

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

**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 Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Member Peggy Breeden; Council Member Kyle Blades

Absent: Mayor Eric A. Bruen

Staff Present: City Attorney Koczanowicz(via WebEx); City Clerk Charlon; City Manager Strand; Finance Director Freese; PW Director Reed; Acting Chief Tucker

* Mayor Eric A. Bruen (via WebEx) joined closed session at 5:35 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Blades - Rajaratnam: 4 Ayes; 1 Absent (Mayor Bruen)**

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 – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)

Name of Case: Finley v. City of Ridgecrest et al. - Case No. BCV-22-100048

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – No reportable action

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Comments from: S. Connally, M. Sinnott

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blades – attended 1st ribbon cutting since earthquake, Thanked Chamber award winners for all they have done, City sponsored fireworks (\$10k), Lions sponsoring fireworks finale

Rajaratnam – Announced Kyle Blades won Beautification Award for Chamber

Breeden – signs for dogs and heat on roads

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Special Meeting & Budget Workshop Dated May 25, 2022 And Regular Meeting Dated June 1, 2022 **CHARLON**
2. Proposed Action To Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council And The Successor Redevelopment Agency Adopting The Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2022-23, Establishing Appropriations, Estimating Revenues, And Establishing The Policies By Which The Budget May Be And Shall Be Amended **Reso 22-41** **FREESE**
 - **Rajaratnam- Breeden: 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

3. A Resolution To Accept The Base Bid As Submitted By Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc., And Accept The Additive Alternative 1 For Additional Pull Boxes. Allocate CMAQ Funds, PTMISEA Funds, Potential CalEVIP Funds, And TDA Funds For: The Base Bid & Additive Alternate 1, And A Ten Percent (10%) Contingency Of \$79,066.50 For A Maximum Total Of \$869,731.50. Award A Construction Contract To Crosstown Electric & Data, Inc. To Construct The Corporate Yard Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station And Photovoltaic Improvements In The Amount Of Seven Hundred and Ninety Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$790,665.00).And Authorize The City Manager, Ronald Strand, To Execute The Contract
 - **Blades - Breeden: 5 Ayes** **Reso 22-42** **REED**
4. A Resolution To Approve The Professional Service Agreement With Willdan Engineering For An Amount Not To Exceed \$146,880.40 For Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services For The City Franklin Ave. Sub-Standard Street Construction Project; And Authorize The City Manager To Sign The Agreement **Reso 22-43** **REED**

Public comments from M. Sinnott

 - **Blades - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
5. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Public comments from S. Gorman, M. Sinnott

HAYMAN

PUBLIC HEARING

6. A Resolution And Public Hearing Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California Declaring Its Intent To Levy And Collect Assessments Within The Consolidated Landscaping And Lighting District No. 2012-1, Review Of The Preliminary Engineers Report And Authorization To Finalize Said Report For Fiscal Year 2022/2023 **Reso 22-44** **REED**
 - Opened public hearing at 7:08 p.m.
 - Staff report reviewed – 10% increase in landscape, District 3 will have general fund contribution
 - Public comments from S. Gorman
 - Closed public hearing at 7:16 p.m.
 - **Breeden - Blades: 5 Ayes**

7. A Resolution And Public Hearing Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California Declaring Its Intent To Levy And Collect Assessments Within The City Of Ridgecrest Drainage Benefit Assessment District No. 2016-1, Pursuant To The Provisions Of The Benefit Assessment Act Of 1982; Review Of The Preliminary Engineers Report And Authorization To Finalize Said Report For Fiscal Year 2022/2023 **Reso 22-45** **REED**

- Opened public hearing at 7:17 p.m.
- Staff report reviewed – Levy being lowered this year
- No public comments
- Closed public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
- **Blades – Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Organization and Services Committee ('City Org')

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Peggy Breeden

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 6/2/22 discussed Waste Management contract approval**

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

- **Report from 6/7/22 discussed grant options, DCIP grant for turf in the parks, overview of teen night @ KMCC which went well**

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 6/8/22 discussed ICSC in Las Vegas, role City could/should play (planning/supporting/promoting) cultural events within city limits, Balsam Street development/improvements**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

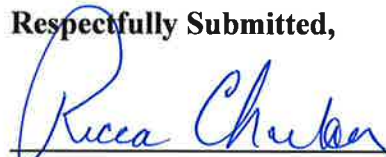
CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricca Charlon, City Clerk