

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

Minutes

February 2, 2022

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

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Member Peggy Breeden; Council Member Kyle Blades
Staff Present: City Manager Strand; City Attorney Koczanowicz (via WebEx); City Clerk Charlton; PW Director Reed; Finance Director Freese; Chief McLaughlin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Blades - Breeden: 5 Ayes**

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, **Blades-Rajaratnam** denotes Council Member Blades made the motion and Vice Mayor Rajaratnam seconded the motion. Ayes, Noes, Absents, Abstentions follow.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)
Name of Case: Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District, et al.
(Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC)

REGULAR SESSION – 6:07 P.M.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Report received; no action taken

PRESENTATIONS

1. Ridgecrest Police Dept. Life Saving Awards – Officers Kenney & Stangle **MCLAUGHLIN**
2. Safely Surrender Baby Proclamation **COUNCIL**
3. SB1383 – Mandatory Organic Waste Recycling Program **HF&H CONSULTANTS**

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments heard from S. Connally, S. Gorman, M. Neel

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rajaratnam – Economic Outlook Conference – 2/24 @ KMCC
Bruen – Ridge Report coming out in the mail to all citizens with a request to complete the brief survey

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated January 19, 2022 CHARLON
- **Rajaratnam - Hayman: 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5. Proposed Action To Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Submittal Of Notice Of Intent To Comply (NOIC) To CalRecycle Under SB 619 MCKENZIE
Public comments heard from M. Neel Resolution #22-07
- **Blades - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
6. Proposed Action To Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Submittal Of Application For CalRecycle Senate Bill No. 1383 (SB 1383) Local Assistance Grant Program Resolution #22-08 MCKENZIE
Public comments heard from M. Neel
- **Blades – Hayman: 5 Ayes**
7. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And The County Of Kern To Provide Fire Protection Services Within The City Of Ridgecrest STRAND
Public comments heard from S. Gorman, M. Neel Resolution #22-09
- **Rajaratnam - Breeden: 5 Ayes**
8. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)
Public comments heard from M. Neel HAYMAN

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 1/27/2022 - Discussed Downs St. lighting-waiting on SCE; 5 year rehabilitation update; bike lane infrastructure**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG) – Jan. 20, 2022 – CMAQ went thru

City Selection Committee (CSC) – Jan. 20, 2022 – Committees seated throughout the County

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - 10:12 P.M.