

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

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Council Member Peggy Breeden

Staff Present: City Attorney Koczanowicz; City Manager Strand; City Clerk Charlton; Chief McLaughlin; PW Director Reed; Finance Director Freese

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Attorney asked to add a need arose potential litigation item

- **Blades - Hayman 4 Ayes; 1 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**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 Subparts (a), (d)(2) and (e)(3). One case

NEEDS AROSE ITEM - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - Unanimously rejected the Todd claim**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Quality of Life Survey Results

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

Comments from KCFD Deputy Chief Steers; KCFD Division Chief K. Linville; A. Huey; M. Neel; R. Porter; M. Mancini; R. Westa-Lusk

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DIRECTION**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Proposed Action To Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council Regular Meeting Dated October 19, 2022 **CHARLON**
2. Grant Acceptance For A Grant Awarded From The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division With The California Department Of Parks And Recreation **MCLAUGHLIN**

3. A Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council Authorizing Acceptance Of The State Of California, Office Of Traffic Safety Step Grant MCLAUGHLIN
4. Resolution Of The Ridgecrest City Council To Create a Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Position STRAND
5. Approval Of A New Five-Year Contract With City Manager Ronald Strand ATTORNEY  
 Items pulled: 4 (Rajaratnam), 5 (Neel)
  - Item 4 – Strand reviewed staff report; Rajaratnam asked questions for transparency  
 Public comment – M. Neel
    - **Blades - Hayman 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**
  - Item 5 – Attorney reviewed staff report  
 Public comment – M. Neel, S. Miller, R. Westa-Lusk, R. Porter
    - **Blades - Hayman 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**
    - Approval of items 1, 2, & 3
    - **Blades - Rajaratnam 4 Ayes; 1 Absent**

#### DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion Regarding The Board Of The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) HAYMAN
7. Proposed Approval Of An Additional Portion Of The American Rescue Plan Act Funds To Replace The Banquet Hall Floors At The Kerr McGee Community Center STRAND WEGENER  
 Public comment – M. Neel, S. Miller, R. Westa-Lusk
  - **Rajaratnam - Blades Ayes; 1 Absent – AMEND RESO -20 cents & interim**
8. A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest City Council Approving A Professional Services Agreement To Realty Planners Group, Inc. For Preparation Of The City Of Ridgecrest 2023-2031 Housing Element And Authorizing Related Actions SPURLOCK
  - Public comment – S. Gorman, R. Westa-Lusk
  - **Hayman - Rajaratnam Ayes; 1 Absent – AMEND RESO – 21 to 22 & extra zero**

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Infrastructure Committee

Members: Solomon Rajaratnam and Kyle Blades

Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- **Report from 10/27/22** – Bowman Bike Path, Painting of streets around schools

##### Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Mayor Eric A. Bruen and Scott Hayman

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

- **Report from 11/1/22** – Thanked J. Harper for attending-need more public participation, KMYSC management of fields, potential Earth Day event for 2023, Dec 2 City Tree Lighting Ceremony 4pm, CDBG FY22-23 Action Plan ideas, Winter Camp at KMCC

#### OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

#### CITY MANAGER REPORT

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 7:48 p.m.