

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – July 21, 2022 - Amended

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. There were 23 people in attendance.
2. Flag Salute/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call of the Directors and Attendance: Directors Bill Parkman, Lisa Checkley, Tim Blakeley, Seaneen McArdle and Dennis Shoffner were in attendance. Brennan Riley was absent. The seventh seat on the Council remains vacant. – Minutes amended to reflect absence of Director Riley.
4. Public Comment Period: - No comments.
5. New Business:
 - a. Approve RMAC Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2022. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Community Leader Reports – (Please limit report to no more than three minutes):
 - Kern County Sheriff's Office: Sgt Smith spoke briefly on calls for service and number of crimes. He noted that the crime rate is holding steady.
 - California Highway Patrol: No representative in attendance.
 - Kern County Fire Department: No representative in attendance.
 - Assemblyman Tom Lackey: Carlo Basail advised that the legislature is not in session. He commented that the funding bill will be in the neighborhood of \$300-billion and that it includes a \$95-billion budget surplus. Carlo also noted that Tom is looking at funding for Cal-Vet.
 - Kern County Supervisor's representative: Laura Lynne Wyatt noted the following during her presentation: (1) The refrigerator that is sitting outside in Room #2 belongs to the Aging and Assisted Services Group. It will eventually be moved back into the kitchen. (2) On Diamond Street, she advised some changes and improvements are planned and will be put out to bid soon. She noted that one of the utility boxes has been vandalized and that Public Works is looking at enclosing it in some type of structure. There will also be some repair/replacement work done to the light bollards. (3) In response to some concerns from the community a traffic study will be taken on to evaluate the traffic conditions at Eagle Way and Rosamond Boulevard and may include a regular traffic light to handle the flow of traffic. (4) On United Park, Laura spoke about the sidewalks and the need for cleanup in the area and that it is a joint responsibility between the County and the School District. (5) Laura then spoke about County Administrative Services doing a presentation on the one-percent sales tax increase in the unincorporated areas of Kern County. It has been penciled in for August 18, 2022.
 - Rosamond Chamber of Commerce: Jack Miller spoke about the Kern Antelope Historical Society meeting they was held prior to the Chamber meeting. Continuing to look for a home for KAHS. He added that they are looking for an Event Planner to handle the Event Center.
 - Southern Kern Unified School District: SKUSD Superintendent Barbara Gaines advised that August 10, 2022 would be the first day of school for this school year. She added that Teacher Development will run from August 2 to August 9. In closing, she added that the District was upgrading/replacing School Marquees.
 - Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water: Randy Scott was not in attendance today, however, he did provide a narrative report which the Chairman of RMAC read to the community. A copy of Scott's report is attached to these meeting minutes (Attachment (1)).
 - Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB): No representative in attendance.
 - Others: Mr. Joel Mackay spoke to the community about a few items. (1) He suggested a Job Fair be held in the community and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council (RMAC). The focus would be to help youth and young adults to find gainful employment in the area. (2) He also suggested that RMAC write a letter to Sheriff Youngblood and the Fire Chief on a periodic basis regarding vandalism, thefts, and the like and to use the personal stories of the victims. This should be done as often as possible so that these Agencies gain a full appreciation of the frustration that this community

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feels. (3) Joel strongly pushed for more Community Cleanups by RMAC and the business community including more Bulky Waste Days by Waste Management. He added that he would like to see some service be made available to handle Document Shredding and Electronic Waste.

c. **Guest Speaker:** Curt Hildebrand, Senior Vice President, Commercial Affairs, Hydrostor and Russell Johnson, Common Sense Consulting, provided a lengthy presentation on the proposed Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (formerly known as Gem Energy Storage Center). Rather than recap the presentation herein, **a copy of the slide presentation is provided as an attachment to these minutes** (Attachment (2)). It was noted that there will be a Public Site Visit on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. followed by an Informational Hearing at 4:00 p.m.

d. **Committee Reports:**

- **By-Laws Update** – Chairman Parkman advised that the Committee has completed their revisions to the By-Laws and that they will be sent to the District-2 Supervisor for review and comment.
- **Gem Hill Cal/Portland Project Ad Hoc Update** – Director Checkley advised there had been a change in personnel on the Committee with Chairman Parkman replacing Seaneen McArdle on the panel. This change is related to language contained in the current bylaws which requires the Chairman to sit in on all Committees. She advised that the Committee is waiting for issuance of the Environmental Impact Report.
- **Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Update** – Laura Lynn Wyatt advised that the Committee had accomplished their first meeting. They discussed the RMAC Bylaws and various things related to the Council. There will be continued meetings over the course of the next few months that are designed to make the RMAC a more effective organization.

6. **Old Business:**

a. **Brown Act/Ethics Training/Sexual Harassment Training.** Director Checkley needs to complete AB1234 Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Training and submit her certifications for year 2022.

b. **Notice of Public Hearing.** Proposed Zoning Changes for Rosamond relative to the Kern County Housing Element Implementation 2022 has been recommended to the Board of Supervisors to approve amendments to the General and Specific Plans as recommended by the Planning Commission. As of the date of this meeting, the Board of Supervisors had not yet adopted these changes.

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

8. **Director's Comments:** The General Election is in November 2022. Those seeking office on the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council have until the middle of August to file.

9. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Director Checkley and seconded by Director Blakeley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on August 18, 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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