

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz; City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlon; Captain Tucker; PW Director Reed; P & R Director Wegener; Finance Director Freese

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended to add need arose item 7.5 per the Attorney's request - Rajaratnam - Blades 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

1. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week - RPD Dispatchers – Samantha Aston, Amber Peterson, Diane Pudgorski, Joshua Rutherford, & Keslie Stivers **Council**
2. Police Life Saving Award **Capt. Tucker**

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - T. Wiknich, M. Sinnott

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

Bruen - Community Cleanup April 15th

- Gave a Tribute to PACT Volunteer Francis Simpson who passed recently
- Star Follies April 28/29, 2023
- May 4 leading Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Gorman – April is Autism Awareness Month – VX9 sponsoring a fundraiser April 15th to raise funds

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated March 15, 2023 **Charlon**
4. Authorization For The City Manager, Ron Strand, To Sign The Notice Of Completion For The Replacement Of The Roofs On The Concession/Restroom Building Located At Leroy Jackson Sports Complex And The Replacement Of The Gazebo And Bathroom Building Roofs Located At Upjohn Park And For The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion And For City Staff To Release Retention In The Amount Of Three Thousand Two Hundred And Two Dollars (\$3,202.00) To The Contractor, AV Roofing Within Thirty (30) Days After Recordation Of The Notice Of Completion **Wegener**

5. Proposed Approval Of Increased Appropriations To The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget For Building Professional Services **Reed**
6. Resolution Authorizing Submission Of The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Transportation Development Act Article 4 Claim To The Kern Council Of Governments **Freese**
7. A Declaration Of Equipment And Vehicles As Surplus According To The FY22 Adopted Budget Purchasing Policy And Resolution 22-41 **Reed**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar **Rajaratnam - Blades 5 Ayes***

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- 7.5 New National Opioids Settlements: Teva Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, And Walmart And Status Update Regarding Previous Opioid Distributor And Jansen Settlement Agreements **Attorney**

Attorney reviewed staff report

*Motion To Approve **Blades - Rajaratnam 5 Ayes***

8. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Appropriate A Portion Of The American Rescue Plan Act Funds To Add A Bathroom/Concession Building At The Leroy Jackson Sports Complex Softball Fields **Wegener**

Director Wegener reviewed staff report

*Motion To Approve **Hayman - Blades 5 Ayes***

9. A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California Adopting The 2023 Sewer System Management Plan Update; The Fats, Oils & Grease Best Management Practices Manual; & The Overflow Emergency Response Plan **Reed**

Director Reed reviewed staff report

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

ORDINANCE

10. Introduction And First Reading Of An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Concerning An Extension Of Tentative Parcel Maps & Tentative Tract Maps **Spurlock**

Planner Spurlock reviewed staff report

Rajaratnam requested the following addition: (e)The approval or conditional approval of a tentative parcel map shall be for 24 months. *Upon written application, a time extension not exceeding 24 months may be granted by the planning commission.*

*Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, with additional wording above **Gorman - Blades 5 Ayes***

*Motion To Waive Reading In Full with additional wording above **Blades - Rajaratnam 5 Ayes***

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 3/23/23 – Handicap ramps, complaints about Race, Franklin curb & gutter 85%, status updates on projects**

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 04/03/23 – ED map on website is updated, ICSC travel, Donations for summer reading challenge being taken by Kern County Library, Role of City in assisting businesses**

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 04/04/23 – discussions regarding timelines on current projects**

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 04/06/23**

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 04/11/23**

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 3/22/23 – Night on Balsam analytics shared, increase of billboard rentals, logo designs for billboards, film website recently updated**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ACA1- 2024 ballot measure – California 2/3 vote for new/increased tax initiative from Howard Jarvis – oppose? Or how do we walk the line?

Possibility of City letter re: highway 395 dangers

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gorman – Highway 395 dangers

Bruen – Base traffic issues, Kern County flyer re: land fill annual cost increase

ADJOURNMENT