Plan or zoning

William Howard

- Asked if this is property previously owned by Mr. Clark – Mr. Clark responded that it was
- If someone wanted to change it can they
 - Mr. Alexander answered yes by going through the Planning Commission process
- Asked if Mr. Clark promised to clean this up when he sold it
 - Mr. Clark stated he did not know that it was not in conformity with the General Plan

Mr. George, 1323 W Autumn Way

- Has serious concerns about this
- Owns property next to it
- Don't want low income next to his property
- Almost impossible to get out onto the street when the school lets out and will be worse if this is developed

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Martin TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 06-69 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 06-11, A REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIDGECREST GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE FROM LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MD). APPLICANT: CITY OF RIDGECREST. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes

The resolution as presented will change the land use for 4.59 acres located at the Southwest corner of Church Ave. and Downs St. APN 508-020-12 and 13

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- 18. Introduction and First Reading, By Title Only, Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Adopting Zone Change No. 06-03, Changing The Zoning District From Urban Reserve (UR) To Estate Residential (E-3): Applicant: Benchmark Opinions McRea**

Opened at 8:15 p.m.

Chester Cornelius, 305 Dawn Court

- Staff sees request is compatible with surrounding areas
- Some small parcels surround this area
- 7500 sq feet on 1.4 acre parcels
- Tract maps can be changed

Dave Matthews

- Seems to him there could be some drainage areas from the hill behind
- Seems this is not one of the zoning changes to make at this time
- UR represents an area where development is in question
- Did this come though Planning Commission
 - Yes and Planning and Zoning Committee – lot of questions brought up by neighbors and developer worked hard at pleasing the neighbors

William Howard

- Philosophy is person who owns the land should be able to do what he wants with it
- City holds the power over you to allow it or not
- Should only have two meetings to determine zoning
- This is a good plan

Closed at 8:30 P.M.

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Carter TO INTRODUCE FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING ZONE CHANGE NO. 06-03, CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM URBAN RESERVE (UR) TO ESTATE RESIDENTIAL (E-3): APPLICANT: BENCHMARK OPINIONS. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

Added item

- 18A Resolution No 06-70, A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving General Plan Amendment 06-04, A Request For An Amendment To The City Of Ridgecrest General Plan To Change The Land Use From Parks And Schools, (PS), Low Density Residential, (Ld), Medium Density Residential, (MD) And Commercial, (C), To Parks And Schools,**

**(PS), Low Density Residential (LD) And Medium Density Residential, (MD).
Applicant: Dr. Shibu Basuthaker** **McRea**

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Clark TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 06- ; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 06-04, A REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RIDGECREST GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE FROM PARKS AND SCHOOLS, (PS), LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, (LD), MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, (MD) AND COMMERCIAL, (C), TO PARKS AND SCHOOLS, (PS), LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD) AND MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, (MD). APPLICANT: DR. SHIBU BASUTHAKER. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

Introduction and First Reading, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Adopting Zone Change No. 06-05, Changing The Zoning District From Recreation, Schools And Public Use, (RSP), Single Family Residential (R-1), Low-Density Multi-Family Residential (R-2), And Professional Office, (PO) To Recreation, Schools And Public Use, (RSP), Single Family Residential / Planned Unit Development Overlay, (R-1 / PUD), And Multi-Family Residential / Planned Unit Development Overlay, (R-2 / PUD). Applicant: Dr. Shibu Basuthaker **McRea**

Opened at 8:37 p.m.

Dave Matthews

- Questioned if this Public Hearing was noticed properly
 - Yes – inadvertently left off during agenda preparation

William Howard

- Everything on this project is compatible with the zoning
- 3 bedroom houses on 3000 sq ft lots is criminal
- Not enough space to raise families properly
- Just not good planning

Closed at 8:39 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Martin TO INTRODUCE FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING ZONE CHANGE NO. 06-05, CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RECREATION, SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC USE, (RSP), SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1), LOW-DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2), AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICE, (PO) TO RECREATION, SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC USE, (RSP), SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL / PLANNED UNIT

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DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY, (R-1 / PUD), AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL / PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY, (R-2 / PUD). APPLICANT: DR. SHIBU BASUTHAKER. Public Comment Heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

19. **Resolution RRA No. 06-06, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Ratifying The Redevelopment Agency Executive Director's Action To Commit Funding For An Analysis Of Drummond Medical Center Financial Affairs** **Rose**

The Redevelopment Agency Executive Director and the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Administrator have committed each of their organizations to expend up to \$25,000 to secure the services of an expert in hospital/medical finance to analyze Drummond Medical Center financial affairs and propose a new business plan prior to considering further financial commitments. The consultant will report to the Agency and Hospital.

Council Comment

- Can we make this contingent with Drummond Medical Group becoming solvent then we get paid back
- Asked if the consultant will be able to tell us why it is not a non profit
- Feels uncomfortable giving aid to a business that once was profitable
- Some of the things the consultant would be checking into was read
- Does not want to throw money away have to think about this in conjunction with the BRAC

Mr. Mechtenberg stated the Drummond Medical Group is a for profit organization. Consultant will come in and analyze the functions for the hospital and DMG. We need to keep physicians in this community. Most doctors' clinics are for profit. Sage was non-profit as is the hospital. DMG has changed within its organization and now has only four owners. Before the reorganization the doctors were able to buy into the practice.

Public comment

Jo Phipps, 1046 W. Mariposa

- 25K fee for a consultant will not solve the problems
- The don't accept HMO's
- Without HMO's we are forced to go to other cities
- Is this a kind way to treat your citizens

Dave Matthews

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- Agree we need to try to keep doctors here
- This may be purview of the hospital to spend 25K but is this a proper use of Redevelopment Agency funds
 - Answer is yes - to support business in the city after consultant

Mary Marier

- Has lived in large cities and never seen the situation as this is here in Ridgecrest
- Knew of a veteran who went to DMG and they would not talk to him until he gave them \$200-300
- Agrees with Mr. Carter – should be a non-profit
- Cited another case with an elderly woman with a HMO
- She, herself, has had problems with the medical services in the community
- Certainly needs to be investigated
- Situation all over the country is horrible

Mrs. Ross, 1041 Willow

- It does not take an expert to figure out what is wrong with DMG
- Always lots of employees standing around doing nothing
- Thinks the hospital is at fault in part
- We need HMO's – they better than PPO with the high rates
- This may be a waste of time

Jerry Taylor, 315 Mesquite

- This is not the time for this to hit the newspapers
- The BRAC process is still going on
- Also does not agree with bailing out private business
- He is a PPO user as are a lot of federal employees from the base

William Howard

- There is no way in the world that putting \$'s into an investigation will solve the problem
- Cannot keep it away from BRAC
- If you really want to find out what is wrong, do it

Council comment

- Consultant cost is \$7,500 not \$75,000?
 - Mr. Rose confirmed the \$7,500
- More problems than just financial
- When this is over DMG will be coming to City looking for a large loan
- Asked if we could add to this scope of work
 - Mr. Mechtenberg said yes it is our money the City and the hospital

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- Asked Mr. Mechtenberg what might happen if, after consultant, we want to take it to the next step
 - Maybe work out a Chapter 11 plan for them
- It is a vital facility for the community and we need to do everything we can to make it a go with or without BRAC

Council Member Carter asked Mr. Rose to set up a meeting with 2 Council Members and the consultant

Moved by Council Member Martin, second Council Member Clark TO ADOPT RESOLUTION RRA NO. 06-06, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ACTION TO COMMIT FUNDING FOR AN ANALYSIS OF DRUMMOND MEDICAL CENTER FINANCIAL AFFAIRS5 AYES. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

20. **Resolution No. 06-71, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Award Contract To R.E.D Electric For The Electrical Rehab & Southern California Edison For Electrical Hook Ups Of Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex And To Authorize Budget Amendment – Limited To Funds To Be Reimbursed By The State – To Be Reflected In All Appropriate Related Accounts. NO ADD CHANGE ORDERS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR THIS PROJECT. ALL REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE MADE IN A TIMELY FASHION AND REVIEWED BY ADMINISTRATION.** Ponek

On August 29, 2006 bids were accepted and opened for the Design Build and Construct Electrical Rehabilitation and Sports Lighting of Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex. One responsible bid was received from R.E.D. Electric at \$201,354.00. Also, Southern California Edison has presented their costs for electrical hook ups for the project at \$16,000.00.

Council Member Martin asked "only one bidder" – yes and we have a bid bond

Council Member Morgan stated it is a necessary step in process to refurbish this facility. He has large concern over contingency fund being wholly for change orders. How do you plan on taking care of a change order that is more than the \$2,600?

Mr. Ponek has talked to Mr. Rose and because of budget constraints settled on this amount

Dave Matthews

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- Since you are changing the lights in the project would like to stipulate lights be directed to the field and shield outside the fields to keep out of back yards and into drivers eyes on the streets

Jerry Taylor

- Requests Council to seriously consider this project

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-71, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD CONTRACT TO R.E.D ELECTRIC FOR THE ELECTRICAL REHAB & SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR ELECTRICAL HOOK UPS OF KERR MCGEE YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX AND TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT – LIMITED TO FUNDS TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE STATE – TO BE REFLECTED IN ALL APPROPRIATE RELATED ACCOUNTS. NO ADD CHANGE ORDERS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR THIS PROJECT. ALL REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE MADE IN A TIMELY FASHION AND REVIEWED BY ADMINISTRATION. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

21. **Discussion Regarding Historical Society Of The Upper Mojave Desert Request For Funding** **Rose**

Regarding the attached letter, the Historical Society has requested \$7,000 for asbestos removal at the "Old USO Building".

Public comment

William Howard

- Hands are back in the cookie jar
- Asbestos removal is a highly labor intense process
- Unskilled laborers usually do this – only need one supervisor
- Bag it- tag it and send it to the dump
- Not really a massive problem
- City gave this building to the volunteers
- If you want to give the money away just do it
- They don't want to work for it and don't want anyone else to work for it
- The Old USO Building is not the place to put tax payers money
- Love the old USO building – love the volunteers
- Talked to an asbestos remover who was born and raised here
- He took the asbestos from the duplexes he took off the base
- You do not have an unlimited fund in that cookie jar

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Dave Matthews

- Disagrees with Mr. Howard
- They have been raising funds – collection jars are all around town and fund raisers have been and are being held
- Believe when the property was deeded to them that the City agreed to help them with the asbestos problem
- If they did so they need to do it

Bill Nevins

- Have a lot of people working within the building now
- About to get a new roof, we are fixing up the inside and getting ready to paint the outside
- A Council Member came to them with a way to reduce the costs for the asbestos
- From \$14K to \$3,700 each for boiler room and pipes and volunteers will encapsulate
- Will not turn down anyone who wants to help at the building

Skip Gorman, 1321 W Bowman Road

- Remembers the siren on top of the building used for the volunteer firemen
- He has a soft spot for this building
- Can do something positive for this community by restoring it

Chester Cornelius

- Great opportunity for citizens to help within the community
- Feels the City should help them and if we own the building why are they not paying for this

Council comment

- Asbestos removal is a tricky thing but see no bids
- It was his recollection that City would deed the building to the Historical Society based on grants forthcoming but with no funds between them
- Would have preferred to sell the building and land
- Not in favor of spending city funds
- Serves on the board and have seen lots of participation in revitalizing the building
- Is on the board to also be a watchdog for the Council
- Do not think it would be wasteful spending on this project
- There are a lot of people supporting this project
- Council does not always have to write a check
- We often connect people to get things done with no cost involved
- Wants to direct staff to go to William, Skip and Bill together and see what can be done
- Supports the \$3700.

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- Agrees about the deal between the City and the Society
- Has see a lot of sweat equity but have not seen a lot of dollars come forth
- Sat in 3 meetings last week with entities wanting funding one being the Boys and Girls Club who wanted \$30K
- Base people wanted \$50K to refurbish the star on the mountain
- Salvation Army \$650K for food shelter and clothing for needy
- Who do you want us to help
- Feels the Society should tap the resources mention here tonight

Recessed meeting at 9:48 p.m. to reconvene at 10:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

22. Informational Item Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Adjustments

Rose and Winegardner

23. Presentation of Operational Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Rose and Winegardner

Items were taken together

Mr. Rose suggested Council meet each Wednesday to discuss the departments individually probably for the next 5 Wednesdays or until the budget is approved

Mr. Winegardner

- Noted Resolution 06-53 – Year End Transfers and Adjustments
- This agenda item has a summary of those actions attached

Gave a Power Point presentation regarding the budget – copy in the Clerk's Agenda book

Gave explanation of the draft operational budget document distributed to Council – copy in Clerk's Agenda book

Council Comment

Clark - wants to approach budget differently this year – department heads sit with Mr. Rose and Mr. Winegardner with their goals and objectives with ways to monitor them and timelines to achieve them. Internal Services Funds have large amounts in than and he wants to know what they are for. For 05 – 06 what was spent and what is left in reserve.

Holloway – during the budget festival each department head gave their wish list – has that info been worked into the budget being worked on now

Rose – we didn't talk about cuts but only about adding things that departments and Council wanted

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Martin – budget festival was mostly a wish list session that we all knew couldn't be attained overall – feels that Mr. Clark's request is verging on micro managing – believes Council provides the visions and policies and the City Manager does the managing with the department heads

Clark – does not agree and feels we need to have movement and see that we achieve

Carter – departments came to Council to tell them what they wanted and Council said what they wanted – the retreat was intended, he thought, to give the input to be able to formulate the budget

Rose – heard key phrase "as long as I get some of the things I want" – since then Council members have said "as long as I get what I want" – we don't have what you are willing to do without for this budget

Carter – note past budget meetings – meeting on Saturdays doing it line by line putting in and taking out things in order to get a balanced budget – maybe we should take this on again

Morgan – believes City Manager and staff have given us things to chew on – it may not be what we wanted or expected – a performance based budget may not be possible at this time – there are no tangible large things we can do in one year – we expected to have a tangible budget after the budget retreat – we need to understand the Internal Service Funds and the funds involved – feels the first meeting needs to be going back to how much we have and how much each department needs to survive

Rose – we can give you a summary of the budget retreat and what the Council said they wanted – and we will indicate what funds are available

Clark – still wants to know what are in the Internal Service Funds and what they are for, why are the funds there and how do they support the departments – wants Mr. Winegardner to set minimal operating for each department

Some word debating and discussion between Mr. Clark and Mr. Winegardner

Meetings will be held on September 27 and 28 starting with closed sessions at 4 p.m. and regular session at 6 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

24. **Council Member Clark will request concurrence of Council to appoint Jerry Taylor to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Matt Feemster.**

Council Member Clark appointed Jerry Taylor to serve on the Planning Commission with the concurrence of Council

Economic Development Committee

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

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.; Council Conference Room

Next meeting October 5

Legislative Committee

Members: Chair Duke Martin, Chip Holloway

Meetings: probably quarterly - at 8:00 a.m.; 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 4:00 p.m., Council Conference Room

Next meeting October 10

Planning and Zoning Ad Hoc Committee

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

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting September 27 canceled for budget meeting

City Organization Committee

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Steve Morgan

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

Next meeting October 12

Quality of Life Committee

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

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

Next meeting on September 28 canceled for budget meetings

Redevelopment Advisory Committee

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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 5:15 p.m., Council Conference Room

Next meeting October 17

RACVB

Council Member Duke Martin

Council Member Steve Morgan- Alternate

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

Next meeting September 27

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Arts Council September 27th will be canceled

LAFCO meeting on September 25th

Kern Council of Cities will be in California City on 27th

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Martin

- Special Olympics on Saturday at Sierra Lanes at 10 a.m.
- Article in paper congratulating Youth Advisory Committee on Helen Putnam award
- League of California Cities conference was good
- Jean Fuller, who is an Assembly candidate, will be here Friday at Victoria's at Republican Women's Luncheon

Clark

- Congratulated Youth Advisory Committee on the award
- Awesome group of youth on the committee
- His compute crashed at home so has no email working
- Told other Planning Commission applicants not to give up as some vacancies will be coming up

Carter

- League of California Cities conference was wonderful - 3rd time for him
- Received more recognition because of the kids in the booth - they did a fantastic job
- YAC Leadership meeting today was very enthusiastic
- Friday 40 Developmental Assets with Clay Roberts will be here - starts at 8 o'clock

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Morgan

- Thanked Youth Advisory Committee kids for what they did at LCC
- Would like to see the community come out to support the BHS team - we need to show them we care about them in our community
- He's all about the dollars – show me why it's beneficial and I'm for it
- Has been involved in non-profits for many years and if funds were not there put nose to grindstone to get it done
- Come with facts and he'll make his decision

Holloway

- Apologized for the short meeting
- Thanked Ken County Board of Trade for meeting last week
- Fireman's Ball on Friday
- League was very significant
- Ridgecrest was recognized as having 5 council members in attendance
- October 6 will have demonstration of asphalt zipper

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 11:46 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk