

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

**Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL – 5:30 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 (WebEx); City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlton; Captain Dampier; PW Director Reed

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended to delete item 1 - **Hayman - Blades 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.

CLOSED SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – No reportable action

PRESENTATION

1. ~~*Citizen Appreciation – Jim Suver, RRH*~~

McLaughlin

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - M. Sinnott

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

Bruen – 20th year celebration for Immanuel Childcare Facility, Chamber Star Follies April 28 & 29

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. *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(s): Battery Electric Van Replacement Purchase, \$71,645* **Smith**
Motion To Approve Consent Calendar - Rajaratnam - Hayman 5 Ayes

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

3. *Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)* **Hayman**
Public comment – M. Sinnott

4. *A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing The City Manager To Sign And File A Financial Assistance Application And Subsequent Agreements With The California State Water Resources Control Board For The Planning, Design And Construction Of The City Of Ridgecrest New Wastewater Treatment Plant* **Strand**

- City Manager reviewed staff report, short discussions followed

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

ORDINANCE

5. *Second Reading and Adoption, Ordinance 23-01, An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Concerning An Extension Of Tentative Parcel Maps & Tentative Tract Maps* **Spurlock**

- City Planner reviewed staff report, short discussions followed
- Rajaratnam suggested change to 2.e. “maybe granted by the planning commission with a total extension not to exceed 6 years”

Motion To Waive Reading In Full, with above addition, Ordinance 23-01 – **Blades - Rajaratnam 5 Ayes**

Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, with above addition, Ordinance 23-01 – **Blades - Hayman 5 Ayes**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 04/06/23** – SB1383

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 04/11/23** – Sales tax, Measure V, TOT, & property tax revenues

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 04/26/23**

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 4/27/23**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam
Meeting: 1st Monday of the month @ 5:15 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
➤ Next meeting 5/1/23

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Skip Gorman
Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms
➤ Next meeting 5/2/23

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gorman – Spoke about his weekend adventures in Death Valley
Bruen – Welcomed new police officer, Andrew Solorzano, spoke to citizens in having smart habits to be safe in the community, spoke about his trip to Sacramento last week – visited with Groves & Fong, pool townhall #2 May 2nd @ QOL meeting, Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast/National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2023 to be held at DCC

ADJOURNMENT – 7:51 p.m.