

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

**Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.
Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

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ROLL CALL – 5:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Mayor Pro-Tem Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Member Skip Gorman
Absent: Council Member L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Kyle Blades
Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz; City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlon; Captain Dampier; PW Director/Deputy City Manager Reed; Parks & Rec Director Wegener; Finance Director Cheri Freese

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To Approve - Rajaratnam - Gorman: 3 Ayes; 2 absent

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.

**Blades came in prior to public comment*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSED SESSION *Hayman came in at 5:08

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Potential Litigation - Gov. Code § 54959.9(b) - Three Cases

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing litigation – Gov. Code § 54956.9

Todd v. Dilda & City of Ridgecrest Kern County Sup Court Case # BCV-23-101356 TCS

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Potential Litigation – Gov. Code § 54959.9(c) - One Case

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Denials unanimously agreed for McCormick and Watkins cases– attorney to send denials

PRESENTATION

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Strand

Public comments unknown speaker; J. Weston; M. Sinnott; M. Neel; unknown speaker; S. Rajtora; T. Wiknich; L. Lewis

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – M. Sinnott; T. Wiknich; S. Rajtora; M. Neel; L. Lewis; unknown speaker

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION – Direction given to bring Placer.ai back to council as an agenda item before approval

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated July 19, 2023 **Charlon**
2. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Approving The Hiring Of A Retired Annuitant As Interim Police Chief For A Limited Duration Under Government Code Sections 7522.56(C) And 21221(G) **Strand**
3. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Reenacting And Adopting A Position Description For Fleet Mechanic I Into The Classification Plan **Reed**
4. A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest Designating An ADA Coordinator And Adopting Procedures In Compliance With The Americans With Disabilities Act **Reed**
5. Authorization For The City Manager, To Sign The Notice Of Completion; The City Clerk To File Said Notice Of Completion; And City Staff To Release Retention In The Amount Of Seventy- Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars And One Cent (\$74,584.01) To The Contractor, Bowman Asphalt, Thirty (30) Days After Recordation For The Franklin Ave. Street Improvement Project **Reed**
6. Proposed Approval Of Increased Appropriations To The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget For Gas Tax Fund-Streets Utilities Electric **Reed**

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar - Rajaratnam - Blades: 5 Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 7/26/23**

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 7/27/23**

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 8/1/23**

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

➤ **Next meeting 8/3/23**

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam
Meeting: 1st Monday of the month @ 5:15 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
➤ **Next meeting 8/7/23**

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 8/8/23**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - 8:35 p.m.