

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

Minutes

August 4, 2021

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

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Members Kyle Blades and Peggy Breeden

Council Absent: Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Blades-Rajaratnam: 4 Ayes – 1 Absent (Hayman)**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSED SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTERS - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6
Mid-Management, Confidential, & UFCW Local 8
Agency Negotiator: Ron Strand, City Manager

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8
Property: APNs 081-332-36, Boston Avenue in the City of Ridgecrest
City Negotiator: Heather Spurlock, Analyst II
Negotiating Party: David Eriksen, Listing Agent, Coldwell Banker Best Realty
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8
Property: APN 419-073-16, 1521 N. China Lake Blvd in the City of Ridgecrest
City Negotiator: Heather Spurlock, Analyst II
Negotiating Party: David Eriksen, Listing Agent, Coldwell Banker Best Realty
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

*Hayman came in at 5:05 p.m. during closed session

REGULAR SESSION – 6:03 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Direction given, no reportable final action given

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Comments via phone – W. Freeman – SCE streetlights; M. Neel – IWVGA
Comments in Chamber – J. Kersey – SCE streetlights

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council dated July 21, 2021 Charlon
 - **Breden-Hayman: 5 Ayes**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Public Hearing On Proposed Amendment To The County Of Kern Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan Application Regarding The Kern County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Application To Revise The Planned Upgrades At The Leroy Jackson Softball Fields And Approval Of Resolution Wegener/Charlon
 - Public hearing opened at 6:27 p.m.
 - Staff reviewed report
 - Comments – None
 - Public hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Rajaratnam-Blades: 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

3. Proposed Approval Of Increased Appropriations To The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget For Building Professional Services Reed
 - Comments – None
 - **Hayman-Blades: 5 Ayes**
4. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Adopting The Updated Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Spurlock
 - Comments – None
 - **Blades-Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
5. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Purchase And Sale Agreement With Olivia Sandoval For Parcel Located On Moyer Avenue APN 419-042-10 Spurlock
 - Comments – None
 - **Blades-Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
6. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Purchase And Sale Agreement With Pacific Development Company For Parcel Located On Boston Avenue APN 081-293-07 Spurlock
 - Comments – None
 - **Blades-Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

ORDINANCES

7. Second Reading and Adoption, Ordinance 21-07, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Zoning Code Definitions Spurlock
 - Comments – None
 - Motion To Waive Reading In Full, Ordinance 21-07, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Zoning Code Definitions. **Breden-Hayman: 5 Ayes**
 - Motion To Adopt, By Title Only, Ordinance 21-07, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of Ridgecrest, California, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Amending The Ridgecrest Municipal Code Regarding Zoning Code Definitions. **Blades-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: 3rd Monday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Peggy Breeden and Kyle Blades
Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

City Organization and Services Committee ('City Org')

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Peggy Breeden
Meeting: 1st Monday each month at 5:15 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman
Meeting: 1st Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Discussed watering schedule at Freedom Park, touchless water fountains/water stations in parks, SPP Grant, after school programs @ KMCC, RACE communication. Future items – tree lighting, IWVYS needs, tree replacement (citizen purchase/donate?), movies in the park

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam
Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bruen – Unsung Hero Award/Key to the City

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Blades – Extended invitation for public to reach out to council re: anything for additional information

Rajaratnam – Conveyed condolences to Kern County Deputy Campos' family

Bruen – Thanked the Federation of Republican Women's group for allowing him to attend and speak at their monthly meeting. Thanked fellow council & staff re: the communication platform/social media plan execution and the effectiveness of it. Asked public to respect others when it comes to COVID, vaccinations, and wearing masks.

ADJOURNMENT – 7: 15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricca Charlon, City Clerk