

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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ROLL CALL – 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Vice Mayor Kyle Blades; Mayor Pro-Tem Solomon P. Rajaratnam; Council Member L. Scott Hayman; Council Member Skip Gorman

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney M. Koczanowicz (WebEx); 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 – Hayman 5 Ayes***

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.

REGULAR SESSION

PRESENTATION

Measure V Annual Report

Measure V Committee Members

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Unknown Speaker; T. Wiknich

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION

Bruen – youth child between K-18 local troop & pack holding scout-a-rama at DEF this Saturday

Rajaratnam – requested staff members to look at dilapidated houses around town and take potential action

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated August 2, 2023 **Charlon**

2. Approve Of Staff's Use Of Placer.ai Analytical Software To Assist In Economic Development Activities To Improve The Quality Of Life Within The Ridgecrest Community **Strand**

3. Request for Sponsorship of the Petroglyph Rock Art Festival Nov. 4-5, 2023 **Charlon**

4. Proposed Approval Of Increased Appropriations To The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget For The Design, Bid And Construction Services For The New Sgt. Pinney Memorial Pool Aquatic Complex **Strand**

Item(s) pulled – 2 (Gorman)

City Clerk Charlon to change 8/2/23 minutes to reflect Hayman came in at 5:08 not 6:08
Motion To Approve Consent Calendar items 1 (as amended), 3, & 4 - Hayman - Blades: 5 Ayes

Item 2 – Gorman pulled for public opportunity to speak and wants to wait till last to speak.
Public comment – M. Sinnott; J. Ward; unknown speaker; K. Russell; S. Rajatora; T. Wiknich; L. Lewis; J. Martin; C. Holloway; Unknown speaker; April

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar item 2 - Blades - Rajaratnam: 3 Ayes; 2 Nays (Hayman, Gorman)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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
➤ **Report from 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
➤ **Report from 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
➤ **Report from 8/8/23**

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
➤ **Next meeting 8/23/23**

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades
Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
➤ **Next meeting 8/24/23**

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

➤ **Next meeting 9/5/23**

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 8:20 p.m.