



**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 18, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

**Tape Recorded
Tape 07-07**

Due to a malfunction of the recording device this meeting was not tape recorded.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF: Harvey Rose, City Manager; Rita Gable, City Clerk; Jim Winegardner, Administrative Services Department Director/City Treasurer; Jim McRea, Community and Economic Development Department Director, Speers, Public Works Department Director; Joe Pollock, Assistant Public Works Director; Jim Ponek, Parks and Recreation Department Director; Michael Avery, Chief of Police/Assistant City Manager; and other personnel

REGULAR SESSION – 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by

INVOCATION – Reverend Bill Logan, Immanuel Baptist Church

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Rose requested addition to the agenda of a proclamation for "Denim Day, April 25".

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Morgan TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF THE DENIM DAY PROCLAMATION. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Youth Advisory Council

No report

Added item

1. a. Proclamation – Denim Days

Council Member Clark read the proclamation

2. Presentation – Employee Service Awards

City Council presented plaques honoring employees who have reached years of service milestones of 5 or more years of service with the City of Ridgecrest.

5 Years

Kammy Rana 2000 – 2005	Elliot Duff 2000 – 2005
Jed McLaughlin 2000 – 2005	William Keys 2000 – 2005
Charles Hinson 2000 – 2005	Teresita Sloan 2000 – 2005
Karen Guidangen 2000 – 2005	Rachel Rumbo 2000 – 2005
Anna Ball 2000 – 2005	Karen Harker 2000 – 2005
Elizabeth Franco 2000 – 2005	Ryan Marrone 2000 – 2005

Unable to attend were Kammy Rana, Elliot Duff, Charles Hinson.

PUBLIC COMMENT 6:43 p.m.

Tom Martin, 228 W Hartley Avenue

- Noted how much taxes have increased over the years
- 40 years ago taxes were about 40% of income now it is approximately 55% of income

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- Increases were 1/4% and 1/2% at a time
- Believes taxes are high enough
- But City needs funds to repair and maintain streets
- There could be an alternative
- Start issuing tickets for running a red light
- He got one in the mail for \$300 dollars which was caught by a "red light" camera not a police officer
- Cameras at traffic signals could be a source of revenue
- Did a little math to see what could come of it
- Just one light equipped with a camera would in 10 hours with 1 ticket per hour produce approximately 1M per year – just one light
- Have a hope that the Council might consider this
- He passed around the picture they sent him

Mayor Holloway said he already has one of his own from Beverly Hills and stated that the City did a study 2 years ago and it wouldn't be beneficial. Maybe cameras working on remote for speeders could be an option.

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- Welcomed Mr. Carter back and hoped he was well on the road to recovery
- Addressed the comments of the last speaker
- Right now the most of the money from those traffic tickets goes to the state and they already have most of our money
- Need to "beat them up" about disbursing it back to the locals
- Noted the occurrence of overturned vehicles a few weeks ago and saw in the media that three persons have been apprehended
- It was one adult 19 years old and three juveniles
- Bet the juveniles were not under 16 years old
- Maybe we need to change the definition of juvenile
- At 16 he knew better than doing things like this
- With probation they come out and do the same things over again
- Need stiffer penalties – maybe it's time to put them in jail

Walt Maurer, 209 W. Mariposa

- Thanked City for putting meeting on the steaming internet
- His family is at home viewing the meeting on the City web streaming
- City needs to post the entire agenda on the web site too
- Would volunteer to help to get this done
- Thanked John Ciani for ideas for raising revenues –
 - Voter initiative, move property/sales tax from state to local government
 - Limit street construction/repair to main thoroughfares – property owners should pay for small street construction/repair
 - California City has a parcel tax that funds parks and recreation
- Lancaster has a graffiti tracking system in that cost about 7k

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- Would like Council to get one for the City
- Good way to use tax money

Al Huey, 1128 Windy Lynn

- Good to see Ron Carter back and hope he is feeling better
- Troubled by article in the paper about mandatory trash pickup
- State board is looking at figures back in 2000
- If we met the goals then why revisit it now
- It is a guess at best with the landfill numbers as they don't have hard numbers
- Suggests stronger recycling in the City in the homes to alleviate future problems
- If we do mandatory trash in the city the seniors will get subsistence
- That is giving away taxpayers money as benefit to specific group and not justifiable
- Questioned why not give seniors a discount at Wienerschnitzel?
 - Mayor replied that he does!
- Does not believe we have to do mandatory trash
- Asked, how about you Tom (Wiknich), do you give seniors a discount on guns?
 - Vice Mayor replied it depends, they all have to fill out a form
- Citizens will have to pay full price or mandatory trash pick up
- We should question the states numbers

Tom Martin (?)

- There is subsidizing in almost all bills – phone bill, water, cable, etc.
 - Mr. Huey retorted – just because others do it doesn't mean you have to do it – it has to stop somewhere

Closed at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **Resolution No. 07-20, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Partial Payment 2 To Maverick Construction For Community Development Block Grant Activities 17.01.1 And 17.05.1** Pollock

Item removed for discussion

4. **Resolution No. 07-, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving Contract Change Order 2 For Community Development Block Grant Activities 17.01.1 And 17.05.1 And Increase Budget To Reflect Additional Funds From CDBG** Pollock

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This project consists of construction/reconstruction of road improvements on Upjohn Avenue from Sunset to Norma, Wilson Avenue from Sunset to Norma, Church Avenue from Sunset to Norma and on Sunset Street from Upjohn to Wilson. The contract was awarded to Maverick Construction in the amount of \$314,093.00. The improvements consist of curb, gutter, and pavement reconstruction and in some locations sidewalk. During the course of construction several items were encountered that were not shown on the plans which required additional work. These items and the respective costs are as follows:

Power pole relocation on Upjohn Avenue - \$9,165.15. This work will be completed by Southern California Edison Company.

Controlling of nuisance water at Church Avenue and Sunset Street - \$4523.24. This work was completed by Maverick Construction.

Grading of a drive approach Church Avenue not shown on plans - \$868.32. This work was completed by Maverick Construction.

Extra potholing on all streets to make sure construction would clear all utilities - \$2,432.17. This work was completed by Maverick Construction.

The total of this extra work is \$16,988.88 and will be paid for by contingency funds provided by the Community Development Block grant funds and no local funds will be required.

5. **Resolution No. 07-21, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Recordation Of The Final Tract Maps For Tract 6705 Units A And B** Pollock
6. **Minutes Of The Regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Of April 4, 2007** Gable
7. **Council Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 30, 2007 in The Amount Of \$399,187.55** Winegardner
8. **Agency Expenditure Approval List (DWR) Dated March 30, 2007 In The Amount Of \$1,690.11** Winegardner

Walt Maurer requested item 4 be removed. CDBG - taxpayer money or private corporation

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Wiknich TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH ITEM 4 REMOVED. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

Item 4

4. **Resolution No. 07-22, A Resolution Of The Ridgcrest City Council Approving Contract Change Order 2 For Community Development Block Grant Activities 17.01.1 And 17.05.1 And Increase Budget To Reflect Additional Funds From CDBG** Pollock

Mr. Rose

- Tax money from the state administered by the County and Council of Governments
- There are items not in original contract/plans
- Total of this work is \$16,988.88

Mr. Maurer stated that unless it is private money it is tax money

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter. TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 07-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTIVITIES 17.01.1 AND 17.05.1 AND INCREASE BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM CDBG. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

9. **Ordinance No. 07-04, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgcrest Amending The Ridgcrest Municipal Code To Prohibit Medical Marijuana Dispensaries** Avery

This ordinance was introduced for first reading, by title only, at the regular Council meeting of April 4, 2007 and was brought to the Council at this time for second reading and adoption.

Chief Avery

- Ordinance says the City shall not allow business licenses or zoning permits to marijuana dispensaries
- It does not exclude medical facilities
- It was written in compliance with Health and Safety 11362.5 and Health and Safety 11362.9

City Manager Rose answered questions posed by Council Member Carter

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- answered a question posed to him before the meeting regarding caregivers: If a caregiver buys elsewhere they are not penalized.

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Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Morgan TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND TO ADOPT, BY TITLE ONLY, ORDINANCE NO. 07-04, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. No public comment. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

10. Acceptance Of An Appeal Of Tentative Tract Map No. 6798 Denial By The Planning Commission By Resolution 07-05. Consideration Of The Planning Commission Relating To ZC-06-02, GPA-06-02; C. Vaughn McRea

Public Services Director McRea

- The Planning Commission at their regular meeting of November 14, 2006 after discussion of the continuation of the project from September took four actions as reflected in P.C. Resolution 06-73
- This item is to accept the appeal or sustain without a benefit of a public hearing
- Council can discuss what to do with the appeal but it not appropriate to discuss the application

ZC-06-02

1. Approved Resolution 06-74 approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration
2. Recommended to the City Council a Zone Change reclassification from Urban (UR) to Estate Density Residential (E-1, 40,000 sq. ft. for lot area).

GPA-06-02

3. Denied a General Plan Amendment from Rural Residential (RD) to Low Density Residential (LDR) and Estate Density Residential (ED).

TTM 6798

4. Continued the Tentative Tract Map No. 6798.

The Planning Commission after a duly noticed public hearing conducted on March 13, 2007 denied Tentative Tract Map No. 6798. The applicant has filed an appeal pursuant to Section 19-5.4(f) and 20-28.6 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code of P.C. Resolution 07-05.

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the request for an appeal and set a public hearing for May 16, 2007. The recommendation of the Planning Commission relating to an Ordinance to reclassify the property to Estate Residential (E-1) and the denial of the General Plan Amendment to be noticed and heard concurrently.

Section 20-28.6(c) of the Municipal Code permits the City Council to approve the actions of the Planning Commission without a public hearing and deny the appeal. This is an option for the City Council, however, not specifically recommended. Staff will also

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recommend that the reclassification be deferred in light of the pending General Plan Update currently in process; however the hearing will permit City Council consideration of recommendations of the Planning Commission.

A Planning Commission report and copies of the Resolutions are attached along with the request for the appeal.

Planning Commission recommendations to reclassify the property and denial of the General Plan Amendment of the site generally located northwest of Mahan and Springer and known as APN 508-010-04, 05, 06, 07, and 08.

Michael Biddlingmeier, Chairman, explained the Planning Commission decision

- From distance of 50,000 and look into the future we listened to the non-incorporated citizens and the Navy - the effected parties
- We consulted the General Plan, compliance with SEQUA, State Planning Handbook for guidance
- Base was notified and responded by recommending maintaining the current zoning
- Planning Commission Handbook has four questions – two are
 - Is it consistent with the General Plan?
 - Is it compatible with planned uses?
- This is how we arrived at the Commission decision

Council Member Clark asked

- How many times has this item has appeared before the Planning Commission
 - 5 to 7 times
- Was there movement on part of the developer to make this compatible within the mission capability and the 50K view for the next 20 years
 - Never saw a resubmitted tract map showing significant or smaller density

Mayor Holloway

- At this point can we take public comment and is it appropriate?

Mr. McRea

- Appropriate as to appeal but not appropriate as merit of application, discussion only. It is an issue of whether we want to bring it back or do we want to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission.

Public comment

Nellavan Jeglum, Planning Commission member

- Indian Wells Valley and the City have prospered not in spite of but because of the Navy base at China Lake

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- BRAC is a political powerhouse
- China Lake has a major role in development and testing of weapons that protect our nation
- We cannot do anything that shows we do not support the mission of China Lake
- Urged Council to support the Planning Commission decision

Denny Roberts, 1606 S. Mahan

- Urged them to support the Planning Commission decision
- Why have a Planning Commission if you don't support them
- This has been gone over and over and nothing new has come up

Linda Fuller, Los Posas

- Against this proposal and urged not to bring up again
- Has been a resident since 1959 and have seen things come and go
- The community doesn't want it
- Seems if you have enough money you can get about anything you want

Andy ?, 1539 W. Burns

- Don't accept the appeal
- Thinks Ms Vaughn has been treated fairly by everyone
- There have been numerous meetings and lots of discussions
- It's basically her way or the highway
- City has bent over backwards to accommodate her
- Time to make a decision tonight

Brad Harlow, 940 W. Vickie

- Has sympathy for Ms. Vaughn
- Successful business person who has contributed to the economy
- The process is very frustrating
- Has sympathy for city staff and Planning Commission they have gone the extra mile
- Sympathy for Council who by nature want to make everyone happy
- Not always possible and best route
- Most sympathy for citizens of community putting the relationship with Navy at risk
- Even hint of encroachment is putting economy at risk
- BRAC and military technology requirements are uncertain so way risk it

? Rogers, 1551 W. Burns

- Lives near the Ms. Vaughn's parcel of land
- Attended Planning Commission meetings – real eye opener
- Impressed at meticulous attention to due process

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- Do not see how it can be argued she was not given chance to present alternative
- She did not want to compromise
- Urge rejection of appeal

Stuart Breil, 1548 W. Las Flores

- Ultimate responsibility to make decision after input from Planning Commission and citizens
- You have taken input from everyone
- If BRAC happens we will have to have affordable housing
- Urge acceptance of the appeal

Tom Martin, W. Hartley

- This is a check and balance procedure
- If council sees that the Planning Commission was in error they should accept the appeal
- if not they should sustain the Planning Commission decision

Linda Burns, 1825 S. Guam

- The Planning Commission has reviewed this over and over again
- They have made a decision
- Council should sustain that decision

Dave Matthews, 717 Kevin Court

- 40 year resident and recognize Ms. Vaughn as a valuable asset
- Thankful for Mr. Clark's question about how many time before the Planning Commission - was not clear on that himself
- Looks to him like the spoiled child dealing with mama all day and now comes to daddy to reverse mamas decision

Bill Porter, 1003 N Norma

- China Lake Defense Alliance supports Planning Commission decision
- City of Ridgecrest would not be here if not for China Lake
- China Lake is the greatest asset in this area and to the Defense Department
- Require careful planning not to impede the mission of the base
- Urged acceptance of Planning Commission decision

Everett Green, 1201 N. Inyo

- Does not have a dog in this fight
- No positive or negative
- Seemed like a lot of dancing around among Ms. Vaughn, the Planning Department and the Planning Commission with one making decisions
- At least twice it should not have been in front of the Planning Commission with too many things to air

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- Planning Department was not giving direction or recommendation or what would be acceptable
- No one can be criticized as too many things wrong
- Hasn't seen anyone doing anything right

Ron Kicinski, 9211 N. Downs

- Here representing the Chamber of Commerce
- We support the mission of the base
- asked everyone – Council, Planning Commission – here to consider the mission of the base and how the base affects us
- Do what is best for the community, business and the citizens
- Do the best you can for all of us

Jerry Taylor, 315 Mesquite

- Vice Chair Planning Commission
- Commission was asked for directions for compromise and gave them
- For compromise or movement, there was none
- Numerous discussions with Planning Commission and it went to several committees
- Recommend denial of the appeal

Jody Baker, 437 N. Sanders

- A resident for over 40 years
- Does not understand how one project can affect the base so much

Debbie Vaughn, 6530 W. ?

- Regarding compromise - experienced 3 different commissions and planning staff changes
- Suggestions were quite varied – recommendations were not consistent
- Applicant did do a revised concept map which was dismissed as insufficient
- Committee meeting directed applicant and staff to come up with compromise
- There has not been clear direction provided and is the reason for applicant's appeal

Carole Vaughn, Developer

- She asked that the facts be looked at and believes that was not done
- She hired someone at great expense for expertise guidance
- Cannot understand why this property would be of any concern to the Navy – it is 6 miles from the base
- Not a clue as to what kind of a problem the base has with this as no one has said what the problem is
- Seems that "just because" is the reason

Jerry Taylor

- This project does not fit relative to the Navy's mission

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- It is also surrounded by 2 1/2 acre plots

Carol Vaughn

- It is not surrounded by 2 1/2 acre plots
- There are 56 lots in 80 acre section just north of parcel
- Southeast corner zoned 1 acre to West 2 1/2 acres – owners of that property do not object

Michael Biddlingmeier

- Commission has reviewed the facts, considered affected parties and it is not consistent with the General Plan
- And it is not compatible with what is coming down the line
- Military departure and arrival airspace is close by
- If Navy and residents say there is a concern we look into it
- We certainly don't need a gory incident

Council

Morgan

- Says he has been the bad guy and accused of giving preference
- The truth from air traffic controller basis is there is no concrete fact
- Past crash was not near his area and there was no way to protect that area
- It was not a concern then so why now
- Base acquired property to the west so it will not happen again
- This is going to come up again and again
- Base must work with City to acquire property of concern to them
- If the figures quoted work half the town is under the flight paths and half town should not have been built
- Don't think all the issues have been looked at
- On the east as well as the Navy has on the west
- Think we should accept the appeal and get those answers

Holloway

- Those were valid points – this is a continuous situation
- Thought the project looked good at first sight and liked it
- After 8 years on the Council know nothing is that easy
- Had no indication the Navy had concerns
- When the Navy became involved Mr. Morgan and Supervisor McQuiston's experience as Air Traffic Controllers came into play
- He looked to them for information
- Have learned that there are questions that the Navy will never answer
- Have to consider RDT&E issues as the base is not a regular airport
- As Council Members we want to say yes, want to make it work
- Cannot educate the community as where the Navy is coming from

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- Ms. Vaughn's only goal is to prove the Navy is wrong
- Though when the ACCUSE study came out it would go west and solve the problems
- Saw persons at the committee meetings held with her attorney that he never had seen at the Council meetings
- In Washington DC he urged a decision on BRAC
- Have letter from Captain Gleason from June 2006
- If we make a negative decision for the Navy someone will get hurt
- SB1462 military submission – 7 went through with no problem
- Why would they put anything here if we don't support the base
- Base is charged with supporting itself and charges for whatever it does for anyone
- We need to protect that air corridor
- General Plan and Joint Land Use Study, etc. are in process
- The project in its present state just does not fit
- 3 projects lined up beside this one in the corridor
- What we do with this will set a precedent
- Too many things at risk and understand concerns of everyone
- It is a pristine corridor that needs to be protected

Wiknich

- Aircraft in our skies is a given
- Told a story of a man and women having a conversation while pumping gas at a station on Inyokern Road
- Aircraft were landing and taking off at the Naval Air Facility and were noisy
- Man got aggravated because he had to shout to be heard
- Remarked to him "doesn't that make you proud to see and hear that" and asked him to consider the impact without those flight
- He has been retired almost 2 years from the base and there are things he still cannot talk about
- it is prime national defense installation
- History Channel had an episode recently that noted China Lake was "*the premiere Research and Development base*" in the nation
- Sympathizes with Ms. Vaughn and understands her frustration
- Knows she is looking for answers but don't know if she will get them
- Citizen survey don't impact the base
- Agrees we should deal with and move on

Carter

- Feels we need to end this
- Urges denial and support Planning Commission decision
- Likes Carole Vaughn very much – has done a lot for the community

Clark

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- To accept the appeal we need reasonable doubt that all issues have not been addressed
- Have not been given anything that would cause us to change our minds
- Suggested she withdraw the appeal
- With the information that he has he cannot disregard the Planning Commission decision
- Cannot support appeal

Mr. McRea stated she will gain nothing if she withdraws her appeal

Holloway

- This has gotten nasty in the community
- At Mervyn's she was overheard to say that this Council hates her
 - According to Ms Vaughn that is very wrong
- It is 80 acres of pristine land that is going to waste but this is not the way to use it

Moved by Council Member Clark, second Council Member Wiknich TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO DENY THE APPEAL OF THE DECISION. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 4 ayes, 1 abstinence; Council Member Morgan abstained.

Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 p.m.

11. Resolution No. 07-23, A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Of Intention To Approve An Amendment To Contact Between The Board Of Administration Of The California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) And The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Rose

City Manager Rose gave staff report

- This Resolution of Intention is to amend the agency's contract with CalPERS to provide Section 21354.5 (2.7% @ 55 Full and Modified Retirement Formula) for local Miscellaneous Members.

Mike Neel, Randall Street

- This is almost a full percent increase
- Doesn't quite understand what it will cost the City
- 21% rate if we don't change
- City will never have to pay more than 28% of the employee portion of the retirement funding of anyone's salary

Moved by Council Member Morgan, second Council Member Carter TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 07-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL OF INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTACT

BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST. Public comment heard. Carried with a voice vote of 5 ayes.

CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

12. Budget Review

Rose/Avery/Winegardner/Staheli

The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Administrative Services Director, Budget Officer, and other staff will provide the City Council with an overview on the Draft Budget. This will include an updated timeline on when the draft budget will be adopted.

Administrative Services Director Winegardner gave staff report and a PowerPoint presentation

Assistant City Manager/ Chief of Police Avery

- Critical flaw in the computer system – the accounting system on the AS 400 is difficult to work with
- No accurate way to find out how many people work for the City of Ridgecrest
- Police 5 year plan presented last year is still valid
- City growth did not go as we thought it would
- Still have 4 positions to fill and recruiting is ongoing have
- Capital items are 2 police cars - goal is to replace 2 a year - 82K to outfit completely
- Plan on putting money away to accumulate funds to replace them
- 10K to match grant for new PACT vehicle and may get a hybrid
- Additional handguns and long rifles 9K
- Automate the property room with module for computer system
- Overtime increased by 60K
- 42K in disaster preparedness – 12K for hook up for generator at Kerr-McGee
- Homeland Security grant got us two generators

Mayor asked about a remote call system in case of disaster – Chief says we already have it

Nellavan Jeglum asked about the generator at Kerr-McGee - if they had it how would it benefit the community

Kerr-McGee Center will be a shelter and it has a kitchen and sanitary facilities

Council Member Morgan asked when will we have documentation of the department numbers

Not until after May 3

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Information Technology Manager Craig Bradley

- AS 400 financial data base is a concern
- 15 year old software is antiquated
- Technology has progressed immensely
- It does not interface with current technology
- Can't run bank cards with the system
- Looking for a way to upgrade – there is some trade in value
- AS 400 budgeted 250K over 18 months
- Been working on transit focusing on IT solutions
- Procedural are some problems
- Staffing and scheduling
- Unified data base across the City's
- GPS can be used card swipe id
- Working on e-government project
- Several grants are in place to help support this endeavor
- 45K Grant Budget already has 100K

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Director Jim Ponek

- We will do the best we can with what we get
- Part time wages are about 19K due to minimum wage increase
- Quality of Life Committee has seen this
- We need 3 maintenance trucks they are in budget 62K
- Riding lawnmower 28K
- Pinney Pool needs re-plastering 65K
- Pool heater will need replacing in FY 08-09 at approximately 45K
- City Hall and Kerr-McGee paint outside - Quality of Life Committee agrees - 214K with something for the Senior Center also
- 69K re-carpeting of City Hall and Police Department

Nellavan Jeglum

In committee we also talked about the windows high up that have seals disintegrating – not included in painting

Public Works Director Dennis Speer

- Presented an outline of functions and costs and recommended budget for next year (copy in Clerk packet)
- See list

Public Services Director Jim McRea

- Will live within the budget but it is not enough
- Need two studies 10K – 50K
- Need to look at infrastructure of community regarding things to support the growth – such as where to park the semis supporting manufacturing 50K

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- Economic "why Ridgecrest" PR and advertising 20K

Council Member Clark asked about code enforcement and if he felt comfortable with the standard budget

Yes

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Community Development Committee

Members: Chair Steve Morgan, Chip Holloway, Jerry Taylor, Nellavan Jeglum

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

Met April 5

- Discussed comm. Dev functions
- Next meeting May 3

City Organization and Services Committee

Members: Chair Tom Wiknich, Chip Holloway, Mike Biddlingmeier, Lois Beres

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

Met April 4

- Transit update
 - Budget update
 - Police recruitment
- Next meeting May 10

Parks, Recreation and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Chair Ron Carter, Dan Clark, Jerry Taylor, Howard Laire

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

Did not meet

Next meeting April 26

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Chair Tom Wiknich, Steve Morgan, Lois Beres, Nellavan Jeglum

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Council Conference Room

Met April 10

- WWT improvements

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- Landfill extensions – mandatory trash collection
- Alley access behind the theater – gave recommendation
- Roads initiative for bond measure
- Painting City Hall – costs concern of citizens
- Stop sign Sunland and California
Next meeting May 8

Activate Community Talents and Interventions For Optimal Neighborhoods Task Force (ACTION)

Members: Chair Dan Clark, Ron Carter

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., Kerr-McGee Center

Met April 9

- Had about 60 persons at Town Hall meeting
- Lots of input to sort through
Next meeting May 14

RACVB

Council Member Holloway

Council Member

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

Next meeting to be announced

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Arts council April 25 6 o'clock 2nd fund raiser May 11 7-10 pm at USO Building

Kern COG tomorrow – CTC meeting in San Luis Obispo

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Wiknich

- Will be working towards a roads initiative
- Does want to hear from the people - of their concerns and thoughts on our roads and streets
- This will be something to put on ballot so they can vote on it
- Call him, email or come by the store with inputs

Morgan

- Health fair 7 to 3 this weekend at old Save-On building
- Lots of different medical screenings
- Spring fair April 26-29 at the fairgrounds
- Lots of different activities will be going on
- Heard earlier about a parcel tax – talked about that before Measure Q and it blew up

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- Heard about some of the wants of the departments
- Never heard about cuts

Clark

- USO fundraiser Saturday April 20 7:30-11:00 p.m. "USO Show" \$20 a ticket
- A lot of restoration has occurred already in the building
- Do we have a consultant about a bond to survey the community
- Organization Committee interviewed the consultant the school district used
- Would like to give direction to do that
- Suggest we buy a batch plant and purchase a zipper and do our own streets
- If bond have a sunset
- Lets do it all in-house
- May 2 motorcycle awareness month proclamation – invited all motorcyclists to come on down
- And come early

Holloway

- Like the idea of the in house
- 1% tax got a lot of negative responses
- There are a lot of people who won't support the tax for any reason regardless of time limitations or specific project
- May look at next budget and do away with all recreation programs for the next 3-5 years and take the funds and put it into the streets
- Wants Mr. Ponek to prepare a budget – close everything that does not show a net profit
- The Vaughn thing was terrible - it lasted too long
- Thinks Planning Commission did a great job

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Rita Gable, City Clerk