



**City Organization and Services Committee
1st Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'
100 W California Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Wednesday, July 27, 2016 (4th Wednesday each month)**

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Draft Minutes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lori Acton, Mike Mower, Solomon Rajaratnam, Cecil Yates

Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mike Mower, Solomon Rajaratnam, Cecil Yates

Absent: Lori Acton

Staff: Tyrell Staheli, Peggy Breeden, Dennis Speer

Recording Secretary: S.Walent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA *Motion To Approve Agenda as Amended Was Made By Breeden, Seconded by Rajaratnam. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote of 3 Aye, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Acton), 0 Abstain*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *Motion To Approve Minutes as Amended Was Made By Rajaratnam, Seconded by Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote of 3 Aye, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Acton), 0 Abstain*

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Peggy Breeden – Finance Committee was supposed to be part of this organization committee and I don't see it on the agenda.

Mike Mower – I think that would be separate.

Peggy Breeden – At least we can get it on the agenda.

Mike Mower – I guess we can review the changes that were made. We haven't set a regular time. Lori and I are committee members.

Dennis Speer – We will put it on next month’s City Organization agenda as an item for the committee to decide when the subcommittee will meet.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. Broadband Committee

Jay – I summarized to the committee about how the broadband is becoming economic driven by our local ISP providers and that the access to higher broadband is available you just have to contact the ISP and ask for it and they’ll quote you a price, so it’s going to be at a cost. Right now it’s on an individual basis, it’s not right now city wide. City wide is what each one provides right now. SBC Wireless provides up to 15/25 Megs. I just saw a flyer that Frontier is offering 15 Megs, Mediacom is offering 15. If you want 100 or 50 just ask for it, if you want 1 Gig, ask for it, they’ll give you a cost. The committee is now considering other technologies that may be available to pursue outside what the local ISP’s are providing. So we are going to discuss that further and see where we go from there.

Mike Mower – Going through the city didn’t really help us very much except for a few places.

Jay Chun – What do you mean through the city?

Mike Mower – Hooking up with 395.

Jay Chun – Oh yeah, specifically we asked providers if they had discussed with CBC 395 owners and they did and they walked away without pursuing any further dialogue.

Mike Mower – Because they wanted too much?

Jay Chun – Apparently, this afternoon I sent out an email to Commissioner Catherine Sandoval asking her for some input. I told her about how the committee sat down with each local ISP & each of them told us that they sat down with the owners of Digital 395 and they thought it was too expensive. So I asked Commissioner Sandoval is there a two tier price instructure that the owners of Digital 395 may have, one for the big ISP’s and one for small and are the prices regulated by the PUC or by the State of California and so I asked her to give us some insight on some of those questions because of the non-relationships that are occurring between our ISP’s and CBC.

Peggy Breeden – In our discussion she said explain to me what you want, define how you think it can happen and then let me look at it and she was very clear that there were opportunities she felt like we had not explored because we were trying to stay so local.

Justin O’Neill – It was Dr. Ferguson who talked a lot about a larger strategy and we were modeling that concept off the obsidian project that Inyo County is going

after. Inyo County's idea is good. It's one that everybody said would be great if it works and it's a whole new kind of funding.

Peggy Breeden – One thing we talked about at the last meeting was using air without going through fiber or wire or whatever, should we be looking at that also as a second opportunity.

Jay Chun – That's the technology I was talking about. Something the committee members want to look at. It's going to boil down to who's going to own it, if it should work, who's going to purchase all the equipment, in other words a company's probably going to be formed to push it through and sell it.

Peggy Breeden – There were a couple of committee members when you mentioned that seem to think there might be an opportunity.

Mike Mower – Any more on the Broadband Committee.

Solomon Rajaratnam – Thanks for all your hard work Jay.

Peggy Breeden – The committee has been amazing.

2. O'Neill Dynamics

Justin O'Neill – The only thing I have to report is I'm still developing the Public Relations Proposal. I don't think things have seriously changed just trying to build it into a presentation. A question I think I have to just help me out with the development of this, one, I'm working on the process to sort of understand how as a consultant I will get info about something that needs to be broadcast, something that needs to be put out to the public. My plan was to contact department heads and keeping consistent contact. It'll probably be weekly just to see what's going on and what needs to be addressed.

3. Blue Zone

Peggy Breeden – I was so pleased that was one of the most exciting meetings I've ever been to.

Mike Mower – This program is to encourage people to get healthier.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Cecil Yates – I mentioned earlier in the year that I get a lot of complaints that the sage brush is overgrown on Bowman.

Dennis Speer – I'll have Les drive it.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Broadband Committee
- O'Neill Dynamics
- Finance Committee

NEXT MEETING

- August 24, 2016

ADJOURNMENT at 6:06 p.m.