

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

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

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

**ROLL CALL – 5:30 p.m.**

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

Absent: Mayor Eric A. Bruen

Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz (via WebEx); City Clerk Charlon; Chief McLaughlin; PW Director Reed; P & R Director Wegener

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda - **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 Council Member 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

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00**

**ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – No reportable action**

**PRESENTATION**

1. Reserve Police Officer Rodney Robbs Retirement – 21 years

**McLaughlin**

2. Aviation Ordnance Proclamation

**Council**

**PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Public Comment Speakers M. Sinnott; M. Neel

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated February 15, 2023

**Charlon**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar - **Blades - Hayman 4 Ayes; 1 Absent***

## DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

4. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Appropriate A Portion Of The American Rescue Plan Act Funds To Add Shade Structures Over The Spectator Seating At The Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex Baseball And Football Field *Wegener*  
Staff report reviewed correction to resolution's 6<sup>th</sup> 'Whereas'  
Motion To Approve As Amended - **Blades - Hayman 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**
  
5. Proposed Approval Of Additional American Rescue Plan Act Funds For A Construction Contingency Not To Exceed \$5,000 For The Replacement Of The Park Roofs Located At The Leroy Jackson Sports Complex And Upjohn Park *Wegener*  
Staff report reviewed  
Motion To Approve - **Blades - Gorman 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitor Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Megan McKenzie (staff)

Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month at 9:00 a.m.

Location: California Welcome Center

➤ **Report from 02/22/23**

### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from 2/23/23**

### City Organization and Services Committee ('City Org')

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Skip Gorman

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Next meeting 03/02/23**

### Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Skip Gorman

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

➤ **Next meeting 03/07/23**

### Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Next meeting 03/08/23**

Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Next meeting 03/14/23**

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT – 6:49 p.m.**