

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

Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER - 6:01 PM

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Member Peggy Breeden; Council Member Kyle Blades
Staff Present: City Attorney Lemieux; City Manager Strand; Chief McLaughlin; PW Director Reed; Parks & Rec Director Wegener; Analyst II Spurlock

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Blades: Rajaratnam - 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.

REGULAR SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

1. Key To The City In Honor And Memorial Of Jason Patin **STRAND**
2. Proclamation – Dispatcher Week **COUNCIL**
3. Wastewater Update – MKN Consultants **STRAND**

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - No public comment

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rajaratnam- Rotary Scholarship Auction Dinner raised \$80K for scholarship
Bruen- Respect for Law Dinner

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated March 16, 2022 **CHARLON**
5. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing: An Application For Federal Transit Funding For Fiscal Year 2022 And Fiscal Year 2023 In The Total Amount Of Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred And Seventy Two Dollars (\$267,372); The City Manager To Sign And File The Application; And Execute And File All Certification Of

Assurances, Contracts Or Agreements; And Designate The Transit Services Coordinator To Both Provide Additional Information In Connection With The Application For The Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Project(s) And To Submit And Approve Requests For Reimbursement Of Funds From The Department For The Section 5311 Project(s) **SMITH**

6. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Levy And Collect Sewer Fees On The General Tax Rolls For Fiscal Year 2022-2023 **REED**
7. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Updating And Approving The Police Officer Trainee And Information Systems Specialists Job Descriptions For Inclusion In The Personnel Classification Plan **MCLAUGHLIN**

Items 6 & 7 pulled by Rajaratnam
Approval of items 4 & 5

- **Blades: Hayman - 5 Ayes**

Item 6 - Public Comment Heard by: M. Neel; S. Gorman

- **Hayman: Breeden - 5 Ayes**

Item 7

- **Rajaratnam: Breeden - 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

8. Committee Appointments – Planning Commission and Personnel Board **STRAND**
Planning Commission: Megan Richter appointed by Breeden
Personnel Commission: Bill Farris Jr. appointed by Blades
Reginald Johnson appointed by Hayman
All in Favor of each appointment
9. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Submittal Of A Sub-application For California Office Of Emergency Services (CalOES) Hazard Mitigation Assistance And Commitment To Meet The Non-Federal Share (Match) Funding Requirement **SPURLOCK**
- Public Comment made by M. Neel
Resolution correction: total cost \$530,880; grant funding \$398,160; commitment \$132,720.
• **Breeden: Hayman - 5 Ayes**
10. Update On American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects **WEGENER**
- Public Comment made by M. Neel
11. A Resolution To Approve The Expenditure Of Park Impact Fees To Be Used With The Per Capita Grant For Capital Improvements To The Leroy Jackson Sports Complex In The Amount Of \$47,096.08 **WEGENER**

- **Blades: Rajaratnam - 5 Ayes**

12. A Resolution To Amend A Professional Services Agreement With Willdan Engineering Inc. In The Amount Of \$24,473.00 To Provide Additional Assistance With The Application For A FEMA HMGP Grant, And 100% Design Plans For The Bowman Channel Between S. Norma St. And S. China Lake Blvd. Said Plans, Specifications And Reports Will Be Included As Part Of The Bowman Channel Arch Culvert Under S. Norma Street And Check Dam Structures Flood Control Project **REED**

Public Comment made by: M. Neel
Blades: Rajaratnam - 5 Ayes

13. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **HAYMAN**

IWVGA has not met.
Public Comment was heard from: M. Sinnott

COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website*

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- **Report from SPECIAL meeting 3/23/22-** Discussed project updates & sports leagues; Movie Night April 15th Sponsored By AltaOne includes an Easter Egg Hunt at 6 PM; looking for sponsors May 6th movie night which is in conjunction with Police Department Open House from 6-8 PM

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **3/24/22 Meeting Canceled**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Bruen attended Public Lands Roundtable Meeting – discussed OHV

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Blades- June 6-9 Naval Innovation Science Exchange (NISE) coming to town

Bruen- Visited Sacramento and gifted Assemblyman Fong a wooden Ridgecrest City Seal

ADJOURNMENT - 8:29 PM