

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council Meeting Minutes September 24, 2025

Location: Highgrove Community Library, 530 W. Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507

0.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Roll Call

Present: Rosie Middleton (Vice Chair, chaired the meeting), Cynthia Cruz (Secretary), Nicholas Hinojosa, and Susan Meeks.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Approval of July 30, 2025 minutes passed (4-0).

3.0 Report from Supervisor Jose Medina's Office

Supervisor Medina attended in person with staff including Araceli Ruiz, Emilio Ramirez, and Lorena Husband. Discussion included:

- Young Legislators Program.
- Improvements on California Street and local trash concerns.
- General community updates and constituent service efforts.

4.0 Community Updates

Senator Sabrina Cervantes' Office – Chynna Clarke

Nine bills awaiting the Governor's signature by October 12, 2025, including SB 292 (power safety resilience for elderly/disabled residents) and SB 671 (pedestrian signal repairs for visually impaired).

Assemblymember Leticia Castillo's Office – Madison Baca

Encouraged constituents to contact the Governor regarding pending state legislation. Highlights included topics such as firearm licensing, school funding, water/fire infrastructure, and electricity cost relief. Upcoming events: Senior Scam Awareness (October 14, 2025), Legislative Updates (October 21, 2025).

County of Riverside Departments:

Code Enforcement – Jamison Cole

Reports of urine bottles at Spring and Prairie, ongoing illegal dumping, and possible cleanup collaboration with Union Pacific. Discussion of community cleanup and private property enforcement.

Planning Department – Director John Hildebrant

Southeast corner of California and Center rezoned; future residential development. PAR feasibility process discussed for additional proposed projects.

Transportation Administrative Services – Michael Maldonado

Permanent dips marked on Spring Street; new four-way stop at Spring and Garfield; slurry seal scheduled on westside neighborhoods (Cannes, Claire, and Debbie) by end of year.

Treasurer-Tax Collector – Chief Deputy Adelina Abri

Property tax bills will be mailed before November 1, 2025. Property tax bills are due twice a year, December 10, 2025, and April 10, 2026, and the late penalty is 10% late.

Sheriff's Department – Lt. John Shulda

Ten citations issued at Michigan & Center for stop-sign violations; four felony arrests near Iowa; requests for spike-strip style devices near the elementary school; extra patrol for racing on Spring Street; illegal dumping at Pigeon Pass; request for camera installation.

5.0 New Business

Highgrove Improvement Plan Workshop – by Ronia Odenbaugh and Araceli Ruiz

Approximately \$700,000 in cannabis funds available. Residents selected two top priorities in each of the five categories: Beautification, Quality of Life, Safety, Cleanliness, and Infrastructure. Additional ideas may be emailed to Araceli Ruiz at arruiz@rivco.org, until November 30, 2025. Residents may vote again at the November 19, 2025, MAC meeting.

Review of November Meeting Date – Vice Chair Middleton

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November MAC meeting was rescheduled from November 26, 2025, to November 19, 2026, at the same time and location.

A Brown Act Workshop is planned for November 19, 2025, or the January meeting, depending on County Council availability.

6.0 Public Comments

R.A. "Barney" Barnett requested the establishment of a train 'Quiet Zone' for Highgrove, noting unused gates near Iowa that could fulfill safety requirements. Supervisor Medina acknowledged this but noted it is separate from cannabis fund considerations.

7.0 Highgrove MAC Board Member Comments

Highgrove MAC Board Members provided final comments and acknowledged community concerns.

8.0 Future Agenda Items

Items suggested will be considered for placement on future agendas.

- Update on a new Highgrove School from RUSD

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (Highgrove Community Library).