

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

**Minutes**

**January 6, 2021**

**Closed Session 5:30 / Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER** – 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Members Kyle Blades and Mike Mower

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Ron Strand; City Clerk Ricca Charlon

Via Phone: City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen (via phone)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Amended To Move Closed Session To The End Of The Meeting Due To Technical Difficulties Made By Mower, Seconded By Hayman. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

~~CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION~~

~~Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subparts (a), (c) and (d)(1)~~

~~Panpradith v. Ridgecrest et al. (Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV 19-101108)~~

**REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 p.m.**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**6:10 p.m. - DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THE MEETING WILL BE CONTINUED TO 1/7/21 AT 5:30.**

**January 7, 2021**

**Closed Session 5:30 p.m. / Regular Session 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER** – 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Members Kyle Blades and Mike Mower

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Ron Strand; City Clerk Ricca Charlon

Via Phone: City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen (via phone)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Mower, Seconded By Blades.  
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Call in: M. Neel

**CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
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**REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 p.m.**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – report from staff, no final reportable action taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Call in: M. Neel

**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 December 16, 2020 **Charlon**
2. Approve A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council Scheduling The Date Of The Annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing And Authorizing The City Clerk To Advertise The Hearing **Smith**
3. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing The Update And Implementation Of The Ridgecrest Transit Title VI Plan For 2021 **Smith**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Items 1 & 2 Made By Mower, Seconded By Rajaratnam.  
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

*Item 3 pulled*

- *Smith reviewed staff report*
- *Rajaratnam pointed out date error in resolution*
- *Public Comments: None*

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item 3 with date change in 'Be it Resolved .... Transit Title VI Plan 2020 to 2021.' By Rajaratnam, Seconded By Hayman.  
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Continued Discussion To Appoint Members To The Council Committees, Boards, And Commissions **Charlon**

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Fixed Firm Price Quote And Create A Purchase Order Payable To Horizon Construction Company International Inc. For Replacement Of Corpyard Gas Pumps In The Amount Of \$48,306.00 **Smith**

- Smith reviewed staff report
- Public Comment call in: D. Matthews

Motion To Approve Item 5 Made By Blades, Seconded By Mower.

Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

## **ORDINANCES**

6. Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Adding Portions To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) **Spurlock**

- Spurlock reviewed staff report
- Public Comments - None

Motion To Waive Reading In Full An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Adding Portions To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Made By Mower, Seconded By Blades.

Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Adding Portions To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Made By Bruen, Seconded By Mower.

Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Mike Mower and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

### Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

### Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- Discussed SPP Grant re: pool, Per Capita Grant combining with CDBG funds

### Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Meliza Ancheta

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Presentation on Police stats 2020 v 2019 – arrests, crime stat comparison, etc.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:17 p.m.**