

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

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday April 20, 2022**

**Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk for a certain period of time from date of approval by the Ridgecrest City Successor Agency/Financing Authority/Housing Authority. Meetings are recorded solely for the purpose of preparation of minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**

**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 Koczanowicz; City Clerk Charlton; City Manager Strand; PW Director Reed; Acting Chief Dampier

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Rajaratnam - Breeden: 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. Donate Life Proclamation **COUNCIL**
2. Sexual Assault Awareness Month **COUNCIL**

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

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bruen – PD Open House and Movie in the Park May 6<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Toyota of RC; shout out to AltaOne for sponsoring Movie in the Park for Easter; invited teens to Desert Empire Fairgrounds for Bite of Reality Series Saturday 4/23

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated April 6, 2022 **CHARLON**
  - **Blades - Breeden: 5 Ayes**

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

4. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Appropriate A Portion Of The American Rescue Plan Act Funds **FREESE**

Public comment heard from R. Porter

  - **Hayman - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
5. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **HAYMAN**

## ORDINANCE

6. Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Zoning Clearance Step To The Approval Process For Land Use Entitlements **SPURLOCK**

Motion To Waive Reading In Full, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California, An Ordinance Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Zoning Clearance Step To The Approval Process For Land Use Entitlements

Public comment heard from R. Porter

- **Breeden - Blades - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

Motion To Introduce, By Title Only, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California, An Ordinance Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Zoning Clearance Step To The Approval Process For Land Use Entitlements

- **Blades - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Peggy Breeden

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 4/7/22 – discussed SB1383 outreach, WM Franchise agreement negotiations, Fire Contract**

### 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

- **Report from 4/12/22 – encouraged public and staff to attend, tax base shift recently – is it sustainable, staff salaries, discussed sales tax update, FY23 budget discussions, May 25<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop**

### 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

- **Report from 4/13/22 – discussed ICSC, franchise public outreach**

## OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rajaratnam – Mayor's Prayer Breakfast May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 am

Bruen – Budget workshop May 25<sup>th</sup>; May 4 - next council meeting - *May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you*; kudos to economic growth in Ridgecrest and on the base.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:45 p.m.

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