

# Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



## Minutes of Meeting – February 18, 2021

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.** This is the fifth regular meeting after the transition to a Zoom virtual meeting platform. There were 18 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute:**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Dennis Shoffner, Lisa Sanchez, and Tim Blakeley were in attendance. Directors Donna Morris and Seaneen McArdle were excused.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** A motion was made by Tim Blakeley to adopt the agenda and seconded by Lisa Sanchez. Vote was unanimous.
5. **Approve Minutes:** The Minutes for the January 21, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Lisa Sanchez and seconded by Tim Blakeley.
6. **Community Leader Reports:**
  - A. Kern County Sheriff's Office: Lt Kraft attended on behalf of the Sheriff's Office (Rosamond Substation). He started his presentation by noting that at the meeting last month there seemed to be a great deal of interest in what is happening with the Cannabis Shops and that he did not have much to share at that session. He advised that he had mis-spoken about Code Enforcement's role. So, tonight, he recapped that last year that the Special Investigations Division and the Sheriff's Office had visited 9 shops and closed them. He added they had planned to raid a few this month because several of the shops had reopened. He noted that the "Department of Taxes and Fees, a California State Agency, accompanied by the California Highway Patrol, were supposed to be raiding a few shops either yesterday or earlier today but that they had not gotten back to him. Lt Kraft advised that they (DOTF) would be doing a "till tap" wherein they seize the money in the register and all money that comes in during that day of business. The pot shops are still on the radar but the Sheriff's Office is not getting to these businesses as often as they would like but they do have plans to make their presence known. He asked if there were any questions and Chairman Parkman responded that Director Donna Morris was the lead questioner on the Cannabis Shops but she has been excused from the meeting this evening. He added that he and Laura Wyatt would bring Donna up to speed on Lt Kraft's reporting. Jack Miller asked for a clarification on the money seizure and Lt Kraft clarified that it was the money and their merchandise. He added that the DOTF procedures differ from the methods used by the Sheriff's Office.
  - B. California Highway Patrol: No representative in attendance.
  - C. Assemblyman Tom Lackey: Brandon Roque provided the report for Assemblyman Tom Lackey.
  - D. Kern County Supervisor's representative: Laura Lynn Wyatt
  - E. Rosamond Community Services District: No representative in attendance.
  - F. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller advised
  - G. Southern Kern Unified School District: Superintendent Barbara Gaines attended on behalf of the School District. She provided
  - H. Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott provided this month's update.
  - I. Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB):
  - J. Others – Chairman Parkman asked
7. **Guest Speaker(s):** No scheduled speaker.
8. **Community Announcements:**
9. **Public Comment Period:** None.
10. **Business Meeting - Committee Reports - Ad Hoc Committees have been established for the following Action Items.**
  - A. **Standup of Disaster Preparedness Committee for Earthquake, Fire and/or Civil Unrest:** Brennan Riley advised.
  - B. **Standup of Committee for Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - March 7, 2021:**
  - C. **Adjustment of RMAC Boundaries:** Chairman Parkman noted
11. **Old Business**
  - A. **Administration and office space, files, furnishings and equipment** – No update. This action item has been tabled.
  - B. **Long and Short Term Goals for 2019/2020/2021.** The median strip to turn onto Eagle Way by the Taco Bell has been completed. Installation of new crosswalk signs, solar panels and call buttons is in progress. This work is being done in concert with the construction of the new shopping center between 25<sup>th</sup> Street West and Eagle Way. A new chart on the Long and Short Term Goals will be distributed at the February 2021 meeting.

## Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council - Minutes for January 21, 2021 Meeting

### 12. New Business

**A. B52 Market.** Chairman Parkman advised that he was expecting the owner of the B52 market, Hayel Hawatmeh, to attend tonight's meeting but he was feeling a bit under the weather. He added that he had talked to Hayel about the general upkeep of the property including weeds, damaged window coverings and graffiti. Hayel indicated that he wants to do something with the property rather than being dormant. Chairman Parkman noted that he has lived in Rosamond for almost 30 years, can remember when the B52 market was open but, sadly, has watched the property go to seed. At this point, getting the property spruced up would go a long way in cleaning up that blighted corner. Maybe he can join us for next month's meeting.

**B. Rosamond-Mojave Rehabilitation Project.** No update at this time. The speed limit reduction is not catching people's attention. Remember, temporary signage is posted that shows the speed authorized in a particular construction zone. Randy Scott noted that two crossovers had been installed in the median. A brief discussion ensued regarding whether the work was on the overpasses or on the road itself. It was decided that the primary element was work on the 14 Freeway. The crossovers are not near the overpasses. In summary, Chairman Parkman advised that if people are unsure of road conditions, to check for updates on the [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov) page.

**C. Brown Act/Ethics Training.** Chairman Parkman advised that the Council needs to make a push to get Brown Act and AB1234 Ethics Training completed as soon as possible. He noted that every effort will be made to accomplish this training virtually rather than going to Bakersfield to complete the requirement. The Chairman advised Tim Blakeley that it was especially important to get him completed on these requirements as soon as possible.

### 13. Directors Agenda Referrals: None.

### 14. Director's Comment: Chairman Parkman reminded Directors that Ethics training must be completed. He added that he will be scheduling for Brown Act Training as well.

### 15. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Sanchez and seconded by Dennis Shoffner. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

**Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on March 18, 2021 on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.**

**California Government Code, Section 31010:** The Board of Supervisors of any county may by resolution establish and provide funds for the operation of a municipal advisory council for any unincorporated area in the county to advise the board on such matters which relate to that area as may be designated by the board concerning services which are or may be provided to the area by the county or other local governmental agencies, including but not limited to advice on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning. Unless the board of supervisors specifically provides to the contrary, a municipal advisory council may represent the community to any state, county, city, special district or school district, agency or commission, or any other organization on any matter concerning the community. The board may pay from available funds such actual and necessary expenses of travel, lodging, and meals for the members of the council while on such official business as may be approved by the board.