



CITY OF RIDGECREST

100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

City Org. Committee –MINUTES

June 2, 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 – 5:44 pm

Roll call – Absent: Bill Farris Jr.

Approval of agenda – All in favor

Approval of minutes – All in favor

- Draft minutes from Regular Meeting on 5-5-2022

Public comment of items not on the agenda –

- Sophia Merk: recommend City Org to invite social security rep. from Lancaster to R/C to assist residents
 - Breeden/Bruen: respond happy to request services
- Mike Sinot: (1) concern with public policy created by business owners; City should not be run as business for profit but rather for community benefit (2) Economic Development/Annexation = need to understand benefits, costs, etc. (3) Need to know market demographics in considering potential annexation (i.e. traffic counts)
 - Bruen/Strand: clarify Annexation as Future Agenda Item, not for discussion at present
 - Bruen: for profit vs. non-profit corporations;
- Raymond Kelso: interest in comprehensive plan for Land Swap Annexation (Future Item), need for transparency in process
 - Bruen: process began eight years ago; how to draw people from Hwy 395 to generate revenue for City; transition from “Secret City” mentality
 - McKenzie: clarification that Land Swap Annexation item will be removed from agenda until Item is ready to move forward as discussion item to avoid potential confusion

New business -

Old business –

- SB 1383 – Procurement Policy
Staff Report (McKenzie/Strand):
 - To be revisited following approval of Franchise Agreement AmendmentsCommittee Comments:
 - none
- WM Franchise Agreement Negotiations
Staff Report (McKenzie/Strand):
 - Deadline for receiving comments from WM (5/31/22)
 - Review contract amendments & exhibits to compile advanced copy of agenda packet for Council

review, including staff report, resolution, & final amended contract w/ exhibits

- HfH consultant to make presentation to Council re: amendments
- Scheduled to bring agenda item to City Council on June 15th or July 6th

Committee Comments:

- Bruen: confirmed projected timeline of July 6th Council meeting
- Bruen: provided overview of past discussion

- S.B. 1383 – Education & Outreach

Staff Report (McKenzie):

- Pending approval of franchise amendments to roll-out comprehensive education/outreach re: SB1383 (Exhibit C5)
- For example: Sorting requirements, BMPs, new regulations/requirements, community resources & additional info, etc.
- Upcoming community events to host booth/kiosk for outreach: Movie in Park, Fireworks Show, etc.

Committee Comments:

- Bruen: next big events Fireworks, Parade 1000 Flags, Petroglyph Festival, Santa's Art Shop

Public Comment:

- Mike Sinot: Recommend changing date of event of Parade 1000 Flags to Independence Day; inquiry re: funding for future community events
- Strand: Provided example of funding i.e. City owned sound system will be used to support events
- Raymond Kelso: clarification re: July 4th events

- Wayfinding Signage – E. Las Flores

Staff Report (Strand):

- Staff still performing research and will follow up @ next schedule mtg.

Committee Comments:

- none

Future agenda items –

- Land Swap Annexation: remove until ready to move forward as Discussion Item to avoid confusion
- Pet Education/Safety Signage (Breedon)

Announcements –

Adjournment – 6:27 p.m.

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