

**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
AGENDA**

July 17, 2024

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

CITY COUNCIL

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor

Solomon P. Rajaratnam, Mayor Pro-Tem

Kyle Blades, Vice Mayor

L. Scott Hayman, Council Member

John 'Skip' Gorman, Council Member

Ron Strand, City Manager

Keith Lemieux, City Attorney
Martin Koczanowicz, City Attorney



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NOTICE AND CALL OF A **SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING** OF THE
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY /
HOUSING AUTHORITY / FINANCING AUTHORITY

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / HOUSING AUTHORITY / FINANCING AUTHORITY, PUBLIC
AND CITY CLERK:

PUBLIC NOTICE that a **SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING** of the Ridgecrest City
Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority is hereby
called on:

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers
100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California

Said **SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING** shall be for the purpose of:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9.

Finley v. Ridgecrest et al Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-22-100048

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code § 54956.8

City: City Manager and City Attorney

Other Party(ies): Undetermined

Under Negotiation: Seek Council's direction regarding various available properties within
City limits.

Dated: July 10, 2024

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor / Chair

ATTEST:

Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

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

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER - Roll call

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

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REGULAR SESSION

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

1. *Employee Years of Service*

Council

2. *Key to the City – Mike Cash*

Council

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - Persons wishing to address the Council on matters that are within the Council's jurisdiction and DO NOT ALREADY APPEAR ON THE AGENDA, may do so at this time.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

CONSENT CALENDAR – All Matters Listed Under The Consent Calendar Are To Be Considered Routine And Enacted By One Motion Unless Pulled By A Council Member Or A Member Of The Public.

3. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated June 19, 2024 **Charlon**
4. Consideration Of Resolutions Relating To The Calling Of Ridgecrest's General Municipal Election To Be Held On November 5, 2024 **Charlon**
5. A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Ridgecrest to Levy and Collect Sewer Fees on The General Tax Rolls for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 **Reed**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Adoption Of A Resolution And Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code By Establishing A Transactions And Use (Sales) Tax To Be Administered By The State Board Of Equalization And Placing The No Tax Increase Reauthorization Measure On The Election Ballot For November 5, 2024 **Attorney**
7. A Resolution To Accept The Base Bid As Submitted By "Contractor To Be Named"; Allocate Measure P Funds For The Base Bid, And Up To \$###.## For A Ten Percent (10%) Construction Contingency. A Maximum Total Of Up To \$###.## Award A Construction Contract To "Contractor To Be Named" For The Demolition Of The Pinney Pool Complex For An Amount Of \$###.##, And Authorize The City Manager, Ronald Strand, To Execute The Contract **Reed**
8. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**

PUBLIC HEARING

9. A Resolution And Public Hearing Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, Authorizing The Use Of Federal Funding Under Federal Transit Administration, "FTA" Section 5311 (49 U.S.C. Section 5311) And/Or 5339 (49 U.S.C. Section 5339) With California Department Of Transportation **Reed**

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

➤ **Next meeting August 1, 2024**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 1st Monday of the month @ 5:15 p.m.

Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1st Floor

➤ **Next meeting August 5, 2024**

Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1st Floor

➤ **Report from July 9, 2024 - Canceled**

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1st Floor

➤ **Report from June 27, 2024 - Canceled**

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: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from July 2, 2024**

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitor Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Jennifer Ricketts (staff)

Meeting: 4th Wednesday each month at 9:00 a.m.

Location: California Welcome Center

➤ **Report from June 26, 2024**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Employee Service Award Presentations

PRESENTED BY: Mayor and City Council

SUMMARY:

Service recognition awards presented by the Ridgecrest City Council to employees who have reached milestones in increments of five (5) or more years of employment with the City of Ridgecrest.

2nd Quarter April - June 2024

25 Years

Justin Dampier - Police

10 Years

Patricia Rockwell – Human Resources

5 Years

Jennifer Ledbetter – Parks & Rec

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED:

Presentation Of Certificates To Employees By City Council Members

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon

Action Date: July 17, 2024

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**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
STAFF REPORT**

SUBJECT: Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated June 19, 2024

PRESENTED BY: Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Draft Minutes of the City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Housing Authority / Financing Authority Regular Meeting Dated June 19, 2024

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve minutes

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon

Action Date: July 17, 2024

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

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk for a certain period of time from date of approval by the Ridgecrest City Successor Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority. Meetings are recorded solely for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

ROLL CALL – 5:02 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Member L. Scott Hayman; Council Member Skip Gorman
Absent: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Vice Mayor Kyle Blades
Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz; City Clerk Charlon; City Manager Strand; Captain Dampier; P & R Director Wegener; Finance Director Freese

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion To Approve Agenda with deletion of item 6 – Hayman – Gorman 3 Ayes; 2 Absent

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9 (4 cases)

- City of Ridgecrest v. Super 8, Patel & Solanki
- City of Ridgecrest v. Heritage Living LLC
- Aguillar & Atkinson v. City of Ridgecrest and R. Henderson
- Mojave Pistachios LLC et al v. IWVWD et al

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(b) Two Cases

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code § 54956.8

City: City Manager and City Attorney

Other Party(ies): Undetermined

Under Negotiation: Seek Council’s direction regarding various available properties within City limits.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:05 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Unanimous denial of George Claim as untimely

PRESENTATIONS

1. American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day Presentation & Proclamation

Council

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – M. Neel

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated June 5, 2024 **Charlon**
3. Grant Acceptance For A Grant Awarded From The University Of California – Davis School Of Veterinary Medicine **Dampier**
4. Proposed Action To Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council And The Successor Redevelopment Agency Adopting The Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2024-25, Establishing Appropriations, Estimating Revenues, And Establishing The Policies By Which The Budget May Be And Shall Be Amended **Freese**
5. Authorization For The City Manager, Ron Strand To Sign The Notice Of Completion For The Installation Of Spectator Shades At The Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex; For The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion And For City Staff To Release Retention In The Amount Of Twenty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars And Eighty Cents (\$25,356.80) To The Contractor, Landscape Structures Within Thirty (30) Days After Recordation Of The Notice Of Completion **Wegener**
6. ~~A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council To Adopt A Road Project List For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Partially Funded By SBI: The Road Repair And Accountability Act Of 2017~~ **Reed**

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar – **Hayman – Gorman 3 Ayes; 2 Absent**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**

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Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Next meeting July 4, 2024**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 1st Monday of the month @ 5:15 p.m.

Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1st Floor

➤ **Next meeting July 3, 2024**

Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1st Floor

➤ **Report from June 11, 2024**

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Conference Room B, 1st Floor

➤ **Next meeting June 27, 2024**

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: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Next meeting July 2, 2024**

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitor Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Jennifer Ricketts (staff)

Meeting: 4th Wednesday each month at 9:00 a.m.

Location: California Welcome Center

➤ **Next meeting June 26, 2024**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 6:34 p.m.

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**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
STAFF REPORT**

SUBJECT: Consideration Of Resolutions Relating To The Calling Of Ridgecrest's General Municipal Election To Be Held On November 5, 2024

PRESENTED BY: Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

SUMMARY: This item, once approved by the City Council, calls for the General Municipal Election for November 5, 2024. It requests that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern consolidate a General Municipal Election with the State Wide General Election. The Ridgecrest voters will consider election of one Mayor, two members of the City Council and approval of a budget measure to continue the current 1% tax for local expenditures only.

In accordance with Section 1301 of the California Elections Code, Ridgecrest's General Municipal Elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year. The next regularly-scheduled General Municipal Election will be held on November 5, 2024, for the election of one Mayor for the full term of two years, and two Council Members, for the full term of four years.

In order for the election to take place, it is necessary for the City Council to adopt two (2) resolutions by a two-thirds vote: 1.) Calling the General Municipal Election for the election of one Mayor, and two Council Members and a question to be put before the voters and 2.) Requesting Kern County to consolidate the election with the Statewide General Election and provide related services.

NOTE: The candidate filing period for nomination papers opens on Monday, July 15, 2024 and runs through Thursday, August 8, 2024*.

Per Election Code §10220 - *Candidates may be nominated for any of the elective offices of the city in the following manner: Not earlier than the 113th day* nor later than the 88th day* before a municipal election during normal office hours, as posted*, the voters may nominate candidates for election by signing a nomination paper.*

113th day – Monday, July 15, 2024

88th day – Friday, August 9, 2024

*Normal hours, as posted – Thursday, August 8, 2024 is the last day to file nomination papers since Ridgecrest City Hall is closed on Fridays

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the November 2024 Consolidated Election has been budgeted in the FY 2024-25 budget.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Adopt Resolution calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
2. Adopt Resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern to consolidate, administer, manage and oversee the Election.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES AND FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS A QUESTION RELATING TO LOCAL SERVICES TAX MEASURE

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a General Municipal Election shall be held on November 5, 2024, for the election of Municipal Officers; and,

WHEREAS, in November of 2016 Ridgecrest residents voted to approve a 1% transaction and use tax, which will lapse by its own terms at the end of 2024; and,

WHEREAS, continued local funding is needed to prevent cuts and maintain City of Ridgecrest services, including fixing city streets and potholes, 9-1-1 emergency response times, crime prevention and investigation, neighborhood police patrols, and the number of current number of police officers; and,

WHEREAS, continued local funding is needed to maintain current levels of public safety and police services, including neighborhood patrols, crime prevention and investigation programs, and 9-1-1 response times; and,

WHEREAS, existing, voter-approved local funding has helped repair major streets and fix potholes in Ridgecrest and is needed to continue the work to repair neighborhood streets and fix potholes; and,

WHEREAS, the previously adopted local sales tax will expire under its own terms; and,

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1997, Assembly Bill 1472 became law adding Chapter 2.93 commencing with Section 7286.52 to Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; and,

WHEREAS, California Constitution Article XIII C Section 2(b) added by Proposition 218 effective November 1996, requires that a measure proposing a general tax be submitted to the voters at an election consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C Section 2(b) and Elections Code Section 10201, the City also desires to submit to the electors at the General Election a measure to enact an ordinance establishing a transactions and use tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Call for General Municipal Election: Pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Ridgecrest, California, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing one Mayor for a term of two years and two Members of the City Council, each for the full term of four years.

SECTION 2. The City Council, pursuant to its right and authority, does submit to the voters at the General Municipal Election the following question:

<p style="text-align: center;">“Ridgecrest Public Safety/ Essential Services Reauthorization Measure. To prevent cuts/ maintain City of Ridgecrest services, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• repair potholes/ city streets;• 9-1-1 emergency response times;• police officers/ neighborhood police patrols;• attract/ retain local business/ jobs; and• for general government use, <p style="text-align: center;">shall the City of Ridgecrest measure reauthorizing a previously voter approved 1¢ sales tax with no tax increase, providing \$6,500,000 annually, until ended by voters, with independent oversight/ audits, all funds for City of Ridgecrest, no funds for Sacramento, be adopted?”</p>	YES
	NO

SECTION 3. The vote requirement for the measure to pass is a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.

SECTION 4. Ballots: The ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 5. Coordination: The City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to coordinate with the County of Kern Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

SECTION 6. Vote Centers: The vote centers for the election shall be open at 7:00 A.M. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 P.M. of the same day when the vote centers shall be closed, pursuant to Election Code § 10242, except as provided in §§ 14212, 14401 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 7. General: In all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law governing municipal elections.

SECTION 8. Notice: Notice of the time and place of holding the election is hereby given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 9. Authorization for Payment: The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said election and authorizes all reasonable and actual election expenses to be paid by the City upon presentation of a properly-submitted bill.

SECTION 10. Certification: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

APPROVED and **PASSED** this 17th day of July, 2024.

City of Ridgecrest, California

BY: _____
ERIC A. BRUEN, Mayor

ATTEST:

RICCA CHARLON, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Ricca Charlon, Chief City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 24-53 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of July, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dated:

RICCA CHARLON, Chief City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE, PURSUANT TO §10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest called a General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of the election of a Mayor, and two Members of the City Council and putting a question to the City voters through a ballot measure; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and that within the city the precincts, vote centers and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the election department of the County of Kern canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the requirements of § 10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the City of Ridgecrest General Municipal Election with Statewide General election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of the election of a Mayor, and two Members of the City Council and putting a question to the City's voters through a ballot measure.

SECTION 2. The County election department is authorized to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. The election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election.

SECTION 3. The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said election for the City and reimburse the County for all actual election expenses upon presentation of a properly submitted bill.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County election department of the County of Kern.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

APPROVED and **PASSED** this 17th day of July, 2024.

City of Ridgecrest, California

BY: _____
ERIC A. BRUEN, Mayor

ATTEST:

RICCA CHARLON, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Ricca Charlon, Chief City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 24-54 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of July, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Dated:

RICCA CHARLON, City Clerk

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**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
STAFF REPORT**

SUBJECT: A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Ridgecrest to Levy and Collect Sewer Fees on The General Tax Rolls for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

PRESENTED BY: Travis Reed, Public Works Director

SUMMARY: Staff has continued to undertake the task of sewer fee levy and collection in-house this year. Waste-water and Accounting Staff have dedicated much time to keeping this levy in good standing. Said functions that have been completed are as follows:

1. Verify the tax roll and addresses associated match.
2. Verify property use type.
3. Coding each levy according to property type.
4. Field verify the use of each property.
5. Create a database for information storage moving forward.
6. Verified formulas and methods of calculation.
7. Submission of the special assessment package.
8. Prepare all Levy documentation for County submittal.

The City Council will direct City Staff to furnish to Kern County Board of Supervisors and Kern County Auditor, a description of the parcel for both residential and commercial sewer charges. This is an annual requirement to allow for the collection of the flat rate charge on the property tax bill. The parcels billed by the flat rate charges are shown in Exhibit "A". Please note Exhibit "A" does not include the County fee associated with applying this levy: As of April 16, 2024, the County has determined their fee to be \$0.20 per parcel.

This year's Sewer fees will not increase for single or multi-family dwellings. See Exhibit "B".

This Resolution along with Exhibit "A" shall be furnished to the County on or before August 9, 2024.

The revenues derived from the subject charge shall be used only for construction, expansion, maintenance and operation of the City's wastewater treatment and collection facilities. This resolution complies with the applicable provisions of Article XIID of the California Constitution and California Government Code 54984 and has authority to adopt a sewer user charge for use of City sanitation facilities pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 5471, et. seq. and Government Code Section 51334.

The Council will also direct City Staff to bill and collect service charges for those properties whose status is tax exempt and not on the County tax rolls; therefore, are not a part of this resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Levy And Collect Sewer Fees On The General Tax Rolls For Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST TO LEVY AND COLLECT SEWER FEES ON THE GENERAL TAX ROLLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

WHEREAS, the City Council will direct the City Clerk to furnish the Kern County Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor with a description of the parcels for both residential and commercial sewer charges; and,

WHEREAS, this is an annual requirement to allow for the collection of the flat rate charge on the property tax bill; and,

WHEREAS, the parcels billed by the flat rate charges are shown in Exhibit "A"; and,

WHEREAS, the rates were established for five years beginning in 2013 from a Prop 218 hearing that passed on June 5, 2013, for fiscal year 2024/2025 the rates will remain the same as the previously approved; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors and the County Tax Collector are hereby requested to levy and collect the charge as a part of the annual General County Tax Bill; and,

WHEREAS, The Council will also direct City Staff to bill and collect service charges for those properties whose status is tax exempt and not on the County tax rolls; therefore, are not a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest Adopts a Resolution to Levy and Collect Sewer Fees on the General Tax Rolls for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ricca Charlon, CMC
City Clerk

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FUND	ATN	ACTION	RATE	MULTIPLIER	AMOUNT
20455	03306003007	C	00		378.21
20455	03306004000	C	00		676.32
20455	03306005003	C	00		378.21
20455	03307004003	C	00		378.21
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EXHIBIT B

Rates	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Single Family Residential	\$31.52	\$31.52	\$31.52	\$31.52	\$31.52	\$31.52
Multi-Family Residential	\$27.48	\$27.48	\$27.48	\$27.48	\$27.48	\$27.48
Mobile Homes	\$23.44	\$23.44	\$23.44	\$23.44	\$23.44	\$23.44

Commercial Rates

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Annual Fixed Fee*	\$378.21	\$378.21	\$378.21	\$378.21	\$378.21	\$378.21
Volumetric Charge (per hundred cubic feet)**						
Auto: Repair Shop and Service Station	\$3.12	\$3.12	\$3.12	\$3.12	\$3.12	\$3.12
Auto: Steam Cleaning	\$6.69	\$6.69	\$6.69	\$6.69	\$6.69	\$6.69
Bakery and Food Preparation	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.81
Bars w/o Dining Facilities	\$2.93	\$2.93	\$2.93	\$2.93	\$2.93	\$2.93
Car Wash	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.61
Commercial & Institutional - Other	\$2.59	\$2.59	\$2.59	\$2.59	\$2.59	\$2.59
Department and Retail Store	\$2.74	\$2.74	\$2.74	\$2.74	\$2.74	\$2.74
Hospital and Convalescent	\$2.71	\$2.71	\$2.71	\$2.71	\$2.71	\$2.71
Hotel with dining facilities	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.30
Hotel/Motel without dining	\$2.83	\$2.83	\$2.83	\$2.83	\$2.83	\$2.83
Institutional and Professional: Restrooms Only	\$2.54	\$2.54	\$2.54	\$2.54	\$2.54	\$2.54
Laundromat	\$2.64	\$2.64	\$2.64	\$2.64	\$2.64	\$2.64
Laundry: Commercial	\$3.29	\$3.29	\$3.29	\$3.29	\$3.29	\$3.29
Laundry: Industrial	\$4.68	\$4.68	\$4.68	\$4.68	\$4.68	\$4.68
Market with Garbage Grinders	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14
Mortuary	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14
Restaurant	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.81
Soft Water Service	\$2.34	\$2.34	\$2.34	\$2.34	\$2.34	\$2.34
Septic System or No Plumbing	No Fixed Fee or Charge					
Exempt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station	\$3.34	\$3.34	\$3.34	\$3.34	\$3.34	\$3.34

*The annual fixed fee includes the first 71 hundred cubic feet of water flow per year.

** Based on 80% of potable water consumption to account for water not returned to the sewer with except of NAWS which has its sewage metered directly.

*** Year listed is the usage year we are billing for.

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**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/
FINANCING AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: Adoption Of A Resolution And Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code By Establishing A Transactions And Use (Sales) Tax To Be Administered By The State Board Of Equalization And Placing The No Tax Increase Reauthorization Measure On The Election Ballot For November 5, 2024

PRESENTED BY: Ron Strand, City Manager

SUMMARY:

Local governments throughout California have the responsibility to provide a range of basic services and are often expected to provide enhanced services as well. The cost of maintaining those services often exceeds the resources available to local governments. This imbalance is exacerbated when the state determines that state needs are a higher priority than those of the local governments. The unbalanced relationship between local and state governments permits the state to raid local funds which further strains the ability of local governments to provide the services expected by local residents.

The state has repeatedly exercised its right to take money from local governments through a variety of means (i.e. Redevelopment Agency dissolution, Educational Reimbursement Augmentation Fund, Supplemental Educational Reimbursement Augmentation Fund, Vehicle License Fees, booking fees, and several others).

In 2016, the citizens of Ridgecrest enacted a local sales tax to provide local funding for the City to protect public safety services and road maintenance services. The sales tax is currently scheduled to sunset at the end of 2024. The current financial condition of the City does not afford the City the resources needed to meet these resident demands in the absence of the sales tax.

A reauthorization of the current sales tax, *which would NOT increase the rate*, is needed to provide the locally controlled funding to maintain current levels of public safety and police services, including neighborhood patrols, crime prevention and investigation programs, and 9-1-1 response times and to continue repairing major streets in the City. Without continued local funding, a large portion of Ridgecrest's police budget and the road repair budget would be cut.

After engaging hundreds of residents through the Ridgecrest Community Conversation and this year's budget process, residents continue to prioritize maintaining this funding for public safety and public works City service needs. If enacted, the measure will fund City services prioritized by Ridgecrest residents such as continuing to repair potholes and City streets, maintaining 911 emergency medical response and response times, maintaining City parks and playgrounds, attracting and retaining local businesses and jobs, maintaining recreation programs for all ages and ensuring local control of firefighting services.

It is fiscally responsible to maintain our streets, roads and potholes now so they don't deteriorate and become more costly to fix in the future. Furthermore, addressing infrastructure and facilities needs such as parks, sports fields and recreation centers is essential to maintaining our quality

of life and providing quality youth programs which are essential to keeping kids away from gangs.

This item requests approval from the City Council to place an item on the November 5th ballot for a reauthorization of the 1 cent local sales tax measure to provide funding for the City to maintain the level of public safety and road maintenance that residents demand and expect. If approved, such measure *would not increase but maintain* the current tax that was adopted in 2016.

The measure would continue the strict fiscal accountability provisions the City has adhered to previously including an independent citizen's oversight committee, independent audits and public spending reports. Purchases of groceries and prescription medications are exempt from sales tax so it is not a burden on seniors or low-income residents. No money could be taken by the State or County ensuring Ridgecrest has local control to ensure tax dollars are spent on Ridgecrest services.

Approval of this item will not, in and of itself, make any changes to the tax rate. Instead, it will place the measure on the ballot for Ridgecrest voters' consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact from placing the measure on the ballot, other than the costs charged by the County which are estimated to be \$30,000

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve A Resolution Ordering The Submission To The Qualified Electors Of The City Of Ridgecrest A Measure Relating To The Establishment Of A Transactions And Use Tax (Sales Tax) At The General Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, As Called By Resolution Nos. 24-53 And 24-54
2. Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code By Establishing A Transactions And Use Tax To Be Administered By The State Board Of Equalization And Placing The Measure On The Election Ballot For November 5, 2024
3. Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code By Establishing A Transactions And Use Tax To Be Administered By The State Board Of Equalization And Placing The Measure On The Election Ballot For November 5, 2024

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

Action as requested: Approve The Resolution Placing A Transactions And Use Tax Measure On The Election Ballot Of November 5, 2024; Approve A Motion To Waive Reading In Full Of The Temporary Transactions And Use Tax Ordinance As Presented And Approve A Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, The Temporary Transactions And Use Tax Ordinance As Presented.

Submitted by: Ronald Strand

Action Date: July 17, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-Xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST A MEASURE RELATING TO THE NO TAX INCREASE REAUTHORIZATION OF A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION NO. 24-53

WHEREAS, in November of 2016 Ridgecrest residents voted to approve a 1 cent transaction and use (sales) tax, which generates \$6,500,000 annually, but which will end by its own terms at the end of 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the measure is not a tax increase, simply a reauthorization of previously voter approved funding; and,

WHEREAS, it is fiscally responsible to maintain our streets, roads and potholes now so they don't deteriorate and become more costly to fix in the future; and,

WHEREAS, addressing infrastructure and facilities needs such as parks, sports fields and recreation centers is essential to maintaining our quality of life and providing quality youth programs which are essential to keeping kids away from gangs; and,

WHEREAS, purchases of groceries and prescription medications are exempt from sales tax so it is not a burden on seniors or low-income residents; and,

WHEREAS, the measure will fund City services prioritized by Ridgecrest residents such as continuing to repair potholes and City streets, maintaining 911 emergency medical response and response times, maintaining City parks and playgrounds, attracting and retaining local businesses and jobs, maintaining recreation programs for all ages and ensuring local control of firefighting services; and,

WHEREAS, by law, all funds from this measure must stay in Ridgecrest to maintain local services and none of it can be taken by Sacramento or County; and,

WHEREAS, continued local funding is needed to prevent cuts and maintain City of Ridgecrest services, including fixing city streets and potholes, 9-1-1 emergency response times, crime prevention and investigation, neighborhood police patrols, and the number of current police officers; and,

WHEREAS, continued local funding is needed to maintain current levels of public safety and police services, including neighborhood patrols, crime prevention and investigation programs, and 9-1-1 response times; and,

WHEREAS, existing, voter-approved local funding has helped repair major streets and fix potholes in Ridgecrest and is needed to continue the work to repair neighborhood streets and fix potholes; and,

WHEREAS, Ridgecrest streets have more than \$50 million of deferred maintenance, just to keep them in good working condition; and,

WHEREAS, without continued local funding half of the Ridgecrest police budget, and most of the road repair budget, would have to be cut – including eliminating 14 police officers who patrol Ridgecrest’s neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, this measure requires independent resident oversight, mandatory financial audits, and yearly reports to the community to ensure the funds are spent in a fiscally prudent manner; and,

WHEREAS, the previously adopted local sales tax will expire under its own terms; and,

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1997, Assembly Bill 1472 became law adding Chapter 2.93 commencing with Section 7286.52 to Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; and,

WHEREAS, California Constitution Article XIII C Section 2(b) added by Proposition 218 effective November 1996, requires that a measure proposing a general tax be submitted to the voters at an election consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council, passed Resolution Nos. 24-53 and 24-54, calling a General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, and requested the County Board of Supervisors to approve consolidation of the election with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same day; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII C Section 2(b) and Elections Code Section 10201, the City also desires to submit to the electors at the General Election a measure to enact an ordinance establishing a transactions and use tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council, pursuant to its right and authority, does order submitted to the electors at the General Municipal Election the following question:

“Ridgecrest Public Safety and Essential Services Reauthorization Measure.

To prevent cuts/ maintain City of Ridgecrest services, such as:

- repair potholes/ city streets;
- 9-1-1 emergency/ medical response times;
- neighborhood police patrols;
- attract/ retain local business/ jobs; and
- for general government use,

shall the City of Ridgecrest measure reauthorizing a previously voter approved 1¢ sales tax with no tax increase, providing \$6,500,000 annually, until ended by voters, with independent oversight/ audits, all funds for City of Ridgecrest, no funds for Sacramento, be adopted?”

_____ Yes _____ No

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of Resolution Nos. 24-53 and 24-54 and this Resolution to the County Clerk for inclusion in the ballot for the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election.

Section 3. The proposed Ridgecrest Public Safety/Essential Services Reauthorization Measure will pass only if a majority of the votes cast by electors voting on the measure are “yes” votes and will, if passed, take precedence over any other conflicting measure receiving less votes in this election.

Section 4. The City Council hereby directs the City Attorney to prepare an impartial written analysis of the measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the measure on existing law and the operation of the measure. The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of primary arguments.

Section 5. The City Council hereby authorizes its members to file written arguments for or against the measure described above to this Resolution. All written arguments filed by any person in favor or against the measure shall be accompanied by the names and signatures of the persons submitting the arguments as required by applicable law and any names, signatures and arguments may be filed until the time and date fixed by the City Clerk, after which no change may be submitted to the City Clerk unless permitted by law.

Section 6. The proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article III of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code establishing a Temporary Transactions and Use Tax, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, the text of the measure, together with the City Attorney’s impartial analysis, and any arguments for or against the measure, to be mailed to all qualified electors with the ballot. In addition to other notices and publications required by law, the City Clerk, not less than forty (40) days and not more than sixty (60) days before the General Municipal Election, shall cause the text of the measure to be published once in the official newspaper. The City Clerk is authorized to give such notices and to fix such

times and dates as are required by law or which are appropriate to properly conduct the election.

Section 7. The provisions of Resolution 24-53 refer to more particulars concerning the General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, and in all respects the election shall be held and conducted as provided for by applicable law. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to procure and furnish any official ballots, notices, printed materials, and all supplies or equipment that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on July 17, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Eric Bruen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ricca Charlon, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Martin Koczanowicz, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 24 - Xx

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING A TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST as follows:

1. Purpose.

This Ordinance amends the Ridgecrest Municipal Code in order to change the term of a temporary transactions and use tax.

2. Amendment.

The existing Chapter 9, Article III of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby deleted and replaced as follows:

Article III. Temporary Transactions and Use Tax

Sec. 9-50 Purpose and Operative Date.

(a) The purpose of this article is to impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue and Taxation Code which authorizes the City to adopt this tax if a majority of the qualified voters of the City vote to approve the imposition of the tax. Unlike the tax described in Article IV of this Chapter, this tax is subject to revocation by the voters.

(b) "Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the later of the adoption of this ordinance and article, the date of such adoption being as set forth on the ordinance that adopted this article, or the approval of the voters of the City of a measure approving the imposition of the transaction and use tax set forth herein; provided, that if the City shall not have entered into a contract with the State Board as required herein prior to such date, the Operative Date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following execution of such a contract.

(c) When becoming operative, this measure automatically repeals and replaces Measure 'V', which was passed by the citizens of Ridgecrest in November of 2016.

(d) Prior to the Operative Date, the City shall contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax article; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the State Board of Equalization prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

Sec. 9-51. Transactions Tax Rate.

Commencing on the Operative Date and continuing until ended by voters, for the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at a rate of one cent (1%) of the gross receipt of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the Operative Date of this article. Such tax shall be in addition to any other transaction (sales) tax imposed by this Code or applicable state law.

Sec. 9-52. Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this article, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the State Board of Equalization.

Sec. 9-53. Use Tax Rate.

Commencing on the Operative Date and continuing until ended by voters, an excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on or after the Operative Date of this article for storage, use, or other consumption in the incorporated territory of the City at a rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. Such tax shall be in addition to any other use tax imposed by this Code or applicable to state law. Specifically, this tax is in addition to the tax imposed by Article IV of this Code.

Sec. 9-54. Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this article as though fully set forth herein.

Sec. 9-55. Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

- (a) Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:
 - (1) The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Control, State Board of Equalization, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

(2) The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the State Board of Equalization, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this article;

(3) In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to, sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

(a) Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; or

(b) Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the State under the said provision of that Code;

(4) In sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797, or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(b) The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition to that phrase in Section 6203.

Sec. 9-56. Permit Not Required.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this article.

Sec. 9-57. Exemptions and Exclusions.

(a) There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any State-administered transactions or use tax.

(b) There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax and gross receipts from:

(1) Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the County in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

(2) Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

(a) With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Chapter 2 of Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

(b) With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

(3) The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this article.

(4) A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this article.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

(c) There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this article, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

(1) The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax article.

(2) Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

(3) If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this article.

(4) If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this article.

(5) For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice whether or not such right is exercised.

(6) Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.

(7) "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Chapter 2 of Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

(d) Any person subject to use tax under this article may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use, or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

Sec. 9-58. Amendments.

(a) All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this article to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this article, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this article.

(b) The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest may make amendments to this article that do not affect the rate of tax imposed without approval of the voters of the City. The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest may repeal this article by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council without approval of the voters of the City, provided all indebtedness secured by the tax has been satisfied. The City Council may amend the rate of tax imposed herein (increase or decrease) or extend the term of the tax only upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council and with approval of the voters of the City.

Sec. 9-59. Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this article, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

Sec. 9-60. Use of Tax Proceeds.

All proceeds of the tax levied and imposed under this article shall be paid into the general fund for use by the City of Ridgecrest.

Secs. 9-61 – 9-78. – Reserved

DIVISION 2. – CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sec. 9-79. Establishment of Committee and Purpose.

A Citizens' Oversight Committee is hereby established to oversee expenditures of the revenues received by the City from the sales and use taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter, and to ensure that tax revenues are spent by the City in a manner consistent with the voter approved measure adopting this chapter as well as any voter approved or council approved priorities adopted to implement the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 9-80. Appointment and Tenure of Committee Members.

(a) The Citizens' Oversight Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the City Council. Three members shall constitute a quorum. The City Manager shall appoint an ex-officio staff person to serve as the secretary and custodian of records who shall not have a vote.

(b) Upon their appointment and during their incumbency, members of the committee shall be and remain residents of the City; provided, however, that City employees, other city officials, and City vendors shall not be qualified to serve as committee members at any time they occupy such positions or are engaged in such business. Should a member cease to be a City resident, that office shall be deemed vacant and the term of such member terminated. The secretary shall notify the City Council and City Manager of such termination as soon as administratively possible.

(c) All members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed by a majority vote of the City Council at any time.

Sec. 9-81. Terms of Office.

(a) Of the members of the committee first appointed, two shall be appointed for terms of one year, two shall be appointed for terms of two years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years. Succeeding members shall be appointed for terms of four years. The secretary's term shall be designated by the City Manager. All members shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

(b) Should a member of the committee fail to attend three consecutive meetings, unless excused for cause by the chairperson, that member's office shall be deemed vacant and the member's term ended. The committee secretary shall immediately notify the City Council and City Clerk of such termination.

Sec. 9-82. Organization.

(a) Each January, a board, commission, or committee shall annually organize and elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from its membership for a one-year term. In the chairperson's or vice-chairperson's absence or disability, the committee may designate a chairperson or vice-chairperson *pro tempore*.

(b) Regular meetings shall be held on the day and time established by resolution of the board, commission, or committee as amended from time-to-time.

(c) Each board commission or committee shall establish a procedure for calling special meetings and may also adopt application requirements, meeting procedures, and other reasonable rules and regulations for conducting business. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings and the secretary shall deliver copies of minutes to the City Manager and City Clerk for filing and distribution to City Council members.

(d) Any board, commission, or committee may designate one of its members, or a subcommittee composed of not more than two members, to study, review, consider, or make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview, provided that, a board, commission, or committee authorized to consist of seven members may designate one of its members, or a subcommittee composed of not more than three members, to study, review, consider, or make recommendations.

Sec. 9-83. Duties.

(a) The committee is charged with the following responsibilities: (1) reviewing all appropriations of revenues received by the City from the sales and use taxes imposed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to determine whether such funds are to be used as provided for in this chapter and the voter approved measure that adopted this chapter; (2) reviewing the audit prepared by an independent auditor retained by the City to perform the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to determine whether such funds have been spent as provided for in this chapter and the voter approved measure; and (3) prepare and issue the committee's own annual report setting forth their findings in regard to the foregoing.

(b) The committee shall confine itself specifically to funds received by the City from the sales and use taxes imposed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. City revenues and funds generated through other sources are outside the scope of the committee.

(c) In order to preserve the integrity and independence of the oversight process, committee members will not play a formal role in contracting, project management, construction, or any other aspect of the public safety funding. In addition, the committee is not charged with decision-making on spending priorities, construction schedules, project details, funding source decisions (e.g., leveraged funds, developer fees, etc.), financing plans, tax rate assumptions, or selection of consultants, design, and construction firms."

3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use taxes, and is a valid and binding ordinance of the City upon passage and approval by the electorate of the City of Ridgecrest. This Ordinance shall be considered as adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the legislative body, and shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date.

4. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

5. Other

Accept as otherwise provided herein the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is Reaffirmed and Readopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Ridgecrest City Council on _____, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

**NOTICE TO VOTERS OF DATE AFTER WHICH NO
ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST (A) CITY MEASURE(S) MAY
BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Ridgecrest on November 5, 2024, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following measure(s):

“Ridgecrest Public Safety and Essential Services Reauthorization Measure.

To prevent cuts/ maintain City of Ridgecrest services, such as:

- repair potholes/ city streets;
- 9-1-1 emergency/ medical response times;
- neighborhood police patrols;
- attract/ retain local business/ jobs; and
- for general government use,

shall the City of Ridgecrest measure reauthorizing a previously voter approved 1¢ sales tax with no tax increase, providing \$6,500,000 annually, until ended by voters, with independent oversight/ audits, all funds for City of Ridgecrest, no funds for Sacramento, be adopted?”

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measure(s).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and sample ballots for the election, the City Clerk has fixed August 12, 2024, during normal office hours, as posted, as the date after which no arguments for or against the City measure(s) may be submitted to the Clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at the City Hall, Ridgecrest, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council has determined that rebuttal arguments, not to exceed 250 words in length, as submitted by the authors of the opposing direct arguments, may be filed with the Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, not more than 10-calendar days after the final date for filing direct arguments.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any ordinance, impartial analysis, or direct argument filed under the authority of the Elections Code will be available for public examination in the Clerk’s office for not less than 10-calendar days from the deadline for the filing of the arguments and analysis(es). Any rebuttal argument filed under the authority of the Elections Code will be available for public examination in the Clerk’s office for not less than 10-calendar days from the deadline for filing rebuttal arguments.

City Clerk

Dated:

POST NOTICE ON CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD

**FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED
BY AUTHOR OF ARGUMENT**

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with § 9200) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement to be signed by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) ballot Measure _____ at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

Sign	Print Name	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

All Authors must print his/her name and sign this form (EC 9600) AND print his/her name and sign the Argument itself (EC 9283) AND Print his/her name and sign the Rebuttal Argument itself (EC 9285)

Further, pursuant to Election Code § 9219, printed arguments submitted to the voters shall be titled either “Argument In Favor Of Measure ____” or “Argument Against Measure ____.”

Likewise, printed rebuttal argument submitted pursuant to Election Code §§ 9220 and 9285 shall be titled either “Rebuttal To Argument In Favor Of Measure ____” or “Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure ____.”

Give this form to Council Members, Proponents and Opponents of Measures

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**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
STAFF REPORT**

SUBJECT: A Resolution To Accept The Base Bid As Submitted By “Contractor To Be Named”; Allocate Measure P Funds For The Base Bid, And Up To \$##.## For A Ten Percent (10%) Construction Contingency. A Maximum Total Of Up To \$##.## Award A Construction Contract To “Contractor To Be Named” For The Demolition Of The Pinney Pool Complex For An Amount Of \$##.##, And Authorize The City Manager, Ronald Strand, To Execute The Contract

PRESENTED BY: Travis Reed, Public Works Director

SUMMARY:

Bids for this project were opened on Tuesday July 9, 2024 @ 11:00am.

At the time of agenda posting, bids were being reviewed by Willdan for responsiveness.

Once this review is complete, which is planned to be NLT Monday July 15, 2024, a supplemental agenda packet will be published with additional information.

FISCAL IMPACT: TBD

ACTION REQUESTED: TBD

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION:

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Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

PRESENTED BY:
L. Scott Hayman, City Council / IWVGA Representative

SUMMARY:
Report and discussion regarding Board meetings of the IWVGA. Including, Board discussion and consideration of issues of importance requiring action by the IWVGA.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Discuss

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon

Action Date: July 17, 2024

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**Ridgecrest City Council
Successor Redevelopment Agency
Financing Authority
Housing Authority
STAFF REPORT**

SUBJECT: A Resolution And Public Hearing Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, Authorizing The Use Of Federal Funding Under Federal Transit Administration, “FTA” Section 5311 (49 U.S.C. Section 5311) And/Or 5339 (49 U.S.C. Section 5339) With California Department Of Transportation

PRESENTED BY: Travis Reed, Director of Public Works

SUMMARY:

Discuss and hold a public hearing to transfer the CMAQ Electric bus project to FTA 5311 funds. Said project has a \$59,173.73 local match, and the City will receive \$456,726.00 from said grant program.

The total for said project is \$515,900.00

FISCAL IMPACT: Local Match - \$59,173.73

ACTION REQUESTED:

- (1) Conduct the Public Hearing to accept public testimony, and comments.

- (2) Adopt the resolution approving the project transfer and obligation of the local match funds.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

Submitted by: Travis Reed

Action Date: July 17, 2024

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RESOLUTION 24-__

A RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, "FTA" SECTION 5311 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311) AND/OR 5339 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5339) WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, California (hereafter referred to as "City Council") hereby finds, determines, resolves and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital/operating assistance projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9040.1G**), and Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 5100.1**); and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 and Section 5339 grants for transportation projects for the general public for the rural transit and outlining areas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgecrest desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of service/purchase of capital equipment in Ridgecrest, CA; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgecrest has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region; and,

WHEREAS, the capital project has an estimated expenditure of \$456,726.26 for the purchase of two (2) electric transit vans; and,

WHEREAS, the Cities financial obligation for the project is \$59,173.73 for the purchase of two (2) electric transit vans; and,

WHEREAS, a public notice was given at least 10 days prior to this public hearing meeting stating the date, place, time, and specific purpose of the hearing; and,

WHEREAS, for persons unable to attend the public hearing the public notice provided for written and electronic comments to be received by the City Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held at 6:00 pm on July 17, 2024 at which time the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, after receiving all public testimony and any and all other public testimony (written and/or electronic) determined there are no comments on the proposed capital project; and,

RESOLUTION 24-__

WHEREAS, the City Council of The City of Ridgecrest does hereby Authorize the City Manager or designee, to file and execute applications on behalf of with the Department to aid in the financing of capital/operating assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9040.1G**), as amended, and pursuant to Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 5100.1**), as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager or designee is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5311 and/or Section 5339 projects; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager or designee is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5311 and or Section 5339 project(s).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. That the City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest hereby finds that a full and fair public hearing has been held and that there are no comments of the proposed projects within the city of Ridgecrest.
3. Adopt the resolution approving the project transfer and obligation of the local match funds.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 2024.

Eric Bruen, Mayor
City of Ridgecrest

Ricca Charlon, City Clerk
City of Ridgecrest

RESOLUTION 24-__

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF KERN) ss.
CITY OF RIDGECREST)

I, Ricca Charlon, City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, County of Kern, State of California do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly adopted by the City Council of said City of Ridgecrest at a regular meeting of said council held on the 17th day of July, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

Ricca Charlon, City Clerk
City of Ridgecrest