

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

**Minutes**

**July 21, 2021**

**Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 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 (via phone)

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Strand; Assistant City Attorney Pilchen (via phone); City Clerk Charlon; Finance Director Freese; Chief McLaughlin; Interim P&R Director Wegener; Analyst McKenzie

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**NOTE:** The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, **Blades-Hayman** denotes Council Member Blades made the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Hayman seconded the motion

**Blades-Hayman: 5 Ayes**

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

Comments via phone: M. Neel

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Blades – Caltrans Clean CA Initiative, Free Dump Days, Adopt a Highway Program

Bruen – Complimented the PW & Streets Dept. for the little things they do and their hard work

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgcrest City Council dated July 7, 2021

**Charlon**

**Blades-Hayman: 5 Ayes**

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

2. Proposed Action To Reorganize Council Committee Assignments And Discussion Regarding Setting Of A Regular Meeting Date & Time For The City Organization And Services Committee ("City Org") To Start Meeting Again

**Charlon**

Committee members are Mayor Bruen and Council Member Breeden; meet at 5:15 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
Comments via phone: M. Neel; in chambers: S. Miller

3. Discussion And Proposed Action To Approve A Resolution Designating A Voting Member And Alternate(s) To Attend The League Of California Cities Annual Conference And Represent The City Of Ridgcrest

**Charlon**

**Hayman-Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

## 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 Council Chambers

Discussed: Sales Tax, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter update, ARP Workshop, Per Diem rate increase

### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Peggy Breeden and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

### 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 Council Chambers

Discussed: RACE Communications, ICSC

### 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: City Hall Council Chambers

### Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Analyst M. McKenzie and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Discussed: Per Diem rate increase, Caltrans logo program, outdoor advertising, China Lake Museum new building, CA Welcome Center on track and developing exhibits – set to open Nov. 2021, Petroglyph Festival Nov. 6-7, 2021 will be in person, Sports Commission working on future events, Film Commission has future in person events scheduled for later 2021.

## OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Ricca Charlon, City Clerk