

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

**Closed Session – 4:00 p.m.
Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL – 4:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney K. Lemieux; City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlon; Captain Dampier; Finance Director Freese; PW Director Reed; P & R Director Wegener

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve Agenda as presented- 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 Vice Mayor Rajaratnam seconded the motion. Ayes, Noes, Absents, Abstentions follow.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)

Name of Case: Finley v. City of Ridgecrest et al. - Case No. BCV-22-100048

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)

Name of Case: Holland v. City of Ridgecrest et al. - Case No. 1:22-CV-01578-JLT-CDB

Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation (§ 54956.9(d)(4)) - two cases

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Bassey case, council voted to reject claim

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation Of A Key to the City

Ridgecrest Police Dept.

Fred & Janell Etoch / Evan Etoch Memorial Foundation

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 December 21, 2022 **Charlon**

3. Authorization For The City Manager, Ron Strand, To Sign The Notice Of Completion For The Floor Replacement At The Kerr McGee Community Center Banquet Hall, For The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion And For City Staff To Release Retention In The Amount Of

\$5,069.40 To The Contractor, Bentley Mills, Within Thirty (30) Days After Recordation Of The Notice Of Completion **Wegener**

4. Approve A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council Scheduling The Date Of The Annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing And Authorizing The City Clerk To Advertise The Hearing **Smith**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented - **Blades - Hayman 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion Regarding Needed Appointments To Council Committees, Boards, And Commissions **Charlon**
Appointments confirmed, some still needed. Will be brought back to the February 1 meeting for further appointments. Public Comment – M. Neel
6. Proposed Measure P 10 Year Projection **C. Freese**
Public Comment – M. Neel
7. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Appropriate A Portion Of The American Rescue Plan Act Funds To Replace And Modernize The City Of Ridgecrest Server And Desktop Infrastructure **M. Freese**
Public Comment – None
• **Hayman - Rajaratnam 5 Ayes** as amended with 2022 year correction in Reso
8. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Purchase And Sale Agreement With Race Communications DBA, 1521 Ridgecrest, LLC, For 1521 N. China Lake Blvd. Identified As APN 419-073-16 **Strand Spurlock**
Public Comment – None
• **Blades - Gorman 5 Ayes**
9. A Resolution To Amend A Professional Services Agreement With Quad Knopf Inc. (QK) In The Amount Of \$14,700.00 For The City-Wide Street Crack fill Project To Include Additional Professional Engineering Design Services **Reed**
Public Comment – None
• **Rajaratnam - Hayman 5 Ayes**
10. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Appropriate An Additional Portion Of The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds For Addition Design Services For The Leroy Jackson Park Bathroom **Reed**
Public Comment – M. Neel
• **Blades - Rajaratnam 5 Ayes**
11. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**
Public Comment – M. Neel

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 1/11/23** – discussed project updates/new businesses, Economic Outlook Conference Feb 23rd, downtown Balsam event in February

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 1/10/23** – discussed Measure P revenues, budget updates

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 12/22/23 – Canceled**
- Next meeting 01/26/23

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

- **Report from 01/05/23 - Canceled**

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Skip Gorman
Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- **Report from 01/03/23 - Canceled**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 p.m.