



CITY OF RIDGECREST

100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

City Org. Committee- **FINAL MINUTES**

February 3, 2022 • 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. • Council Chambers

Committee Members

Eric Bruen, Mayor | Peggy Breeden, Council Member | Vanessa Hayman, Planning Commissioner | Bill Farris Jr., Planning Commissioner

Call to order – 5:38 p.m.

Roll call –

Absent: V. Hayman

Approval of agenda – all in favor

Approval of minutes – all in favor

- Draft minutes from Regular Meeting on 1-6-2022

Public comment of items not on the agenda – no comment

- Opened 5:39 p.m. Closed 5:40 p.m.

New business -

- Fire Protection Services Contract

Staff Report [Strand]:

Current contract in effect until June 30, 2022

Updated Fire Service Agreement will use new cost allocation methodology to account for the structural deficit of Kern County's Fire Fund due to reduction in oil revenue & increased personnel costs

\$1.2M increase in cost for fire protection services, phased in over six (6) years

Proposed agreement allows for the City to request a decrease in fire services [2 stations → 1 station] = delay in response times

Without additional locally controlled funding, reductions in critical services [police, fire, roads] will have to be considered

Contract approved by Council 2/2/22, sent over to County for approval

County will be present @ 3/2/22 Council meeting for contract review due to technical issues

Committee Comments:

Bruen/Breeden: importance of reviewing fire contract due to technical issues @ 2/2/22 Council mtg.

Bruen: Tik-Tok video re: fire contract filmed for distribution

Strand: City staff will work on developing outreach flyer re: fire contract

Bruen: City newsletter [RidgeReport] to be mailed out 2/9/22

Old business -

- WM Franchise Agreement Negotiations
Staff Report [Strand/McKenzie]:
LEA Collection Frequency Proposal – Review w/ Hf&H to resubmit for approval
Language flexible if collection frequency needs to be modified
Confirm WM Cost Breakdown Analysis w/ HF&H consultants

Committee Comments:

Bruen: review discussions @ City Council 2/2/22 mtg.
Strand: City staff in coordination w/ Kern Public Works Dept. re: LEA Collection Frequency proposal; no expected impacts to facilities
Breedon: no new waste will be generated; new collection/sorting requirements for existing waste streams
Strand: admin. fee to cover additional code enforcement officer to assist w/ monitoring compliance
Breedon/Bruen: discussion of existing programs in other jurisdictions/countries
Strand: importance of extending the life of the landfill

- S.B. 1383 – Education & Outreach
Staff Report [Strand/McKenzie]
Local Assistance Grant Program: Projected Funding of \$39,832 for City of Ridgecrest
Application submitted 1/20/2022; Resolution to City Council for approval 2/2/2022
Budgeted entire amount for marketing/promotion/outreach related to community education to include design, production, & distribution of outreach materials.
Social Media Campaign(s)
Trash Talk Tuesday – transition to local focus rather than general info
Zencity – Outrage Mitigation Strategy development
Website Updates
Develop local FAQs for SB 1383 requirements

Committee Comments:

Bruen: good suggestions @ City Council 2/2/22 [magnets, compostable bags, mailers, etc.]
Bruen: proactive strategy vs. reactive strategy
McKenzie: Outrage Mitigation Strategy in development [DAD → DAVE model]
Breedon: outreach to SSUSD re: education/outreach efforts
Bruen: challenges w/ implementation due to delays in SSUSD system; outreach to private schools [St. Ann's, Immanuel, etc.] i.e. create videos to incentive SSUSD to get involved

Future agenda items -

- WM Franchise Agreement
- S.B. 1383 Update
- KCFD Fire Contract
- Land Swap Annexation [~May 2022]

Announcements – none

Adjournment – 6:25 p.m.

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