

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

Minutes

September 1, 2021

**Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.
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

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Strand; City Attorney Lemieux; City Clerk Charlton; Chief McLaughlin; Interim P&R Director Wegener; PW Director Reed; Analyst Spurlock

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lemieux - Add Needs arose item to closed session

- **Breeden-Blades: 5 Ayes**

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

Needs Arose Added at Agenda Approval - Mojave Pistachio LLC v. IWVWD
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to GC § 54956.9

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CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8
Property: APNs 081-293-07, Boston Avenue in the City of Ridgecrest
City Negotiator: Heather Spurlock, Analyst 2
Negotiating Party: Carlos Herrera Marroquin, Esmeralda Herrera
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

REGULAR SESSION – 6:03 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – No reportable action

PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee Service Award Presentations

Council

2. Presentation of Proclamation to Grocery Outlet

Council

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

In Chambers - T. Wicknich

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blades – Veteran Stand Down Sept. 17 @KMCC; Randsburg Old West Days
Bruen – Sept. 19, Boy Scouts Festival; Parade of 1000 flags Sept. 11

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Dated August 18, 2021 **Charlon**
- 4. Request for Sponsorship of the Petroglyph Rock Art Festival **Charlon**
 - **Hayman - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM

- 5. Discussion Of COVID-19 Concerns **Council**
In Chambers - K. Taggart, C. Merrill, J. Williams, S. Kirkpatrick, K. Karakas, Mr. Neel, Mrs. Neel,
L. Stephens, M. Bossart, C. Allan, Unknown speaker, B. Zissos
On Phone – M. Sinnott
- 6. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Purchase And Sale Agreement With William J Gifford Trust For Parcel Located On Moyer Avenue APN 419-042-10 **Spurlock**
 - **Blades - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
- 7. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Purchase And Sale Agreement With Carlos Herrera Marroquin & Esmeralda Herrera For Parcel Located On Boston Avenue APN 081-293-07 **Spurlock**
 - **Breeden - Hayman: 5 Ayes**
 - *5 minute break**
- 8. Discussion To Establish A "Key To The City" Program Which Provides Acknowledgement To Members Of Our Community Who Often Go Unrecognized **Bruen**
In Chambers - T. Wicknich, Mr. Neel, S. Gorman, K. Russell
- 9. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Authorize The Submittal Of The Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) And Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Project Application For FY-22/23 And FY-23/24 **Reed**
 - **Rajaratnam-Blades: 5 Ayes**
- 10. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest To Levy And Collect A Flat-Rate Fee On Solar Permits **Reed**
 - **Blades - Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**
- 11. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The City Of Ridgecrest And The County Of Kern For Illegal Dumping Resources Funds And Establishing An Illegal Dumping Program For The City (Fund 104) **Strand**
In Chambers – Mr. Neel, S. Gorman, Mrs. Neel
Via phone – R. Westa-Lusk, M. Sinnott
 - **Blades - Hayman: 5 Ayes**
 - *5 minute break**
- 12. Discussion Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Consider A Request To The Indian Wells Valley Water District To Finance Its Replenishment Fee **Lemieux**
In Chambers – D. Zeba, B. Zissos, Mr. Neel, R. Kicinski, K. Russell
Via phone - M. Sinnott, R. Westa-Lusk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website)

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Peggy Breeden and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Report out of Special Meeting Monday August 30, 2021 – discussed SCE lighting, Argus and Balsam intersection, ADA transition plan, street lighting on Downs, street sweeper schedule

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

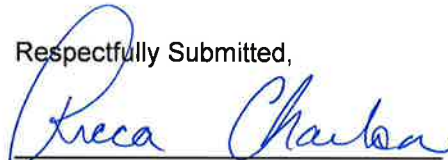
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Follow up on Kyle's discussions with the IWWWD re: financing the fee

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricca Charlon, City Clerk