

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

Minutes

March 17, 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 Strand; City Clerk Charlon; Chief McLaughlin; PW Directors Lower and Reed; P & R Interim Director Wegener; Finance Director Freese

Via Phone: City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen (via phone)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Blades, Seconded By Hayman

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Outgoing Planning Commissioner Recognition

W. Cox

2. Transit Driver Appreciation Proclamation

Council

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hayman - PACT fundraiser

Bruen - Housingiskey.ca.gov program

Rajaratnam – Rotary online auction for scholarships

Blades – Community Cleanup Saturday April 24 on Bowman Rd

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Special Meeting Dated February 24, 2021

Charlon

4. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Dated March 3, 2021

Charlon

Rajaratnam Asked For Amendment To “3 Ayes” Not 4.

Motion To Approve Item 3 As Amended Made By Blades, Seconded By Breeden.

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

Rajaratnam Asked For Amendment To “Mayor Bruen Present, Not Via Phone”.

Motion To Approve Item 4 As Amended Made By Blades, Seconded By Hayman.

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

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion And Approval Of Resolution Expressing Support For Actions To Further Strengthen Local Democracy, Authority, And Control As Related To Local Zoning And Housing Issues **Bruen**

Staff report reviewed. Public comment in Chambers S. Miller; via phone D. Matthews

Motion To Approve Item 5 Made By Blades, Seconded By Breedon.

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

6. Discussion And Provide Guidance To The City's Representative On The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**

Public comment via phone D. Matthews

Discussion and recommendation to move this item to every council agenda for the next couple months.

7. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving The 2020 Annual Progress Report (APR) Of The General Plan Including An Annual Progress Report On The Housing Element And The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan **Spurlock**

Staff report reviewed. Public comment - None

Motion To Approve Item 7 Made By Rajaratnam, Seconded By Blades.

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

8. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California, Declaring Certain Parcels Of Real Property Surplus Land Pursuant To The State Surplus Land Act **Spurlock**

Staff report reviewed. Public comment – none

Rajaratnam asked for brackets in 3rd whereas to be removed.

Motion To Approve Item 8 as amended Made By Blades, Seconded By Hayman.

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

ORDINANCES

9. Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Restating And Renumbering Portions Of Chapter 106 (Zoning) Of The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units And Temporary Employee Housing **Spurlock**

Staff report reviewed. Public comment - none

Motion To Waive Reading In Full, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California, Restating and Renumbering Portions of Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Temporary Employee Housing Made By Breedon, Seconded by Rajaratnam. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California, Restating and Renumbering Portions of Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Temporary Employee Housing Made By Blades, Seconded By Hayman. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

10. Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California, Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Subdivision Maintenance Districts **Spurlock**

Staff report reviewed. Public comment - none

Motion To Waive Reading In Full, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California Amending Portions To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Subdivision Maintenance Districts Made By Hayman, Seconded By Breedon. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California Amending Portions To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Subdivision Maintenance Districts Made By Breeden, Seconded By Rajaratnam. 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: 3rd Monday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room B

- Discussed Revenues, Staff salaries, COVID relief funds from American Plan Rescue (APR) Act

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Peggy Breeden and Kyle Blades

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

Location: City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room B

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

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

Location: City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room B

- Discussed Social Media Campaign, Purpose of Committee

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 1st 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: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Bruen – Quad States – Joshua tree and Tortoise discussions

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bruen – ARP - Use of funds agenda item

Blades – Council Workshop/Planning meeting

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 8:13

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricca Charlton, City Clerk