



**CITY OF RIDGECREST**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

City Council Chambers  
100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
5:00PM  
REGULAR MEETING

All Committee meetings will be held as virtual meetings until further notice. This means meetings are closed to public attendance and only committee members and essential staff are allowed to be physically present. Public participation is solely via call in. **TO, PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CALL: 1-650-479-3208** Call-in toll number (US/Canada) - Meeting number (access code): 621 925 892

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**CALL TO ORDER – 5:00PM**

**ROLL CALL**

- Committee Members: L. Stephens, K. Blades, B. Farris, S. Rajaratnam
  - ALL Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Motion/Second: Blades/Farris
- All in favor

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- April 8, 2020
  - Motion/Second: Blades/Farris
  - All in favor

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

- None

**DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

1. Buxton Update
  - L. McKay and J. Knutson gave a presentation to the committee about the progress of the Buxton partnership to date.

- S. O'Neil asked the presenters if a specific type of report could be run with the Buxton software.
- L. Stephens inquired about the process of contacting businesses.
- K. Blades inquired about the use of GPS data and what the application of that data is.
- B. Farris commented on the process of Buxton's use of data.

## 2. China Lake Earthquake Recovery Update

- M. Ancheta, S. O'Neil, and D. Janiec updated the committee on the status of the project with regards to timelines.
- D. Matthews commented on the potential man/labor camps.
- B. Farris asked about impact of man/labor camps.
- R. Strand provided context to the potential of man/labor camps in the city.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 5G Technology, Options, Possible Ordinance

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- R. Strand announced updates on the projects of the Holiday Inn Express, Panda Express, Grocery Outlet, Arby's. Townplace Suites, and Red Rock Villas.

### **ADJOURNMENT – 6:17PM**

## City of Ridgecrest Public Meeting Protocol In Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, relating to the convening of public meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, Ridgecrest is continuing to hold City Committee meetings in order to conduct essential business. However, as suggested by the Center for Disease Control, we are temporarily requiring the public to use one of the following alternatives for participating:

- **Call in for public comments / Statements from the Public:**

The public will be allowed to address the Committee during the public comment section of the agenda about subjects within the jurisdiction of the Committee and that do not already appear on the agenda. No action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Questions posed to the Committee may be answered after the meeting or at a future meeting. Dialog or extended discussion between the public and the Committee or staff will be limited in accordance with the Brown Act. The public comment portion of the meeting will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Each person is limited to one comment during public comments. All remarks and questions should be addressed to the Committee as a whole and not to any individual member or staff.

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- **Submit comments in writing**

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