

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

November 16, 2022
Closed Session 5:30 p.m.
Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor

L. Scott Hayman, Mayor Pro Tem

Solomon P. Rajaratnam, Vice Mayor

Kyle Blades, Council Member

Peggy Breeden, Council Member

Ron Strand, City Manager

Keith Lemieux, City Attorney
Martin Koczanowicz, City Attorney



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Ridgecrest CA 93555**

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NOTICE AND CALL OF A **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 **CLOSED SESSION MEETING** of the Ridgecrest City
Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority is hereby
called on:

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California

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

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)
Name of Case: Finley v. City of Ridgecrest et al. - Case No. BCV-22-100048

Dated: November 9, 2022

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor / Chair

ATTEST:

Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

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**RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
FINANCING AUTHORITY
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AGENDA

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

**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

PRESENTATION

Presentation Of The *Key To The City* to Veterans Of Foreign Wars (VFW) Ship 4084 & American Legion Post 684 **RAJARATNAM**

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.

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated November 2, 2022 **CHARLON**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **HAYMAN**

COMMITTEE REPORTS***Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website*

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 11/3/22**

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 11/9/22**

Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from 11/8/22**

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Megan McKenzie (staff)

Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

➤ **Report from 11/16/22**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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If you have any questions please contact us.

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***Revised February 24, 2021**

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Ridgecrest City Council
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STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council *Regular Meeting* Dated November 2, 2022

PRESENTED BY: Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Draft Minutes of the City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Housing Authority / Financing Authority *Regular Meeting* Dated November 2, 2022

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve minutes

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon

Action Date: Nov. 16, 2022

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

DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Member Kyle Blade

Absent: Council Member Peggy Breeden

Staff Present: City Attorney Koczanowicz; City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlton; Chief McLaughlin; PW Director Reed; Finance Director Freese

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney asked to add a need arose potential litigation item

- **Blades - Hayman 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**

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 - None

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 Subparts (a), (d)(2) and (e)(3). One case

NEEDS AROSE ITEM - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - Unanimously rejected the Todd claim

PRESENTATIONS

Quality of Life Survey Results

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Comments from KCFD Deputy Chief Steers; KCFD Division Chief K. Linville; A. Huey; M. Neel; R. Porter; M. Mancini; R. Westa-Lusk

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated October 19, 2022 **CHARLTON**
2. Grant Acceptance For A Grant Awarded From The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division With The California Department Of Parks And Recreation **MCLAUGHLIN**

3. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Acceptance Of The State Of California, Office Of Traffic Safety Step Grant **MCLAUGHLIN**
4. Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Create a Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Position **STRAND**
5. Approval Of A New Five-Year Contract With City Manager Ronald Strand **ATTORNEY**
 Items pulled: 4 (Rajaratnam), 5 (Neel)
 - Item 4 – Strand reviewed staff report; Rajaratnam asked questions for transparency
 Public comment – M. Neel
 - **Blades - Hayman 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**
 - Item 5 – Attorney reviewed staff report
 Public comment – M. Neel, S. Miller, R. Westa-Lusk, R. Porter
 - **Blades - Hayman 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**
 - **Blades - Rajaratnam 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **HAYMAN**
7. Proposed Approval Of An Additional Portion Of The American Rescue Plan Act Funds To Replace The Banquet Hall Floors At The Kerr McGee Community Center **STRAND WEGENER**
 Public comment – M. Neel, S. Miller, R. Westa-Lusk
 - **Rajaratnam - Blades Ayes; 1 Absent – AMEND RESO -20 cents & interim**
8. A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Professional Services Agreement To Realty Planners Group, Inc. For Preparation Of The City Of Ridgecrest 2023-2031 Housing Element And Authorizing Related Actions **SPURLOCK**
 - Public comment – S. Gorman, R. Westa-Lusk
 - **Hayman - Rajaratnam Ayes; 1 Absent – AMEND RESO – 21 to 22 & extra zero**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 10/27/22** – Bowman Bike Path, Painting of streets around schools

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 11/1/22** – Thanked J. Harper for attending-need more public participation, KMYSC management of fields, potential Earth Day event for 2023, Dec 2 City Tree Lighting Ceremony 4pm, CDBG FY22-23 Action Plan ideas, Winter Camp at KMCC

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

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ADJOURNMENT – 7:48 p.m.

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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: Nov. 16, 2022

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