

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

**Minutes**

**April 7, 2021**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Members Kyle Blades and Peggy Breeden  
Council Absent: None  
Staff Present: City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlon; Chief McLaughlin; PW Director Reed; P & R Interim Director Wegener; Finance Director Freese  
Via Phone: City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen (via phone)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Made By Blades, Seconded By Hayman  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None**

**CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 Subparts (a), (d)(2) and (e)(3) - One case

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTORNEY REPORT – No reportable action**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Life Saving and Merit Awards - Sergeant Clinton, Officer Plunkett, Officer Pietrangelo
2. 2020 Police Staff of the Year

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

Via phone: R. Wagner In Chambers: D. Matthews

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rajaratnam – Ridgecrest Cinemas opening tomorrow  
Bruen – Commented on tourism for SNORE last weekend, Reminder of *Run with the Burros* this weekend in Inyokern, Thanked Women’s Center High Desert brought vaccine clinic to Ridgecrest – will be every Tuesday

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Dated March 17, 2021 **Charlon**
4. A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Transportation Development Act Article 4 Claim To The Kern Council Of Governments **Smith**

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of The Certifications And Assurances And Authorized Agent Forms For The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) For The Following Project(s): Battery Electric Van Replacement Purchase, \$31,375 **Smith**
6. Authorization For The Execution Of The Certifications And Assurances For The Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, And Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Program For The Following Project(s): Battery Electric Van Replacement Purchase, \$126,274 **Smith**
7. A Resolution To Approve An Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And Regional Government Services (RGS) For RGS To Lease Approximately 210 Square Feet Of Office Space At City Hall - Located At 100 W. California Ave. **Strand**

Items pulled: 4, 5, 6 & 7 pulled by D. Matthews

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item 3 Made By Blades, Seconded By Breeden  
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

- D. Matthews asked why these items are on Consent.
- Strand explained they are routine and non-controversial items which are allowed on consent.

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item 4, 5, 6 & 7 Made By Breeden, Seconded By Hayman  
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

#### **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

8. Discussion And Provide Guidance To The City's Representative On The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**
9. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing A One-Time Essential Employee Hazard Pay To Be Paid To All City Employees **Freese**
  - Finance Director Freese explained staff report.
  - Mayor and Hayman explained Finance Committee recommendation
  - Public comments - None

*Motion To Approve Item 9 Made By Blades, Seconded By Rajaratnam  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

#### **ORDINANCES**

10. Second Reading And Adoption, An Ordinance Restating And Renumbering Portions Of Chapter 106 (Zoning) Of The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units And Temporary Employee Housing **Spurlock**

Public comment - None

***Motion To Waive Reading In Full, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California, Restating and Renumbering Portions of Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Temporary Employee Housing Made By Breeden, Seconded By Hayman**  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

***Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California, Restating and Renumbering Portions of Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Temporary Employee Housing Made By Breeden, Seconded By Hayman**  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

11. Second Reading And Adoption, An Ordinance Amending Portions Of The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Subdivision Design Requirements **Spurlock**

Public comment - None

***Motion To Waive Reading In Full, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California Amending Portions To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Subdivision Maintenance Districts Made By Breedon, Seconded By Rajaratnam. Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.***

***Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California Amending Portions To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Subdivision Maintenance Districts Made By Breedon, Seconded By Rajaratnam. Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.***

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

- Discussed retail tax numbers, strong TOT uptick

### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Peggy Breedon and Kyle Blades

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

Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

- Discussed ADA plan, Route 178 improvement needs, Downs lighting

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

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

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

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

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- Discussed Helmer's Park improvement ideas, Skate Park Ordinance update, SPP Pool Grant update, LED lighting upgrades in parking lots at KMCC and City Hall, Zumba classes starting up, Splash Pad open for season, New carpet in KMCC being installed and staff painted meeting rooms

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

Members: Meliza Ancheta

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

## **OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

Blades - BLM roundtable – held at Pinnacles 27<sup>th</sup> March – discussed with BLM an OHV plan

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Council/Staff Workshop April 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm; RACE Communications fiber optic plan for City

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- RACVB committee appointment
- Resolution/discussions re: historic downtown district designation to include USO area
- Potentially holding a Town hall in May

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Hayman – Groundbreaking ceremonies aboard the base

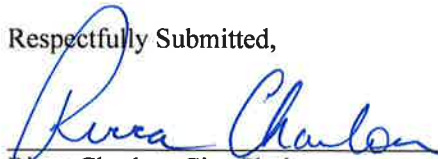
Bruen – Meeting with Representatives continually on behalf of Ridgecrest, Tuesday at the Chamber Luncheon we will be hearing from a Commissioner of the Redistricting Commission

Rajaratnam – Schools back in season

Blades – Community Cleanup April 24<sup>th</sup> on Bowman/Lumill @ 9am, discussed email from a younger citizen and encouraged for this engagement with the Council

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricca Charlon, City Clerk