



CITY OF RIDGECREST
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES

City Council Chambers	Wednesday, April 8, 2020
100 West California Avenue	5:00PM
Ridgecrest, CA 93555	REGULAR MEETING

All Committee meetings will be held as virtual meetings until further notice. This means meetings are closed to public attendance and only committee members and essential staff are allowed to be physically present. Public participation is solely via call in. **TO, PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CALL: 1-650-479-3208** Call-in toll number (US/Canada) - Meeting number (access code): 621 925 892

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:03PM

ROLL CALL

- Committee Members: L. Stephens, K. Blades, B. Farris, S. Rajaratnam
 - 3 Present
 - Absent: S. Rajaratnam

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion/Second: Blades/Farris
- All in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 11, 2020
 - Motion/Second: Farris/Blades
 - All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Dave Janiec updated the Committee on the China Lake Earthquake Recovery.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. Buxton Retail Update

- M. Ancheta presented the retail matches that Buxton has generated for the City of Ridgecrest.
 - L. Stephens provided context on some previous retailers.
 - B. Farris inquired about possible changes to the retail match list.
 - K. Blades asked about potential timeline in regards to finalization of list.
2. COVID-19 Newsletter
- M. Ancheta spoke about the two newsletters that have been released so far regarding relief options for businesses.
 - L. Stephens commented on published newsletter.
 - K. Blades commented on interaction between businesses and city.
3. New Business Review/Update
- R. Strand spoke about the new businesses that are continuing with their building processes throughout the crisis.
 - B. Farris inquired about overall process of the new businesses.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 5:58PM

City of Ridgecrest Public Meeting Protocol In Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Until further notice, all City of Ridgecrest Committee meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers to allow for social distancing and are closed to public attendance. Only Committee members and essential staff are allowed to be physically present, and will be seated the recommended distance from each other. Public participation is solely via call-in or via written correspondence. TO PARTICIPATE, please call, email, or send mail to the contact info provided below/on the Committee Agenda.

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On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, relating to the convening of public meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, Ridgecrest is continuing to hold City Committee meetings in order to conduct essential business. However, as suggested by the Center for Disease Control, we are temporarily requiring the public to use one of the following alternatives for participating:

- **Call in for public comments / Statements from the Public:**

The public will be allowed to address the Committee during the public comment section of the agenda about subjects within the jurisdiction of the Committee and that do not already appear on the agenda. No action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Questions posed to the Committee may be answered after the meeting or at a future meeting. Dialog or extended discussion between the public and the Committee or staff will be limited in accordance with the Brown Act. The public comment portion of the meeting will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Each person is limited to one comment during public comments. All remarks and questions should be addressed to the Committee as a whole and not to any individual member or staff.

To participate with verbal comments, **please call in using 1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada) - Meeting number (access code): 621 925 892.** All callers will be able to hear and speak as with a traditional conference call. As redundant as it may be, PLEASE state your name each time you speak during the meeting for the purpose of recording meeting minutes. **Additionally, please be sure to mute the call when you are not speaking.**

*Please Note: This process will be a learning curve for all, please be patient.

- **Submit comments in writing**

We encourage submittal of written comments supporting, opposing, or otherwise commenting on an agenda item, for distribution to the Committee prior to the meeting. Send emails to mancheta@ridgecrest-ca.gov; written correspondence may be sent to via mail to **Meliza Ancheta, Economic Development**, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Please specify to which Committee and agenda item your comment relates. All communication, whether it is a formal letter or an online informal email, will be read by the Committee.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact **Ricca Charlon at (760) 499-5002**. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

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<https://ridgecrest-ca.gov/223/Boards-Commissions>

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