



CITY OF RIDGECREST
CITY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES

City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Thursday, October 7, 2021
5:30PM
SPECIAL MEETING

Meetings are currently open to the public. To participate remotely, please call: 1-650-479-3208, meeting access code: 2553 472 8606. On the city's homepage (<https://ridgecrest-ca.gov/>) is a quick link to 'Virtually Attend Committee Meetings.' When you follow the link you will see the log in information and any supporting documents for viewing. If you log in online first you can enter your Caller ID when you call in.

CALL TO ORDER - 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members: E. Bruen, P. Breeden, B. Farris Jr., V. Hayman
Present: All

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S: Farris/Hayman; All in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A [Committee has been inactive since March 2020]

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comment

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. Rescheduling of Regular City Org Committee Meetings
Bruen: scheduling conflicts on Mondays

*Breeden: suggests 1st Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.
All in favor*

2. Waste Management Franchise Agreement Negotiations

Agreement expires end of 12/2021; compliance w/ SB 1383 requires amendments

Weekly organics for all residents & commercial properties

Bruen/Breeden asked about food recovery program

Committee discussed

Strand explains collection requirements – third can necessary for organics collection

*Potential cost savings, encourage participation, exploring
challenges/mitigation measures*

Bruen requests implementation timeline; concern over timing to implement

Need to start outreach/education

Farris Jr. asked about enforcement process

Strand explains will be a process of education moving toward penalties

Farris Jr. asked about multi-family property responsibility

Committee discussed potential waivers for commercial businesses

3. Litter abatement & enforcement

Bruen mentions enforcement; add “teeth” to ordinance

*Strand mentions that the only way to add more enforcement would be to
increase the fines; Need bodies for additional enforcement/unreliable staffing
concerns*

Bruen questioned potential for outsourcing

Strand mentions potential to hire a receiver

Strand discusses hire of additional code officers to assist

Bruen asks about priority sites for next meeting; timing concerns

Strand responds that timing is dependent on staffing priorities

4. Kern County Fire services

Strand explains county needs to raise fees due to loss in oil revenue

*Current additional costs are outside of City budget – negotiations to potentially
reduce 2 stations to 1 station*

Would extend response times

2+ calls for response @ a time

Breeden asked about volunteer potential

Unsustainable due to training requirements, volunteer availability

How to pay- community input will help determine

Breeden expressed timing of community feedback

Strand explained negotiations still ongoing; contract to Council Jan/Feb. '22

*Farris Jr. clarified that the Fire Chief could veto the option to reduce stations – in
which case the costs will have to be allocated from another source.*

Strand confirmed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Waste Management Franchise Agreement Negotiations Update
2. SB 1383 Mandatory Organics Recycling Discussion
3. Litter Abatement Updates: Prioritize sites for clean-up; Status of code officers;
4. Requirements to change the name of a street
[E. Las Flores -> Civic Dr. /E. Kern Civic Center]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 6:40 p.m.