

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro-Tem Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Vice Mayor Kyle Blades; Council Member Skip Gorman; Council Member L. Scott Hayman

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz; City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlon; Captain Dampier; PW Director Reed; P & R Director Wegener; Finance Director Freese

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion To Approve Agenda **Rajaratnam - Hayman 5 Ayes***

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

PRESENTATION

1. *Employee Years of Service*
2. *Life Saving Award*
3. *Transit Driver Appreciation*
4. *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)*

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments – M. Sinnott

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

Bruen – Community Cleanup this Saturday

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. *Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated March 1, 2023* **Charlon**

6. *Proclamations for the Month of March* **Charlon**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar **Blades - Rajaratnam 5 Ayes***

PUBLIC HEARING

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 2023-2024 **Smith**

- Open Hearing – 7:00 p.m.
- Report reviewed
- No public comments heard during hearing or received by City Clerk
- Hearing closed – 7:03 p.m.
- *Motion to approve with amendment to change 5th Whereas date to 3/15/23* **Blades - Hayman 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**
9. A Resolution To Accept The Base Bid, As Submitted By Elecnor Belco Electric Inc., Utilize The Budgeted Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) Funds Of \$819,020.00, Which Will Be State Reimbursed, And Allocate General Fund Reserves Up To \$226,246.00 For The Remainder & A 5% Contingency. A Maximum Total Of Up To \$1,045,266.00 For The Project; And Award A Construction Contract To Elecnor Belco Electric Inc., To Construct The HSIP Project In The Amount Of Seven Hundred & Eighty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$785,600.00); And Authorize The City Manager, Ronald Strand, To Execute The Contract **Reed**
- **Blades - Rajaratnam 5 Ayes**

ORDINANCE

10. Introduction And First Reading Of An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Concerning An Extension Of Tentative Parcel Maps & Tentative Tract Maps **Spurlock**
- General consensus to carry over 1st reading to the April 5th meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS - *Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website*

City Organization and Services Committee ('City Org')

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Skip Gorman
Meeting: 1st Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
➤ **Report from 03/02/23 - Canceled**

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Skip Gorman
Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms
➤ **Report from 03/07/23 Pool Town Hall**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 5:15 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from 03/08/23** – Meeting change to 1st Monday @ 5:15 p.m. starting in April

Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from 03/14/23**

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitor Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Megan McKenzie (staff)

Meeting: 4th Wednesday each month at 9:00 a.m.

Location: California Welcome Center

➤ **Next meeting 03/22/23**

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Next meeting 3/23/23**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 p.m.