



CITY OF RIDGECREST

100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

City Org. Committee -MINUTES

April 7, 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 - 5:32pm

Roll call - all present

Approval of agenda - all in favor

Approval of minutes - all in favor

- Draft minutes from Regular Meeting on 2-3-2022

Public comment of items not on the agenda - none

New business -

- SB 1383 Procurement Policy

Staff Report & Committee Comments:

-Pending discussion w/ Hf&H consultants re: necessity of separate Procurement Policy for organic material procurement requirements; sent version #3 to HfH for review/feedback → Dept Heads → Legal → Finance Committee → City Org → Council Budget Meeting ~June '22

-Purchasing Policy - Recycled Paper Procurement requirements; City Department OM requirements
-compost, mulch

(Parks & Rec, PW)

-Franchise Agreement - Section 2.3: Materials Marketing; Section 4.4 Other Services (T): Procurement of Recovered

Organic Waste Products: 1. RNG Vehicles 2. Compost Give Away Events;

-Outstanding Requirements (?) -purpose/definitions/record-keeping; electricity procured from biomass (POTW/WWTF); direct service providers (landscaping, construction)

-CalRecycle webinar - SB 1383 Jurisdiction Procurement Requirements (5/3/22): The webinar will highlight approaches jurisdictions are taking to coordinate their procurement efforts, offer different ways to utilize procured

compost and mulch, and information on setting up agreements with direct service providers. There will also be a

portion of the webinar dedicated to jurisdictions discussing procurement achievements in a "peer share" format to

spark new ideas.

-Strand/Bruen - clarification re: purchasing policy update w/ budget process

-Breeden -significant impacts expected thru policy? Strand- no; POs will stay @ \$1k for checks/balances in budget

Old business -

- WM Franchise Agreement Negotiations

Staff Report & Committee Comments:

-LEA approved proposal for bi-weekly collection of solid waste/recycling with new weekly organics collection

-NOIC approved by CalRecycle; grant timeline TBD (~July '22 for education/outreach)

- Meeting w/ WM on March 29th - review language for bi-weekly collection; discuss outstanding items
- Next meeting tentatively scheduled April 18, 2022 - review cost forms, insurance/liability policies, reporting requirements
- Projected to go to Council for approval in May '22
- Bruen: fanfare re: leadership in bi-weekly collection approval, promote/celebrate City's leadership
- Breedon: workshop held prior to Council approval?
 - o Strand: Only new items =costs & collection schedule - option to revert if necessary, difficult to do in reverse
 - o after costs for equipment etc. are already spent
- Bruen: outreach/education strategy will be biggest part of compliance/implementation; crowd-based events = good
- opportunity for direct outreach
 - o Strand: Highlight benefits/services provided thru WM contract (i.e. bulky items, hazardous waste, etc.)
- Bruen: following negotiations - @ fall events comprehensive impression of City to include all important topics (FAQs, think about interaction w/ residents - develop captive audience appeal)

- **S.B. 1383 - Education & Outreach**

Staff Report & Committee Comments:

- Spoke with CalRecycle rep (Jeffory McDaniels) on Tues. 4/5/22 re: status of: NOIC, Local Assistance Grant, & Initial

Jurisdiction Compliance Report - confirmation of receipt, currently in review, follow-up expected in next month

- o Emailed Local Assistance Grant for status report, timeline, next steps

-Ongoing outreach:

- o WM Newsletters
- o Community Cleanup Events; Earth Day (4/22);
 - o Bruen: Juneteenth (6/19) - outreach to local businesses
- o "Trash Talk Tuesday" & other social media outreach (videos, DV Live Interviews, etc.)
- o Website Update(s): <https://www.ridgecrest-ca.gov/244/Recycling-Diversion>

-Pending approval of franchise agreement to kick-off detailed education/outreach re: implementation

- o Developing FAQs to post to City website; bring to City Org for review (?)
 - o Additional info/resources
- o Compostable bag giveaways
- o Magnets/Flyers re: sorting requirements
 - o Collab with local businesses for advertising/sponsorship costs
 - o Design will impact costs
- o Compost giveaway events
- o Collaboration w/ SSUSD re: education opportunities, workshops, etc.
- o Community Presentations

- **Fire Protection Services Contract**

Staff Report & Committee Comments:

-Report from Ron Strand: n/a, no new updates to report; continuing education/outreach

-Bruen: thank you to Ron & Fire Chief re: DV Live Interview

- **Street Name Change Update - E. Las Flores to Civic Drive**

Staff Report & Committee Comments:

- Meeting w/ China Lake Museum Foundation April 19/20 to discuss proposed street name change
- Discussion w/ Maturango Museum- no initial concerns noted, will discuss @ upcoming board mtg.
- Projected to go to Planning Commission in May '22 for discussion; to Council in June/July '22
- Public Works reached out to CalTrans - will require Encroachment Permit to place sign on Las

Flores/China Lake;

-Budget \$5k to subsidize costs of address change (signage, marketing materials, etc.)

Future agenda items -

- Land Swap Annexation [~May 2022]

Announcements - compliment staff re: WWTF process; Travis passed engineer exam, fully licensed

Adjournment - 6:15pm

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