

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

**Minutes**

**February 5, 2020**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Pro Tem Lindsey Stephens; Council Members L. Scott Hayman, Kyle Blades & Mike Mower  
Council Absent: Mayor Peggy Breeden  
Staff Present: Acting City Manager Jed McLaughlin; City Clerk Ricca Charlon; City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Hayman, Seconded By Mower.  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Breeden).*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None**

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)  
Barrio v. County of San Bernardino case no 5:17-CV-02470-JGB (KKX)*

*Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subparts (a), (c) and (d)(1)  
Misty Dever v. City of Ridgecrest (Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-19-103580)*

*\*Mayor Breeden came in during closed session*

**REGULAR SESSION**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

Two items heard in closed session - report received on each, direction given to staff, no final action taken

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Safe Surrender Baby Proclamation Council
2. Habitat for Humanity IWV Proclamation Council
3. Presentation to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Eric Bruen / Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union
4. Presentation to Police Dept. - Fred Hawkins / Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

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

Public comments heard from D. Janiec, R. Porter, D. Matthews, E. Cabana, S. Miller, and M. Neel

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor read a letter she received from Senator Feinstein

## CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Financing Authority / Housing Authority Regular Meeting Dated January 15, 2020 Charlon
  
6. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing An Application For Federal Funding For Fiscal Year 2020 In The Amount Of Ninety Eight Thousand Sixty Two Dollars (\$98,062.00); Authorizing The City Manager To Sign And File The Application; Execute And File All Certification Of Assurances, Contracts Or Agreements And Authorizing The Transit Services Coordinator To Provide Additional Information In Connection With The Application For The Section 5311 Project(s) And Is Authorized To Submit And Approve Request For Reimbursement Of Funds From The Department For The Section 5311 Project(s) Smith

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Made By Mower, Seconded By Hayman.*

*Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Mayor Breeden, With Concurrence Of The Council, Will Appoint Members To The Remaining Council Committees, Boards, And Commissions Charlon

Stephens nominated Travis Reed for Planning Commission

*Minute Motion To Approve Nomination Made By Blades, Seconded By Mower.*

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

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Conduct A Protest Hearing On The Proposed Sale Of The Southerly Portion Of APN 067-040-12 Followed By A Discussion And Vote On A Resolution Approving The Purchase And Sale Agreement With Pacific West Communities, Inc. Regarding The 4.56- 5.39-Acre Parcel Of Land Spurlock

- Protest hearing opened at 6:59pm
- Attorney reviewed procedure
- Spurlock reviewed the staff report and the project
- Discussion held among Council – Stephens spoke against the project, Hayman spoke as to what a great project it is and the community need, Mower stated he believes there is a need and it is a great project, Breeden likes what the developer has already done in Ridgecrest and is proud of the investment in the community.
- Public comments heard in favor of the project from S. Morgan
- Public comments heard against the project from M. Neel, M. Carroll, S. Visale
- General public comments heard from E. Cabana, J. Kersey
- No protests were received by the City Clerk via mail
- Mower and Hayman spoke again in favor of the project
- Stephens clarified Section 8 Housing v. Affordable Housing
- Blades stated he is in favor of the project
- Breeden commented this is just one portion of the City's needs that this project will fulfill
- Protest hearing closed at 7:40pm

*Motion To Approve Resolution Made By Mower, Seconded By Hayman.*

*Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 4 Ayes; 1 No (Stephens); 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

## 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Council Conference Room B
- Discussed employee compensation study

Infrastructure Committee

- Members: Mike Mower and Lindsey Stephens
- Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Council Conference Room B
- Discussed traffic signal boxes, ADA improvements on RC Blvd.

Economic Development Committee

- Members: Lindsey Stephens and Kyle Blades
- Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.
- Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
- No report

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

- Members: Lindsey Stephens and Scott Hayman
- Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms
- No report

❖ Youth Advisory Council

- Members: Lindsey Stephens and Kyle Blades
- Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms
- No report

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

- Members: Meliza Ancheta
- Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Meeting: To Be Announced
- No report

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

Blades –

- Attended New Mayor and Council Member Conference in January
- Girl Scouts visited City on January 27, 2020 for a lesson in City Government
- Attended State of County dinner in Bakersfield with other city staff

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Research and potentially change Ordinance for Skate Park

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Stephens commented on the Casino

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:51 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
 Ricca Charlon, City Clerk