

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

**Minutes**

**April 21, 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 Breedon  
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

**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

PERSONNEL MATTERS - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6  
Police Employee Association of Ridgecrest (PEAR)  
Agency Negotiator: Ron Strand, City Manager

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTORNEY REPORT** – Closed session continued to after meeting, no report at this time.

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

Chambers: D. Matthews, T. Wiknich

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Blades – Community Clean up – Sat. 4/24 @ 9am along Bowman Rd.  
Bruen – Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast – May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:10am

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Regular Meeting Dated April 7, 2021

**Charlon**

2. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Authorizing An Application For Federal Funding For Fiscal Year 2021 In The Amount Of Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred And Ninety Five Dollars (\$370,995); 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 Section 5311 Project(s) And To Submit And Approve Requests For Reimbursement Of Funds From The Department For The Section 5311 Project(s) **Smith**
3. Proposed Approval Of Increased Appropriations To The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget For Building Professional Services **Spurlock**
4. Grant Acceptance For A Grant Awarded From The State Of California Office Of Traffic Safety (OTS) **Tucker**
5. Announcing Proclamations Prepared For The Month Of April And Scheduled Date Of Presentations **Charlon**

Items pulled: Blades – 3 & 4

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2 & 5 Made By Blades, Seconded By Rajaratnam  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

Item 3 – Spurlock explained appropriations/services/revenue/expenses  
*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item 3 Made By Blades, Seconded By Hayman  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

Item 4 – Capt. Tucker explained the amount and use of the grant  
*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Item 4 Made By Breedon, Seconded By Blades  
Motion Carried By Tabulation Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

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

6. Discussion And Provide Guidance To The City's Representative On The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**

Public Comment in chambers: T. Wiknich

7. Proposal To Approve A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Proclaiming A Ridgecrest Historic District **Bruen**

- Report reviewed by Mayor

Public Comment in chambers: T. Hoppus, D. Matthews

- Rajaratnam suggested change 'establish' to 'proclaim' in last paragraph of Resolution
- Council wants VFW Ship to the resolution

*Motion To Approve Item 7 as amended 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 Sales Tax, TOT, Revenues, America's Relief Plan (ARP), city vehicle purchases

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Peggy Breeden 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

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

- Discussed RACE Communications

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

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- Discussed CA Welcome Center in Ridgecrest, Filming update

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

BLM Roundtable – Blades

- Burro round up, NEPA change and guidance coming soon, OHV guidance into proper areas

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

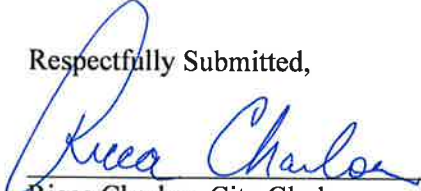
**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:30 p.m. into closed session

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** – Report received, no final action taken. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Ricca Charlon, City Clerk