

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

September 6, 2023
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, September 6, 2023 @ 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
Potential Litigation – Gov. Code § 54959.9(c) - One Case

Dated: August 23, 2023

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor / Chair

ATTEST:

Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

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SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
FINANCING AUTHORITY
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AGENDA

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

**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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

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REGULAR SESSION

- Pledge Of Allegiance
- Invocation

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

Life Saving Awards

Sergeants Hallmark, Kenney & N. Lloyd

Officers Coe, Henderson, J. Lloyd, Ogas, Pettit, Quiroz, Smith, Solorzano, & Stangle

Frontier – Fiber Optic Installation in the City of Ridgecrest

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 August 16, 2023 **Charlon**
2. Announcing Proclamations Prepared For The Month Of September And Scheduled Date Of Presentations **Charlon**
3. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Cooperate With The County Of Kern, Electing To Participate In The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) And Home Investment Partnership Programs For Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, And 2026 And Authorizing The City Manager, Ronald Strand, To Sign The Cooperative Agreement **Charlon**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitor Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Megan McKenzie (staff)

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

Location: California Welcome Center

➤ **Report from 8/23/23**

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 8/24/23 - Canceled**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from 9/4/23**

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: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

➤ **Report from 9/5/23**

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 9/7/23**

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

➤ **Next meeting 9/12/23**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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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 August 16, 2023

PRESENTED BY: Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Draft Minutes of the City Council / Successor Redevelopment Agency / Housing Authority / Financing Authority Regular Meeting Dated August 16, 2023

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve minutes

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon

Action Date: Sept. 6, 2023

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

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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 Ridgcrest City Successor Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority. Meetings are recorded solely for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

ROLL CALL – 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz (WebEx); City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlon; Captain Dampier; PW Director/Deputy City Manager Reed; Parks & Rec Director Wegener; Finance Director Cheri Freese

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion To Approve - **Rajaratnam – Hayman 5 Ayes***

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.

REGULAR SESSION

PRESENTATION

Measure V Annual Report

Measure V Committee Members

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Unknown Speaker; T. Wiknich

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

Bruen – youth child between K-18 local troop & pack holding scout-a-rama at DEF this Saturday

Rajaratnam – requested staff members to look at dilapidated houses around town and take potential action

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgcrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated August 2, 2023 **Charlon**
2. Approve Of Staff’s Use Of Placer.ai Analytical Software To Assist In Economic Development Activities To Improve The Quality Of Life Within The Ridgcrest Community **Strand**
3. Request for Sponsorship of the Petroglyph Rock Art Festival Nov. 4-5, 2023 **Charlon**

4. Proposed Approval Of Increased Appropriations To The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget For The Design, Bid And Construction Services For The New Sgt. Pinney Memorial Pool Aquatic Complex **Strand**

Item(s) pulled – 2 (Gorman)

City Clerk Charlon to change 8/2/23 minutes to reflect Hayman came in at 5:08 not 6:08
*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar items 1 (as amended), 3, & 4 - **Hayman - Blades: 5 Ayes***

Item 2 – Gorman pulled for public opportunity to speak and wants to wait till last to speak.
Public comment – M. Sinnott; J. Ward; unknown speaker; K. Russell; S. Rajatora; T. Wiknich; L. Lewis; J. Martin; C. Holloway; Unknown speaker; April

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar item 2 - **Blades - Rajaratnam: 3 Ayes; 2 Nays (Hayman, Gorman)***

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SUBJECT: Announcing Proclamations Prepared For The Month Of September And Scheduled Date Of Presentations

PRESENTED BY: Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

The Ridgecrest City Council receives requests for presentation of ceremonial proclamations for various events and observations. Proclamations below have been prepared and will be presented on the date and time shown.

Cerro Coso Community College 50th Anniversary

Proclamation will be presented on September 7, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve and file

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Action as requested

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon

Action Date: Sept. 6, 2023

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A Proclamation of The City of Ridgecrest, California

HONORING CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, higher education is a core foundation of a thriving community, supporting growth, progress, and opportunity for all; and,

WHEREAS, Cerro Coso Community College has served our community for five decades, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to enriching the lives of individuals from all walks of life through exceptional academic programs and dedicated faculty and staff; and,

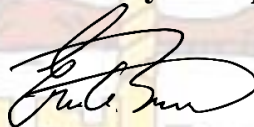
WHEREAS, Cerro Coso Community College has been instrumental in empowering students of all backgrounds to achieve their dreams and aspirations, contributing to a skilled workforce, and fostering lifelong learners within our community; and,

WHEREAS, our college has continuously adapted to the evolving needs of the community, embracing innovations, and embracing emerging technologies to ensure that its students are well-prepared for the challenges of the future; and,

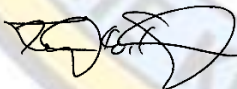
WHEREAS, the success and accomplishments of Cerro Coso Community College would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the communities we serve.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed, the Ridgecrest City Council does hereby proclaim its joining of Cerro Coso Community College's 50th Anniversary Celebration, and invites the entire community of Ridgecrest to join us in marking this momentous milestone.

Proclaimed this 7th Day of September, 2023



Eric A. Bruen
Mayor



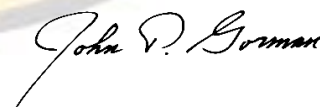
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Vice Mayor



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SUBJECT: A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Cooperate With The County Of Kern, Electing To Participate In The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) And Home Investment Partnership Programs For Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, And 2026 And Authorizing The City Manager, Ronald Strand, To Sign The Cooperative Agreement

PRESENTED BY: Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

SUMMARY:

This is the same CDBG Agreement and Resolution that were forwarded from the County and brought before Council on June 21, 2023. At that time Council approved the item, City Manager signed it and we forwarded it to the County. It was then taken to the Board of Supervisors, who also approved it, and forwarded it on to HUD. HUD reviewed the packet and did not feel that it was complete with all the necessary information. HUD made some modifications and sent it back to the County. The County contacted the City Clerk via phone to explain that they would be sending the revised items back to us for additional approval. For this reason, we are bringing the Agreement and Resolution back for your approval a 2nd time.

At the time of agenda posting the new Agreement and Resolution had not been received from the County. Due to time constraints, the item is placed on the agenda in hopes we will have the documents before the meeting. If not received, we will pull the item on the night of our meeting.

Original Staff report:

Staff is presenting to the City Council the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Kern Planning and Community Development Department, electing to continue participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Programs for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2026.

The Cooperation Agreement and Resolution are required as part of the Urban County Qualifications. The Cooperation Agreement along with a Resolution must be filed with the County prior to July 3, 2023 to meet these critical deadlines for this essential funding. A copy of the time line for the qualification process along with the Cooperation Agreement and Resolution are attached for your consideration.

CDBG funding is directly related in assisting and undertaking, essential community projects for renewal to provide assistance in our low to moderate income housing areas within the community.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Cooperate With The County Of Kern, Electing To Participate In The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) And Home Investment Partnership Programs For Fiscal Years 2024-2026 And Authorizing The City Manager, Ronald Strand, To Sign The Cooperative Agreement

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:

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