

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

Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

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

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 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 Attorney Koczanowicz; City Clerk Charlton; Acting City Manager Chief McLaughlin; PW Director Reed; Interim Parks & Rec Director Wegener

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Blades - Rajaratnam: 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

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 Subparts (a), (d)(2) and (e)(3) - One case

Government Code Section 54957 Subpart (b):
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - City Attorney

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Claim denied

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. <u>Employee Years Of Service Awards</u> | COUNCIL |
| 2. <u>Transit Driver Appreciation</u> | COUNCIL |
| 3. <u>Race Utility Project Update</u> | REED |

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Comments heard from S. Connolly; S. Zammaron; M. Sinnott; M. Neel

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rajaratnam – Rotary Club *Dollars for Scholars* Auction Dinner Sat. 3/19

Blades – He was a *Youth of the Year* judge at an event on the base and really enjoyed it; went to ICSC in Monterey; Spoke to a Girl Scout troop for Democracy week

Bruen – Welcomed community to attend Home Show at Fairgrounds this weekend; Youth Basketball final games this Sat. if community wants to attend at KMCC

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated March 2, 2022 **CHARLON**
5. Announcing Proclamations Prepared For The Month Of March And Scheduled Date Of Presentations **CHARLON**
6. A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of The Certifications And Assurances And Authorized Agent Forms For The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) For The Following Project: Battery Electric Van Replacement Purchase, \$74,844 **SMITH**
7. Approval Of A Professional Services Agreement With Aleshire & Wynder For Legal Services **STRAND**

Item 7 pulled by Rajaratnam

Items 4-6 approved

- **Blades - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

Item 7

Motion made with following changes and statement that OMLO contract has been canceled:

1. This CITY ATTORNEY RETAINER AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between Aleshire & Wynder, LLP (“Attorney”), and City of Ridgecrest (“Client”) as of the Effective Date indicated below April 1, 2022 (“Effective Date”).
2. The City Council authorized the execution of this Agreement at a regular meeting on March 16, 2022.
 - **Breeden - Hayman: 5 Ayes**

PUBLIC HEARING

8. A Resolution And Public Hearing Of The Ridgecrest City Council Summarily Vacating A Certain Pedestrian Way Bound On The West By Lots 53 & 78, And Bound On The East By Lots 54 & 77, As Shown On Tract Map 1252 **SPURLOCK**
 - Public hearing opened at 7:01
 - No public comments heard; no comments received by the City Clerk
 - Public hearing closed at 7:05
 - **Blades - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

9. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving The 2021 Annual Progress Report (APR) For The City Of Ridgecrest General Plan And Housing Element Including The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan (RHNA) **SPURLOCK**

- **Rajaratnam - Blades: 5 Ayes**

10. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **HAYMAN**

Comments heard from M. Sinnott; R. Westa-Lusk; M. Neel

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 Peggy Breedon

Meeting: 1st Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 3/3/22 - CANCELED**

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 3/8/22 – Discussed FY23 Budget**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 3/9/22 - CANCELED**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

April 8 – RPD vs BHS Basketball at Burros Gym – 7pm

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Blades – BHS Robotics qualified for World Championship

Rajaratnam – Economic Outlook Conference last month well attended

Hayman – Special QOL meeting March 23 @ 5:30

Bruen – Friday March 25 Respect For Law Dinner at KMCC

ADJOURNMENT – 8:01p.m.