

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

Minutes

January 20, 2021

Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam (via phone); 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 Blades, Seconded By Mower.
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

REGULAR SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

1. COVID – 19 Update **RRH Staff**
2. Police Dept. Update On Crime Statistics **McLaughlin**

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public call in comments: Mr. Neel, D. Matthews

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Financing Authority / Housing Authority Regular Meeting Dated January 6, 2021 Adjourned And Continued On January 7, 2021 **Charlon**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Mower, 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. Discussion And Provide Guidance To The City's Representative On The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**
6. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The Application For The Statewide Park Development And Community Revitalization Grant Program **Wegener**

Public call in comments: M. Stafford, J. Williams
*Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Rajaratnam, Seconded By Blades.
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

PUBLIC HEARING

7. A Public Hearing And Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Application Regarding The Kern County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program **Wegener**

Public Hearing Opened 7:50 pm

Public call in comments: M. Stafford – commented on the need for windbreaks; D. Matthews – commented on the area chosen and the lighting issues (he commented on the wrong fields)

Mower – commented on the shade coverings and that metal be used instead of fabric due to winds

Blades – asked about the average use of the fields and commented on soccer field needs

Hayman – in favor of project, thanked staff

Public Hearing Closed 8:08 pm

Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Mower, Seconded By Hayman.

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: 3rd Monday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room B

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Mike Mower and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room B

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room B

- Discussed Buxton Analytics

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen 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: Meliza Ancheta

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Lower – Measure V – Discussed roles of committee, Elected John Paul chair

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Announced Jed McLaughlin as new Deputy City Manager, Recruitment next week for new Chief of Police
New Public Works Director should be announced in next few weeks

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Blades – Would like to see a Council Workshop to discuss future direction; City Manager to work out details/potential dates and get back to Council with info.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - 8:35 p.m.