



## CITY OF RIDGECREST

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

#### AGENDA

City Council Chambers  
100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93547

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

5:00PM

REGULAR MEETING

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#### CALL TO ORDER -

#### ROLL CALL

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of draft minutes from the regular meeting dated 09-08-2021

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

#### DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. HdL Consultant Update - Void Analysis
2. ISCS Conference - Public Engagement
3. Staff Update

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT -



## **CITY OF RIDGECREST**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **DRAFT MINUTES**

City Council Chambers  
100 West California Avenue  
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5:00PM  
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#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Kyle Blades, Chairman; Solomon Rajaratnam, Vice Chairman; Bernie Mondragon, Commissioner; Bill Farris Jr., Commissioner

Staff: M. McKenzie, Analyst; R. Strand, City Manager

**CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

*Present: Blades, Rajaratnam, Farris, Mondragon*

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*M/S Rajaratnam/Farris to approve agenda. Motion carried by a roll call vote of: 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of draft minutes from the regular meeting dated 08-11-2021

*Farris/Mondragon to approve minutes. Motion carried by a roll call vote of: 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

*Opened: 5:04 PM -No Public Comment- Closed: 5:05 PM*

## **DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

### 1. ISCS Conference Information

- *Committee discussed public engagement opportunities, such as a workshop, to get input for economic development opportunities*

### 2. HdL Market Insight Analytics

*Strand & McKenzie presented development updates & potential recruitment opportunities*

- *Farris commented on Void analysis; Strand confirmed understanding logistics of decision is important for future recruiting efforts*
- *Farris commented on Burlington as an opportunity; expressed importance of persistence in follow-up contact*
- *Blades commented on lack of brewery; Committee discussed*
- *Rajaratnam inquired about outreach to franchises/franchisees. Committee discussed*
- *Committee discussed potential industry expansion – biggest potential identified as educational/college program*
- *Rajaratnam asked about KFC, Panda Express expected opening; Strand responded potential dates of Nov/Dec for Panda Express.*

### 3. Staff Updates

*Strand: Nagle construction begin roadway repair project this week; encroachment permits should be finalized by end of October; fiber-optic buildout blueprint w/City staff – use fiber for cameras at parks; baseball fields [equipment in snack bar]; meeting w/ Race in next 2 weeks to negotiate; fiber to city hall, fairgrounds, college heights under discussion.*

*McKenzie presented update on public outreach efforts*

*McKenzie reported on current & upcoming events*

- *East Kern Economic Alliance 334d Annual Dinner on Sept. 23rd*
- *Parade of 1,000 Flags on Sept. 11th*

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*HdL Update: Void Analysis*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*None*

**ADJOURNMENT - 5:30 p.m.**