



**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 28, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:15 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

REGULAR SESSION – 6:18 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Deputy City Manager Jim McRea

1. Review and Discussion of the FY 2006-2007 City Budget

City Manager Rose

- This is a balanced budget includes 11 new positions
- Quality of Life Committee 10k
- Sister City \$2,500
- Matching funds against grants
- One PD vehicles
- Assistant City Manager

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- City Council travel budget enhancement
- The 1.38M identified yesterday was inadvertently left off- it has been reviewed and certified to be available
- City budget includes all labor, supplies, contracts and reserve at end of year of 1M
- It is actually not dollars in hand but can use to fund
- Franchise fee by general fund on utility fund - payment by utility fund for same things all franchises pay for

Ty Staheli

- We have a balanced budget
- Implement franchise fee – 650K for '07
- Self insurance refund of 100K
- PERS safety buy down transfer
- Future plans for Council
- Council implementation plan

Mr. Rose

- Wastewater operating loan – from wastewater fund to general fund as stop gap
- If we do we must declare how we plan to pay it back
- Corp Yard project not in budget
- Fire services nothing in yet – still talking to the county
- All police wish list items were put into the budget
- Only operating funds for P, R & CA – no capital projects
- PS PW no capitol projects except
- Lift for garage for front wheel drive vehicles not in
- General Plan update is still in budget
- TDA 137K for vehicles and state grants specific equipment
- 174K in capital improvement has not been designated
- RRA mostly in 929 service 9 redevelopment fund 19 housing
- 11 new positions for approx 1M
- 1 SGT, 2 sworn officers, 1 kennel attendant, 1 pt clerk (Minnie), 1 administrative aide, 1 LT
- City planner, department secretary, maintenance worker parks, engineering technician, office assistant, engineer, assistant city manager, deputy city clerk, 1.5 FT

Council Member Martin commented on the necessity of the adding back of positions into budget

M. Ponek

- Swimming pool desperately needs re-plastering

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- Opens up February 1 for the high school swim team
- Canceling resurfacing of the deck and putting into plastering \$65K

Public comment

Jerry Taylor, 315 Mesquite

- City may want to tell Burroughs to talk to the base about using their
- They maintain their pool
- City does need a new pool

Diane Grattaroti, 111 Chambers

- If these ideas don't work there are organizations that might offer a grant – California Wellness Foundation is one or those especially those connected with children

Mary Ash

- Question a franchise fee with the wastewater fund

Chief Avery

- Recommended ratio is 1.5 officers per 1000 population

Jerry Taylor

- Franchise fees

Council discussion

- Discussion on the wastewater enterprise fund and how smart we were years ago to establish this fund
- Raises about 2M per year for this fund
- How much is 5% - about 100K
- What does the franchise fee pay for
- If it is to be used for any parks and recreation Mr. Morgan is absolutely against this - Was against before and definitely against it this time
 - Mr. Rose - using this now as a balancing tool for the budget
- The funds in maintenance – does it contain the batch plant – no
- Take funds out of RRA from property sales about 880K for street maintenance work – can be used for redevelopment project
- 174K in capital improvements
- 174K to median improvement and plastering the pool
- Not that supportive of medians
- Wants teen court drug, intervention, etc.
- Those issues are much more important than the medians
- Concerned with what is in our reserves

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- Will received CDBG funds of about 200K - wants half for youth and 1% to arts council
- The RRA funds and some more money for the batch plant
- Supports that concept
- Need to put some funding into community
- the zip equipment and the fix all machine we have just will not take care of what we have on our streets now
- Feels it would take 23-25M to get our streets up to be able to be maintained

- Steve
- Always gets shaky when we start talking bout CDBG funds and Quality of Life items
- Don't feel these things mentioned is what to use these funds on
- The 1% to cultural ARTS list don't know what the amount will be
- Arts can always receive 10K from Quality of Life Committee
- Proposed we do the CDBG 50-50
- Agrees with Mr. Morgan that the CDBG goes to capital projects

Tom Wiknich, 105 S. Holly Canyon

- Supports new positions for PD
- But doesn't support so many positions in one year

Jerry Taylor

- Council also needs to prioritize your unfunded projects list
- 10M worth of projects from the budget retreat

Winegardner

- Have identified a refund in two areas that amounts to 10,000K
- 150K reserve from PERS safety by down

Council directed the City Manager and staff to prepare a final budget, based on their comments, suggestions, and desires and availability of revenues, etc., for the regular Council meeting on October 4, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk