

**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
AGENDA**

Regular Meetings
1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Date: November 20, 2019

REGULAR MEETING
Open Session 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Peggy Breeden, Mayor

Lindsey Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem

Wallace Martin, Vice Mayor

Mike Mower, Council Member

L. Scott Hayman, Council Member

Ron Strand, City Manager

Lloyd Pilchen, Assistant City Attorney



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**RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
FINANCING AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

AGENDA

**Wednesday November 20, 2019
Regular Session 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REGULAR SESSION

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Financing Authority / Housing Authority Regular Meeting Dated November 6, 2019 Charlon

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing A One-Time Bonus In Pay For City Employees And The Subsequent Allocation Of The Necessary Funds Freese
3. Discussion And Provide Guidance To The City's Representative On The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) Hayman
4. Discuss And Provide Direction On Lighting And Landscape Districts Lower
5. Discussion And Potential Action Whether To Authorize The Organization Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) To List Ridgecrest As A Participant In IRLI's Forthcoming Amicus Brief In Support Of The Federal Government's Petition To The U.S. Supreme Court To Review The Ninth Circuit's Ruling In The Legal Challenge By The United States To California's SB 54 Attorney

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website)

Finance Committee

Members: Peggy Breeden and Scott Hayman
Meeting: 3rd Monday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: Council Conference Room B

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Mike Mower and Lindsey Stephens
Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: Council Conference Room B

Economic Development Committee

Members: Lindsey Stephens and Wallace Martin
Next Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.
Location: 1st Floor Conference Room

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Lindsey Stephens and Scott Hayman
Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Wallace Martin
Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.
Next Meeting: To Be Announced

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

- City Council Holiday Meeting Schedule
 - Dec. 4, 2019
 - Dec. 18, 2019
 - Jan. 1, 2020 – To be cancelled due to holiday
 - Jan. 15, 2020

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**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
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STAFF REPORT**

SUBJECT:

Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Financing Authority / Housing Authority Regular Meeting Dated November 6, 2019

PRESENTED BY:

Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Draft Minutes of the City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Housing Authority / Financing Authority Regular Meeting Dated November 6, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve minutes

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon
(Revised Jan2019)

Action Date: Nov 20, 2019

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**RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
FINANCING AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Minutes

November 6, 2019

**Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.
Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk for a certain period of time from date of approval by the Ridgecrest City Successor Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority. Meetings are recorded solely for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Peggy Breeden; Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey Stephens; Council Members L. Scott Hayman & Mike Mower

Council Absent: Vice Mayor Wallace Martin

Staff Present: City Manager Ron Strand; City Clerk Ricca Charlon; City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney asked for the removal of Public Employee Performance Evaluation from Closed Session

Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Stephens, Seconded By Mower.

Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Martin).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

~~Government Code Section 54957 Subpart (b):~~

~~PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION~~

~~Title: City Manager~~

Government Code Section 54956.8

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Negotiation for Sale: Kern County APN: 067-040-12-004

Agency Negotiators: City Manager and Economic Development Manager

Negotiating Party: AMG & Associates

Under Negotiation: Consideration of selling this particular parcel

**Mr. Martin came in during closed session*

**Mrs. Stephens left after closed session due to illness*

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00pm

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Direction given, No final action

PRESENTATIONS

1. American Legion Proclamation

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Public comments were heard from S. Merck, N. Alexander, R. Wagner, E. Catlin, M. Neel, S. Rajtora

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mower – KernCOG announced that there is a current lack of draft registration and all men between 18-25 yrs. of age are required to register. At the current time only 58% are registered in CA.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Financing Authority / Housing Authority Regular Meeting Dated October 2, 2019
Charlon
 3. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Financing Authority / Housing Authority Regular Meeting Dated October 16, 2019
Charlon
 4. Approve A Resolution Of Acceptance For A Grant Awarded From The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division Within The California Department Of Parks And Recreation
Sergeant A. Brown
 5. Approve A Resolution Confirming The Continuance Of A Local Emergency
Chief McLaughlin
- Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Items 2 – 5 Made By Mower, Seconded By Hayman.
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Stephens).*

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve Letter To Request That The California Transportation Commission Reject Caltrans' Proposal To Take Away The Funding For Three Specific Projects
Mower
 - Mower reviewed staff report
 - Public Comment - None
- Motion To Approve Item 6 Made By Mower, Seconded By Breedon.
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Stephens).*

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- No report

Infrastructure Committee

- Members: Mike Mower and Lindsey Stephens
Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: Council Conference Room B
- Discussed Landscape & Lighting Districts

Economic Development Committee

- Members: Lindsey Stephens and Wallace Martin
Next Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.
Location: 1st Floor Conference Room
- No report

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

- Members: Lindsey Stephens and Scott Hayman
Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms
- Discussed HVAC replacements

❖ Youth Advisory Council

- Members: Lindsey Stephens and Wallace Martin
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12:00 p.m.
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms
- No report

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

- Members: Wallace Martin
- Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Meeting: To Be Announced
 - No report

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Breeden - Send 1) bike park and 2) street name change (Gregory Blvd in Heritage) to committee(s)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 6:43 p.m.

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**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
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STAFF REPORT**

SUBJECT:

A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing A One-Time Bonus In Pay For City Employees And The Subsequent Allocation Of The Necessary Funds

PRESENTED BY:

Cheri Freese, Finance Director

SUMMARY:

The City Council recognizes that our employees have not received a cost of living raise since 2008. In 2012, the City declared a fiscal emergency and has been recovering slowly since. While the City is unable to afford a raise at this time, the City Council wishes to recognize our employees' hard work and dedication through a one-time bonus in pay.

The City Council has authorized a one-time payment of \$1500 for all current full time and \$750 for all current part time employees to be paid in the employee's regular payroll check included in the first payroll check of December.

The total cost of this of this bonus is \$163,359 and will be allocated from the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Salary Savings of the following Fund Balances:

General Fund 100	\$145,549
Transit Fund 300	\$10,630
Waste Water Fund 310	\$7,160

Total Amount: \$163,359

(Mandatory Social Security and Medicare costs are included in this total amount. Bonus pay is not included in employee's retirement or other benefits.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$163,359 in unallocated funds

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt this resolution and allocate the necessary funds.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested

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RESOLUTION NO. 19-xx

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
A ONE-TIME BONUS IN PAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE
SUBSEQUENT ALLOCATION OF NECESSARY FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that our employees have not received a cost of living raise since 2008; and,

WHEREAS, in 2012, the City declared a fiscal emergency and has been recovering slowly since; and,

WHEREAS, while the City is unable to afford a raise at this time, the City Council wishes to recognize our employees' hard work and dedication through a one-time bonus in pay; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized a one-time payment of \$1500 for all current full time and \$750 for all current part time employees to be paid in the employee's regular payroll check the first pay date in December; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost of this one-time bonus is \$163,359.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest authorize this one-time bonus in pay and allocate the necessary funds from the following Fund Balances in the stated amounts:

General Fund 100	\$145,569
Transit Fund 300	\$10,630
Waste Water Fund 310	\$7,160

Total Amount: \$163,359

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of November 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Peggy Breeden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ricca Charlon, CMC
City Clerk

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SUBJECT:

Discussion And Provide Guidance To The City's Representative On The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

PRESENTED BY:

L. Scott Hayman, City Council / IWVGA Representative

SUMMARY:

Provide guidance regarding topics discussed on the IWVGA agenda.

Report and discussion regarding the October 17, 2019 Board meeting of the IWVGA and November 7, 2019 meetings of the Technical Advisory (TAC) and Policy Advisory (PAC) Committees. Including, Board discussion and consideration of issues of importance requiring action by the IWVGA.

Next IWVGA meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Discuss and provide guidance

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested

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SUBJECT:

Discuss And Provide Direction On Lighting And Landscape Districts

PRESENTED BY:

Bard Lower, Public Works Director

SUMMARY:

During the September and October meetings, the Infrastructure Committee reviewed an engineering report and discussed Lighting and Landscaping Districts in general. Concerns were raised about the high administrative cost of the Districts in relation to the cost of the work done to serve the District residents.

This item is to prompt a discussion and for Council to provide direction to staff on changes they may want to see in either the ordinance or the way Lighting and Landscaping Districts are administered.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No action requested

ACTION REQUESTED:

Provide Staff Direction on changes that may be needed to either the ordinance or the administration of Lighting and Landscaping Districts

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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SUBJECT:

Discussion And Potential Action On Whether To Authorize The Organization Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) To List Ridgecrest As A Participant In IRLI's Forthcoming Amicus Brief In Support Of The Federal Government's Petition To The U.S. Supreme Court To Review The Ninth Circuit's Ruling In The Legal Challenge By The United States To California's SB 54

PRESENTED BY:

Lloyd Pilchen, City Attorney

SUMMARY:

Please see following attachment (email dated November 1, 2019 from attorney for IRLI) for description of the purpose of the amicus brief.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and potential action by minute motion

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

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From: larry@larryjoseph.com
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 12:22 PM
To: ljoseph@larryjoseph.com
Cc: 'Dale Wilcox'
Subject: United States v. California: SB54 amicus in Supreme Court

Dear all,

I am reaching out to our contacts with California municipalities and elected officials who participated as amicus briefs in support of the federal government's challenge to AB450, AB103, and SB54. I am "blind copying" the participants, so a reply-all will not copy the other participants.

The federal government has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review the Ninth Circuit's decision, with the federal government's petition focusing on SB54. The petition is available here:

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/Search.aspx?FileName=/docket/docketfiles/html/public%5C19-532.html>

Unlike appeals "as of right" to the Ninth Circuit, appeals to the Supreme Court are discretionary: the Supreme Court does not have to take an appeal. As a result, petitioning the Supreme Court involves a two-step process. First, the party seeking review petitions the Court to review their case; second, if the Court takes the case, the parties brief the merits. As a result, the "petition-stage" briefs is much about *why to hear* the case than about *who should win* it. With that background, our petition-stage amicus brief will resemble the briefs that the coalition filed in the lower courts, but will add more argument on why to take the case, such the importance of resolving the issue and differences with the results in other cases.

Amicus briefs in support of the federal government are due the morning of November 22, so we can add anyone who notifies us of their wanting to join by the close of business (Pacific) on November 21. We do not yet have a schedule for when we will circulate the draft brief, so please let us know if your schedule requires seeing a draft by a particular date.

We understand that some of the officials and municipalities may no longer wish to participate; please let us know or simply disregard this email.

Please let us know if you have any questions and your interest in participating as an amicus.

Best regards,

Larry

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