

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

**Closed Session – End of Meeting
Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL – 6:00 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 Dampier; PW Director Reed; Parks & Rec Director Wegener; Finance Director Freese

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To Approve - Hayman – Blades: 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment – T. Wiknich; M. Sinnott

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

Bruen / Blades – Thanked people who came out and mailed letters re: court issue last week

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meetings Dated May 3, 2023 & May 17, 2023; And Special Budget Workshop Minutes Dated May 31, 2023 **Charlon**
2. Approval Of Additional Park Impact Funds For California Building Code Required Special Inspections, And Construction Contingencies For Unforeseen Changes At The Time Of Bidding For The Leroy Jackson Softball Shade Structure Project **Wegener**
3. Authorization For The City Manager, Ron Strand, To Sign The Notice Of Completion For The Installation Of 4 Dugout Shade Covers And 4 Spectator Seating Shade Covers At The Leroy Jackson Sports Complex Softball Fields; For The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion And For City Staff To Release Retention In The Amount Of Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars And Twenty-Five Cents. (\$5,470.25) To The Contractor, Ortco Inc Within Thirty (30) Days After Recordation Of The Notice Of Completion **Wegener**
4. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Levy And Collect Sewer Fees On The General Tax Rolls For Fiscal Year 2023-2024 **Reed**

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar - Rajaratnam - Hayman 5 Ayes

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5. *A Resolution And Public Hearing Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California Declaring Its Intent To Levy And Collect Assessments Within The Consolidated Landscaping And Lighting District No. 2012-1, Review Of The Preliminary Engineers Report And Authorization To Finalize Said Report For Fiscal Year 2023/2024* **Reed**

- Open Public Hearing 6:24 p.m.
- Hear Staff Report
- Accept Public Comments- no public comment presented
- Close Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.
- Council recommends leaving the assessments presented as is with a letter to each property owner that the plan is to hear the item at the Infrastructure meetings after the first of the year to consider changing the assessment during next year's hearing due to the general fund subsidizing the district.

Motion To Approve - Hayman – Blades: 5 Ayes

6. *A Resolution And Public Hearing Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California Declaring Its Intent To Levy And Collect Assessments Within The City Of Ridgecrest Drainage Benefit Assessment District No. 2016-1, Pursuant To The Provisions Of The Benefit Assessment Act Of 1982; Review Of The Preliminary Engineers Report And Authorization To Finalize Said Report For Fiscal Year 2023/2024* **Reed**

- Open Public Hearing – 7:01 p.m.
- Hear Staff Report
- Accept Public Comments – no public comment presented
- Close Public Hearing – 7:07 p.m.

Motion To Approve - Blades – Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes

7. *Further Budget Discussions, If Needed* **Freese**

Public comment – M. Sinnott, T. Wiknich

ORDINANCE

8. *Second Reading And Adoption, Ordinance 23-02, An Ordinance Of The Ridgecrest City Council Amending The Zoning Map (Zone Change (ZC) 22-01) Of The City Of Ridgecrest And Adopting A Mitigated Negative Declaration* **Spurlock**

Motion To Waive Reading In Full, Ordinance 23-02 - Hayman - Rajaratnam - 5 Ayes

Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, Ordinance 23-02 - Hayman - Blades - 5 Ayes

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

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

➤ **Report from 5/24/23**

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades
Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
➤ **Report from 5/25/23**

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 06/01/23 – Canceled**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam
Meeting: 1st Monday of the month @ 5:15 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
➤ **Report from 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
➤ **Report from 6/6/23**

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
➤ **Next meeting 6/13/23**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Potential Cancellation of July 5th mtg – council agreed meeting will be canceled

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION – 8:06 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 Subparts (a), (d)(2) and (e)(3). One case

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – No Reportable Action Taken

ADJOURNMENT – 8:54 p.m.