

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

**Minutes**

**March 3, 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; Council Members Kyle Blades and Peggy Breeden

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Ron Strand; City Clerk Ricca Charlon; Chief McLaughlin; PW Directors Lower and Reed; P & R Interim Director Wegener; Transit Supervisor Smith

Via Phone: City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen (via phone)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Blades, Seconded By Breeden*

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Employee Years of Service Awards **Council**
2. Ridgecrest Area Convention Visitor Center Annual Update **Staff**
3. Statewide Park Program (SPP) Pool Layout **Wegener**

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

In chambers: T. Smith; On Phone: K. Brown

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bruen – Run With The Burros Marathon – April 10<sup>th</sup> in Inyokern

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Dated February 17, 2021 **Charlon**
5. A Resolution Approving The Program Supplement Agreement With The State Of California, Department Of Transportation, For The Construction Of A Solar Photovoltaic System And Installation Of Electric Bus Charging Stations On The City Bus Shade Structure At The City Corporate Yard At 636 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. **Culp**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Made By Rajaratnam, Seconded By Blades.*

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

## DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

### 6. Discussion To Appoint Members To The Council Committees, Boards, And Commissions

**Charlon**

- P. Breeden nominated Will Jinkins for Planning Commission; Bill Freund for Construction Appeal Board; Cristian Loya for Handicap Appeal Board

*Minute Motion To Approve 3 Appointments Made By Blades, Seconded By Rajaratnam.*

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

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 7. A Public Hearing And Approval Of A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council To Consider Public Comments And Establish A Finding For Unmet Needs That Are Reasonable To Meet With The Public Transportation System For Fiscal Year 2021-2022

**Smith**

- Public Hearing opened at 7:15 p.m.
- No public comments submitted in advance to Clerk, in chambers, or via phone
- Public Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.
- Council had a brief discussion/few questions

*Motion To Approve Item 7 Made By Blades, Seconded By Hayman.*

*Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 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: 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

- Discussed Sales tax; Discussion on revenue, staff, etc.

### 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

### 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**

Blades attended BLM Roundtable – Multiple non-Ridgecrest items discussed  
Bruen attended QuadState – learned about desert tortoises

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Introduced Travis Reed as PW Director; Interviews for Police Chief to start in next few weeks; transitioning to new General Manager for IWVGA; City looking to lease office space to IWVGA staff

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Bruen – SB1120

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricca Charlon, City Clerk