

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

Minutes

September 15, 2021

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

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 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 Koczanowicz; City Clerk Charlon; Chief McLaughlin; Interim P&R Director Wegener; PW Director Reed; Analyst Spurlock

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Blades-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 Vice Mayor Rajaratnam seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8
Property: APNs 067-040-12-00-4, N. Norma Street
City Negotiator: Heather Spurlock, Analyst 2
Negotiating Party: AMG & Associates, LLC
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

REGULAR SESSION – 6:03 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – No reportable action

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation Of Proclamation – Constitution Week **Council**
2. Life Saving Award(s) **McLaughlin**

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments heard from S. Miller, M. Neel

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgcrest City Council dated September 1, 2021 **Charlon**
 - **Blades-Rajaratnam: 5 Ayes**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

4. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Declaring Its Intention To Vacate A Portion Of South Downs Street Right Of Way, Pursuant To The Provisions Of Part 3 Of Division 9 Of The California Streets And Highways Code; And The Announcement Of A Public Hearing On October 20, 2021 For The Proposed Street Vacation

Reed

- **Blades-Hayman: 5 Ayes**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Economic Development Committee

Members: Kyle Blades and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 9/8/21** – ICSC conference, future development

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

- **Report from 9/7/21** – No news on pool grant, KMCC open, Skate park seating issues

Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Staff Megan McKenzie and Solomon Rajaratnam

Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- **Report from 9/15/21** – CA Welcome Center moving forward, ARP funding request, Sports Commission booking events

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

East Kern Economic Association (EKEA) – Bruen – impressed by Tehachapi business movement/activity

IWVWD – Blades – represented the city; expressed City Council desires re: IWVWD financing replenishment fee

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ARP funds – RACVB & police vehicles at next meeting; Race Communication; WM renegotiations & SB1383; Fire contract

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and taking action re: meeting with IWVWD – formally or informally

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricca Charlon, CMC
City Clerk