

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

**Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL – 5:30 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro-Tem Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Vice Mayor Kyle Blades; Council Member Skip Gorman; Council Member L. Scott Hayman

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz; City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlon; Captain Tucker; PW Director Reed; Parks & Rec Director Wegener

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion To Approve - **Blades - Hayman 5 Ayes***

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, **Blades-Rajaratnam** denotes Council Member Blades made the motion and Council Member Rajaratnam seconded the motion. Ayes, Noes, Absents, Abstentions follow.

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 OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – No reportable action taken by City Council

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation Of Proclamations

Council

- *Community Action Partnership of Kern County (CAPK)*
- *Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week*
- *Public Works Week*

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- L. Corlett, S. Merk, M. Sinnott, T. Wiknich

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

- Night on Balsam Friday May 19th @ 6pm
- Safe Grad Night for High School Seniors at Cerro Coso
- Fireworks coming up on July 4th at Desert Empire Fair
- Thanked community for generosity in helping at fundraising events
- Movie night Saturday May 18th @ Freedom Park @ sundown

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Initializing Staff To Prepare An Engineers Report For The Intent To Levy And Collection Of Assessments For Consolidated Landscape And Lighting District 2012-1 For Fiscal Year 2023/2024, Pursuant To The Provisions Of Part 2 Of Division 15 Of The California Streets And Highways Code; And The Announcement Of A Public Hearing On June 7, 2023 For The Proposed Assessment **Reed**

3. Initializing Staff To Prepare An Engineers Report For The Intent To Levy And Collection Of Assessments For Drainage Benefit Assessment District 2016-1 (The "District") For Fiscal Year 2023/2024, Pursuant To The Provisions Of The Benefit Assessment Act Of 1982, Being Chapter 6.4 Of The California Government Code; And The Announcement Of A Public Hearing On June 7, 2023 For The Proposed Assessment **Reed**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar - **Blades - Hayman 5 Ayes***

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) **Hayman**

ORDINANCE

5. Introduction And First Reading Of An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Zoning Map (Zone Change (ZC) 22-01) Of The City Of Ridgecrest And Approving Corresponding Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-01 And Consider Approval Of A Mitigated Negative Declaration In Connection With The Proposed Amendments **Spurlock**

- Public comment – J. VanGuilder, M. Freese, Unknown speaker

*Motion To Introduce, By Title Only - With Amendments To Correct The Municipal Codes Sections Sited **Hayman - Rajaratnam - 5 Ayes***

*Motion To Waive Reading In Full - With Amendments To Correct The Municipal Codes Sections Sited **Hayman- Blades 5 Ayes***

*Motion To Approve Corresponding Resolution With Amendments To Correct The Municipal Codes Sections Sited Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-01 And Approval Of A Mitigated Negative Declaration In Connection With The Proposed Amendments. **Blades - Hayman 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 Skip Gorman

Meeting: 1st Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 5/04/23**

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitor Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Megan McKenzie (staff)

Meeting: 4th Wednesday each month at 9:00 a.m.

Location: California Welcome Center

➤ **Next meeting 5/24/23**

Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from 5/09/23**

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

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

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Next meeting 5/25/23**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 1st Monday of the month @ 5:15 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Next meeting 6/5/23**

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Skip Gorman

Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

➤ **Next meeting 6/6/23**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 p.m.