

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

**Minutes**

**May 19, 2021**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 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 Breedon

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Strand; Assistant City Attorney Pilchen (via phone); City Clerk Charlon; Captain Dampier; PW Director Reed; P & R Interim Director Wegener; Finance Director Freese

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Blades, Seconded By Rajaratnam*

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subparts (a), (c) and (d)(1)

Dever v. City of Ridgecrest, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-19-103580

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION –** Direct given, No reportable action

**PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA -** Chambers: D. Matthews

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bruen – Thanked Town Hall participants, pleased at input from the community

Rajaratnam – May 31 Veterans Memorial Ceremony at VFW

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of Proclamations – Emergency Medical Services Week

**Council**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council

**Charlon**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Made By Blades, Seconded By Hayman*

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

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

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

Public comment – None

4. Appoint Member(s) To The Ridgecrest Area Convention Visitor Bureau (RACVB) Committee **Charlon**

*Minute Motion To Approve Appointment of Megan McKenzie as primary and Council Member Rajaratnam as alternate Made By Breeden, Seconded By Blades. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

5. Approval Of Amendment No. 1 And Associated Schedule “A” – Amendment No. 1 To Agreement No. 008-2021 Community Development Activity City Of Ridgecrest – COVID-19 Special Economic Development Project (CD#17.19.CV1) With The County Of Kern **Charlon**

Public comment – None

*Motion To Approve Item 5 Made By Blades, Seconded By Breeden.  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Resolution Approving, Authorizing And Directing Execution Of A Joint Exercise Of Powers Agreement Relating To The California Municipal Finance Authority And Approving The Issuance Of Revenue Bonds By The Authority For The Purpose Of Financing Or Refinancing The Acquisition, Construction And Improvement Of Certain Facilities For The Benefit Of Ridgecrest Family Associates, A California Limited Partnership **Spurlock**

- Open Public Hearing - 6:38 p.m.
- Spurlock reviewed staff report; Ben Barker (via phone) commented on behalf of CMFA
- Public comment – Chambers – D. Matthews
- Close Public Hearing – 6:48 p.m.

*Motion To Approve Item 6 Made By Rajaratnam, Seconded By Hayman  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

**ORDINANCES**

7. Second Reading And Adoption, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest Awarding A Non-Exclusive Taxi Franchise To Ridgecrest Taxi And Approving A Taxicab Franchise Agreement **Reed**
- Reed reviewed staff report, no public comment

*Motion To Waive Reading In Full, Ordinance 21-04 Of The Ridgecrest City Council Awarding A Non-Exclusive Taxi Franchise To Ridgecrest Taxi And Approving A Taxicab Franchise Agreement Made By Breeden, Seconded By Blades. Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

*Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, Ordinance 21-04 Of The Ridgecrest City Council Awarding A Non-Exclusive Taxi Franchise To Ridgecrest Taxi And Approving A Taxicab Franchise Agreement Made By Blades, Seconded By Rajaratnam. Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

8. Second Reading And Adoption, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Repealing Article IV Of Chapter 7 And Ordinance 185 Regarding Cable Television Franchises And Replace With A New State Video Franchises Ordinance **Strand**
- Strand reviewed staff report, Public comment – Chambers – D. Matthews

*Motion To Waive Reading In Full, Ordinance 21-05 Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest repealing Article IV Chapter 7 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code and Ordinance 185 regarding Cable Television Franchises and replace with new State Video Franchises Ordinance Made By Hayman, Seconded By Blades. Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

*Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, Ordinance 21-05 Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest repealing Article IV Chapter 7 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code and Ordinance 185 regarding Cable Television Franchises and replace with new State Video Franchises Ordinance Made By Blades, Seconded By Rajaratnam. Motion Carried By Tabulation 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Peggy Breeden and Kyle Blades  
Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

### Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

### Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman  
Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

### Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

## **OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Bruen – Wants to explore micro-lending for commercial businesses within the City

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor thanked participants in Town Hall for coming

Rajaratnam asked about the designation re: USO Historic District and how it affects community residents

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:21 p.m.