

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

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

**Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.  
Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Eric A. Bruen; Council Member Kyle Blade; Council Member Peggy Breeden  
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem L. Scott Hayman; Vice Mayor Solomon P. Rajaratnam  
Staff Present: City Attorney Koczanowicz (WebEx); City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlton;  
Finance Director Freese; P& R Director Wegener; PW Director Reed; Chief  
McLaughlin

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Staff pulled item 6 due to Hayman's excused absence

- **Blades – Breeden 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 Vice Mayor Rajaratnam seconded the motion. Ayes, Noes, Absents, Abstentions follow.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Pending Litigation Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(4) - one case

**REGULAR SESSION**

**ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION –** Council authorized staff to initiate an unlawful retainer action against Christopher Lilly

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Police Department Update

**MCLAUGHLIN**

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

Comments heard from:

- R. Wagner
  - bike path user, thanked staff for continuing to maintain it
  - Concerned about water bubbling up from N. Gold Canyon

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIRECTION**

Breeden – asked about how we handle direction

Blades – invited public to the 'Let's Talk' event at Freedom Park 8/18 – 3pm-6pm

## CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated August 3, 2022 **CHARLON**
3. A Resolution Approving The Project List For Fiscal Year 2022-2023 For The California State Of Good Repair (SGR) Program For The Following Project: Electric Transit Van Replacement  
**Reso 22-56** **SMITH**
4. Resolution Authorizing Submission Of The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4 Claim To The Kern Council Of Governments **Reso 22-57** **FREESE**
5. Resolution Authorizing Submission Of The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4 Claim To The Kern Council Of Governments **Reso 22-58** **FREESE**

Approval of Consent Calendar: **Blades – Breeden 3 Ayes; 2 Absent**

## DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)  
**HAYMAN**
7. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Community Development Activity Agreement (CD#17.21.1) With The County Of Kern For Funding For Leroy Jackson Sports Complex Improvements To The Lower Softball Fields In The Amount Of \$107,111, And Accepting The Terms Of The Receipt Of (CDBG) Funds And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Agreement  
**Reso 22-59** **WEGENER**

Comments heard from: T. Wiknich – would like explanation as to why paragraph K on page 9 and paragraph E on page 7 included in contract – Attorney to respond via email

- **Breeden – Blades 3 Ayes; 2 Absent**

## ORDINANCES

8. Introduction And First Reading, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 102 Of The City Of Ridgecrest Municipal Code By Setting Forth An Expedited, Streamlined Permitting Process For Electric Vehicle Charging Stations As Required By Government Code Section 65850.7 **REED**
  - **Motion To Waive Reading In Full** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 102 Of The Ridgecrest Municipal Code By Setting Forth An Expedited, Streamlined Permitting Process For Electric Vehicle Charging Stations As Required By Government Code Section 65850.7.
    - **Blades – Breeden 3 Ayes; 2 Absent**
  - **Motion To Introduce, By Title Only,** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 102 Of The Ridgecrest Municipal Code By Setting Forth An Expedited, Streamlined Permitting Process For Electric Vehicle Charging Stations As Required By Government Code Section 65850.7
    - **Blades – Breeden 3 Ayes; 2 Absent**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** \*\*Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website

City Organization and Services Committee ('City Org')

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Peggy Breeden

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from 8/4/22**

Finance Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

➤ **Report from 8/9/22**

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

➤ **Report from 8/10/22 - CANCELED**

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Megan McKenzie (staff)

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

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

➤ **Report from 8/17/22**

**OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:30 p.m.**