

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – June 16, 2022

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.** There were 18 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute/Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Bill Parkman, Brennan Riley, Tim Blakeley, Seaneen McArdle and Dennis Shoffner were in attendance. Director Lisa Sanchez is excused from attending. The seventh seat on the Council remains vacant.
4. **Public Comment Period:**
 - a. John Joyce of the Rosamond News asked the RMAC Council why the Rosamond Clinic is closing and why is it not on the Agenda. Both Directors Parkman and Shoffner spoke to the issue and provided some background information. Director Parkman noted that he had asked Director Shoffner to follow up with Palmdale Hospital Administration to see what is going on. Director Parkman noted that he is following up with the County of Kern to see if there are any options.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. **Approve Minutes:** The minutes for the 04212022 meeting were approved on motion by Director McArdle and seconded by Director Blakeley. A memorandum regarding the lack of quorum for the May 19, 2022 will be issued. The April Minutes were approved on a vote of 4-1-1 (4 yea, 1 abstention, 1 excused absence).
 - b. **Guest Speaker:** None.
 - c. **Community Leader Reports – (Please limit report to no more than two minutes):**
 - **Kern County Sheriff's Office:** Sgt Smith briefly spoke on resurrecting the Neighborhood Watch Program in Rosamond. They are also looking for volunteers for the Community Service Unit.
 - **California Highway Patrol:** Sgt Batista spoke on the continued State Route 14 construction issues. He noted that this is essentially "punchlist" or remedial work being done by the Contractor working for CalTrans. He also cautioned the community about high speed driving on both the highway and local streets.
 - **Kern County Fire Department:** No representative in attendance.
 - **Assemblyman Tom Lackey:** Carlo Basail noted that Tom is spending time looking at budget items and proposed bills. He provided the telephone number (661-267-7636) for the Palmdale Office if anyone wishes to address an issue with the Assemblyman. Carlo also noted that the website www.leginfo.ca.gov is available to find the latest information on bills progressing through the legislature.
 - **Kern County Supervisor's representative:** Laura Lynne Wyatt advised the community that she has been promoted to Kern County District-2 Director. She spoke on the recent catalytic converter engraving event that was done in Rosamond on the 4th of June. They plan to do this every six months or so.
 - **Rosamond Chamber of Commerce:** Jack Miller advised that September 17, 2022 has been set as the date for the Armed Forces Appreciation Day in Rosamond.
 - **Southern Kern Unified School District:** No representative in attendance.
 - **Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water:** Randy Scott spoke on the California Drought. The handout used for Randy's comments are attached to the minutes.
 - **Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB):** No representative in attendance.
 - **Others:** None.
 - d. **Community Announcements:** None.
 - e. **Notices of Public Hearing: Proposed Zoning Changes-Rosamond Area:** As noted in the Agenda, the Planning Meeting was rescheduled for June 9, 2022 and it contained the recommendation from Staff to postpone consideration of these NOPHs to June 23, 2022 so that recent responses from the affected communities could be reviewed and responded to. The Chair strongly urged the community to respond by email or in writing to the Planner and the Planning Commission of their concerns, objections and/or observations.
 - f. **GEM Energy Storage Center:** The Council recently became aware of a proposed Energy Storage Center in the area of Mojave-Tropico Hill Road north of Dawn Road reportedly near the Gem Hill Cal/Portland Project. The Chair noted that there is not very much information on the Project at this time, only a "Proposed Joint Decision Regarding Exemption from the Notice of Intention Process" by the California Energy Commission. Related to this is a request has been received from Common Sense Consulting and Hydrostor to do a presentation. This has been scheduled for the July 21, 2022 session of the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council.

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e. Committee Reports:

(1) **Review of Bylaws:** The initial draft changes to the RMAC Bylaws have been completed. County Counsel reminded the Chair that these must be referred to the Committee before presentation to County Counsel and the rest of County for review. The Bylaws Committee was previously appointed. The Committee Members are Directors Parkman, Shoffner and McArdle.

(2) **Gem Hill Project Ad Hoc Committee:** On behalf of Director Sanchez, Committee Lead, Director Parkman read her report to the Community as follows: "The Committee met May 18, 2022 at the Mojave plant to see a presentation by the Cal/Portland Team. The following questions about water usage and blasting were answered as follows: (a) Under GEM Hill, there is a water reservoir that is not usable as drinking water. Usage of this water will not affect adjacent Residents' wells, (b) Blasting will be done once a week on the same day each week., The sound that will come from the Blasting is equivalent to the sound of a motorcycle driving by., (c) The next Ad Hoc Committee meeting is July 12th at 6 p.m., (d) Once the EIR has been released, we will open a Meeting for the Public to come and engage in conversations about the Project. Upon conclusion, Director Parkman advised that in accordance with the current Bylaws, the Chair is required to sit in on all meetings. To facilitate this, Director McArdle will be assigned to another committee and Director Parkman will take her seat on the Gem Hill Project. This will be in addition to the current Directors Sanchez and Blakeley.

(3) **Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Team:** Laura Wyatt provided a briefing to the community on the intended purpose of the Strategic Planning Team. In addition to Laura, Directors Parkman and McArdle from RMAC; Jack Miller of the Rosamond Chamber of Commerce; and Joel MacKay from the community will sit on the panel. The first meeting of the Team will occur in late June or early July. A motion to stand up the team, accept the team members and set meeting dates was made by Director Blakeley and seconded by Director Brennan Riley. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Old Business:

a. **Brown Act/Ethics Training/Sexual Harassment Training.** Director Sanchez needs to complete AB1234 Ethics Training and submit her certification for year 2022. Director McArdle's copy of the AB1234 completion certificate was found to be illegible and a replacement copy has been requested. Directors Sanchez and McArdle need to complete Sexual Harassment Training which is available online at: <https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/shpt> (Supervisor course).

b. **Road Repairs/Upkeep/Safety.** Chairman Parkman advised that the survey has been completed. He noted that Kern County Roads is already in the Rosamond community applying an asphalt slurry coating in several neighborhoods. The Draft letter to Kern County Public Works providing a prioritized listing was presented for public reading at the June 16, 2022 session of the RMAC. On motion from Director Shoffner and seconded by Director McArdle, the letter and survey was approved unanimously and will be forwarded to Kern County Public Works.

7. **Director's Agenda Referrals:** None.

8. **Director's Comments:** Director Riley took note of the 20th Street West and Rosamond Boulevard sidewalk, paving and ADA upgrades. He asked when that Project had been approved because he could not recall it being mentioned in any meetings. The Chair noted that the Project was identified in 2015/2016 along with a couple of other locations. The 20th Street West and Rosamond Boulevard portion was selected to be accomplished using grant money received for the Walk Rosamond Project. Director Riley expressed amazement that it took almost seven years to be accomplished from the time it was identified.

9. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Director Blakeley and seconded by Director Riley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on July 21, 2022 at Hummel Hall 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.

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(Government Code Section 54953.2)

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