

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

**Minutes**

**June 16, 2021**

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

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Strand; Assistant City Attorney Pilchen (via phone); Recording Secretary Spurlock; PW Director Reed; Finance Director Freese; Chief McLaughlin; Analyst McKenzie

**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 - Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subparts (a), (c) and (d)(1)

Mojave Pistachios LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District

**REGULAR SESSION - 5:48 p.m.**

**ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - Report from Counsel received; No final reportable action**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of Proclamation to Burroughs High School Swim Team **Council**
2. Presentation of Proclamation for D.A.R.T. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Council**
3. California Citizen Redistricting Commission – Jane Andersen via WebEx
4. Measure L & Measure V Annual Report **Committee**

**PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Chambers: M. Neel, Phone: R. Westa-Lusk,**

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated June 2, 2021 and Budget Workshop Dated June 3, 2021. **Charlon**

*Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Made By Blades, Seconded By Breeden*

*Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

## DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

6. 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 2021-2022 **Reed**

Reed presented staff report

Public Comment: Chambers: M. Neel; Phone: N. Alexander, C. Holloway

*Motion To Approve Item 6 Made By Hayman, Seconded By Breeden*

*Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

7. A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council To Adopt A Road Project List For Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Partially Funded By SB1: The Road Repair And Accountability Act Of 2017 **Reed**

Reed presented staff report

Rajaratnam- Correction to Resolution -Whereas (4) years 2021-2022

Public Comment: Chambers: M. Neel; Phone: Renee Westa-Lusk

*Motion To Approve Item 7 with corrections Made By Rajaratnam, Seconded By Blades*

*Motion Carried By Tabulation Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

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

Public Comment: Chambers- M. Maggianos, M. Neel, C. Neel; Phone- Togland, Westa-Lusk, Warren, Alexander

9. Proposed Action To Adopt A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council And The Successor Redevelopment Agency Adopting The Annual Budget For Fiscal Year 2021-22, Establishing Appropriations, Estimating Revenues, And Establishing The Policies By Which The Budget May Be And Shall Be Amended **Freese**

Freese presented staff report

Public Comment: None

*Motion To Approve Item 9 Made By Rajaratnam, Seconded By Blades*

*Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. 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 2021/2022 **Reed**

- Public Hearing opened at 8:08 PM
- Comments heard from none
- Public Hearing closed at 8:09 PM
- Reed presented staff report

*Motion To Approve Item 10 Made By Breeden, Seconded By Hayman*

*Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

11. 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 2021/2022 **Reed**

- Public Hearing opened at 8:12 PM
- Reed presented staff report
- Comments heard from none
- Public Hearing closed at 8:13 PM

*Motion To Approve Item 11 Made By Breeden, Seconded By Hayman*

*Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

## ORDINANCES

12. Second Reading and Adoption, Ordinance 21-06, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California Adding Section 2-90 (Electronic Filing) To Article IV (Officers And Employees) Under Chapter 2 (Administration) To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Relating To Electronic Filing Of Campaign Statements And Statements Of Economic Interests (Form 700) **Charlon**

*Public Comment: None Made*

*Motion To Waive Reading In Full, Ordinance 21-06, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California Adding Section 2-90 (Electronic Filing) To Article IV (Officers And Employees) Under Chapter 2 (Administration) To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Relating To Electronic Filing Of Campaign Statements And Statements Of Economic Interests (Form 700) Made By Hayman, Seconded By Blades.  
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.*

*Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, Ordinance 21-06, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest, California Adding Section 2-90 (Electronic Filing) To Article IV (Officers And Employees) Under Chapter 2 (Administration) To The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Relating To Electronic Filing Of Campaign Statements And Statements Of Economic Interests (Form 700) Made By Blades, Seconded By Breeden.  
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

### 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 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room B

### 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- McKenzie gave RACVB report

*8:20 PM Councilmember Breeden was excused.*

## OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Committee Assignments

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT - 8:45 p.m.