



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL

Red Rock/Chimney Peak Meeting Room
Kerr-McGee Center
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

January 20, 2007

8:00 a.m.

This meeting was not tape recorded.

CALL TO ORDER – 8:10 a.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; Michael Avery, Chief of Police/ Assistant City Manager; and other personnel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was unanimously approved with the addition of Item "1" discussion of Inyo County litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Inyo County Litigation

Council discussed Inyo County litigation to reopen desert canyons and valleys to motorized vehicles. Council member Morgan explained the City would be represented through Quad States organization in assisting Inyo County.

2. Council Committee Structure

Council was asked to discuss reducing and/or consolidating committees in order to reduce budgeted staffing and to better organize Council Member time commitments and to clarify the definition and use of "ad hoc committees". Council unanimously directed staff to present a resolution establishing five standing committees: Community Development Committee; City Organization and Services Committee; Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee (PR&Q); Infrastructure Committee; and the Activate Community Talents and Interventions For Optimal Neighborhoods Task Force (ACTION).

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2. Directly Elected Mayor

Council was asked to discuss and direct staff in the matter of creating the position of directly elected/full time Mayor. Staff was directed to determine the cost of a consulting firm to perform a custom crafted survey of the community.

3. Meeting Agenda Structure

Discussion of restructuring the Council agenda. By a 2:3 vote, a motion to move “Council Comments” to the beginning of the agenda was defeated.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Harvey M. Rose, City Manager