

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

**Minutes**

**August 18, 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; Assistant City Attorney Pilchen (via phone); City Clerk Charlon; Chief McLaughlin; Interim P&R Director Wegener; PW Director Reed; Analyst Spurlock

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Breeden-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 Vice Mayor Rajaratnam seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – 6:15**

Comments via phone – K. Brown

Comments in Chamber – T. Wichnick, L. Stephens, W. Martin, S. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Neel, Mrs. Neel, S. Miller

Comments read by City Clerk from W. Freeman

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council dated August 4, 2021 **Charlon**
  2. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting A Revised Appropriations Limit For Fiscal Year 2021-2022 **Freese**
  3. Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With Sierra Sands Unified School District For Law Enforcement Services (School Resource Officer Program) **McLaughlin**
  4. A Resolution Approving The Project List For Fiscal Year 2021-2022 For The California State Of Good Repair (SGR) Program For The Following Project: Electric Transit Van Replacement **Smith**
- Approval of Consent Calendar: **Breeden-Blades: 5 Ayes**

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

5. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Reenacting And Adopting A Position Description For Wastewater Foreman Into The Classification Plan **Reed**  
Public comments - None
- **Blades-Hayman: 5 Ayes**

6. A Resolution To Approve A Professional Services Agreement With Willdan Engineering In The Amount Of \$53,947.27 For Preliminary Engineering Services For West Ward Avenue II Project Between North Downs Street And North Norma Street And Authorize The City Manager, Ronald Strand, To Execute The Agreement **Reed**  
Public comments – S. Miller
  - **Hayman-Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
7. Discussion And Action To Reorganize Council Committee Assignment(s) **Charlon**  
Public Comment - None  
Minute Motion to reassign Rajaratnam to replace Breeden on Infrastructure Committee
  - **Hayman-Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
8. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Purchase And Sale Agreement With Carlos Estrada For Parcel Located On Boston Avenue APN 081-332-36 **Spurlock**  
Public Comment – T. Wichnik
  - **Rajaratnam-Breeden: 5 Ayes**
9. Approval Of Police Employee Association Of Ridgecrest (PEAR) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) And Mid-management And Confidential Compensation Agreements **Strand**  
Public Comment – S. Miller
  - **Rajaratnam-Breeden: 5 Ayes**

## 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 Council Chambers

- Discussed sales tax

### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Peggy Breeden and Kyle Blades  
Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

### 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 Council Chambers

- Discussed Market Analytics

### City Organization and Services Committee ('City Org')

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Peggy Breeden  
Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month at 5:15 p.m.  
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

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

- Discussed CA Welcome Center Opening, STR report, Filming-5 days in July, attending 2 networking events in Sept., DP4 race 8/24/21

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Stephens proposed resolutions – COVID impact discussion
- IWVGA discussions every other meeting starting 9/1/21

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:36 p.m.