



# MINUTES

## SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL AND THE SAN JACINTO CITY COUNCIL

November 15, 2011

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7:00 p.m.

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625 S. Pico Avenue, San Jacinto Community Center  
San Jacinto, CA 92583

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### Call to Order

**Mayor Miller and Mayor Franchville called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.**

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### Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Krupa and Smith, Vice Mayor Youssef and Mayor Franchville

San Jacinto City Council Members Bartel, Di Memmo and Ledezma, Vice Mayor Kotyuk and Mayor Miller  
Riverside County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor Stone

ABSENT: Council Member Foreman, excused

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Invocation was given by Ed Sherwood

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Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franchville

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### Communications From the Public

**Jim Pangrazzi, San Jacinto**, expressed concern with the speed limit on Esplanade and school crossing at Esplanade and Sanderson.

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### Work Study Session

Discussion regarding these items, with possible direction to staff

#### 1. Revitalizing Our Community Strategy

**Vice Mayor Youssef**, gave an overview of the proposed HEMET Restoring Our Community Strategy" (ROCS) Program. Hemet ROCS is a comprehensive program designed to stabilize & restore or residential neighborhoods. The program involves the adoption of ordinances and programs designed to address: property owner/landlord responsibilities; enhanced property standards; and rental property residency requirements. The program involves a multi-disciplinary team to draft & implement the ordinances and program. The Community benefits of Hemet ROCS are: higher quality of life; more stable,

safer and attractive residential neighborhoods; deterrent to criminal behavior and opportunity; makes landlords more accountable for tenant selection and behavior; affordable housing without sacrificing high standards and quality; provides City with ability to better protect the community; and enhanced community image and opportunity to attract and retain businesses. 13 different ordinances are currently proposed as part of the Hemet ROCS program and organized into three categories. The first category is Update to Property Standards: Nuisance Abatement ordinance revisions; Administrative Citation ordinance revisions; Abandoned and Foreclosed Property ordinance revisions; and Property Maintenance & Landscaping Standards. The second category is Residency Requirements: Sex Offender Residency Restriction ordinance; Child Safety Zone ordinance; Group Homes ordinance; Parolee/Probationer ordinance; Motel Residency Vouchers; and Prostitution ordinance. The third category is Property Owner Responsibility: Rental Unit Registration & Inspection ordinance; Landlord Responsibility for Drug Trafficking; and Chronic Nuisance/Community Safety ordinance. Hemet ROCS team has reviewed ordinances from other cities and identified the key elements. Some of the draft ordinances have been prepared by the Hemet City Attorney and are currently under staff review, others are still being researched. The Child Safety Zone ordinance was adopted by the City Council on November 8, 2011. The City of Hemet will share the ordinances and implementation strategies with San Jacinto and the County of Riverside for the Valley area. The City of Hemet will partner with the City of San Jacinto and the County of Riverside to develop a joint task force for creating and implementing the ROCS ordinances and programs. A collaborative effort on education, public outreach, enforcement, and funding efforts to implement the program in the valley. Resources will have to be allocated to develop implementation programs and identify cost-recovery mechanisms.

**Mayor Franchville**, the statistics are alarming, 40% of the residents are renters.

**Vice Mayor Kotyuk**, commended the City of Hemet City Council and staff for this program. Vice Mayor Kotyuk suggested that the School Districts and the valley's non-profits agencies be included in these efforts. Vice Mayor Kotyuk also suggested that panhandling be addressed since this is becoming a nuisance in the valley. The graffiti hotline is very successful, maybe a hotline for other nuisances would be as successful.

**Supervisor Stone**, called the program very ambitious. The County of Riverside would like to join, but he expressed concern with available resources. Supervisor Stone told the City Council's about the County's Safer Team. Supervisor Stone explained the County's Foster Care program and asked Robin Reid to describe the background process in response to a letter from Mr. Jim Pangrazzi of San Jacinto. Supervisor Stone also explained the County's proposed reimbursement plan for the County Jail system. Supervisor Stone talked about the issues that face the County of Riverside.

**Council Member Ledezma**, suggested that online classes be made available for out of state landlords.

**Eric Vail, City Attorney**, suggested that all landlords or designated property management companies complete the program in person.

**Mayor Franchville**, requested from Supervisor Stone a comparison of Section 8 Housing vouchers by city.

**Guy Excell, Hemet**, commended the City for the program hoping that it will restore pride of ownership in the valley. We hope that when the economy turns, investors will want to spend money here.

**Eric Gosch, Action Group**, spoke in support of Hemet ROCS.

**Nick Jones, Hemet**, the County services have open the door for a number of the valley's problems. The two cities and the county need to look at these issues and work on them together. Mr. Jones spoke in favor of Hemet ROCS.

**Mayor Miller**, gave direction to the staff of the City of San Jacinto to work cooperatively with the City of Hemet.

**Council Member Di Memmo**, recommended that staff prepare a cost analysis and a scope of work to determine that the City has the available resources.

**Tim Hults, City Manager**, staff will prepare a workstudy for the City Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January.

**Mayor Franchville**, suggested that Truancy and Panhandling be included in the Hemet ROCS program.

## 2. **Update on the Enterprise Zone**

**Lee Hanson and Don Gee, DGA Consulting**, gave a powerpoint presentation on the Enterprise Zone. The purpose of an Enterprise Zone is to stimulate economic growth in the most economically distressed areas in the state. Through public-private partnerships and state and local incentives encouraging new business investment, resulting in increased economic activity. Businesses are eligible for substantial tax credits and benefits: Firms can earn \$37,440 or more in state tax credits over 5 years for each qualified employee hired; and Corporations can earn sales tax credits on purchases of \$20 million per year of qualified machinery and machinery parts. The Enterprise Zone is a 15-Year Responsibility. Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for Administration & Oversight of the Statewide Enterprise Zone program. The local agency funds and staffs the Enterprise Zone program, regular self-evaluation of program effectiveness, funnels reporting activities through the Enterprise Zone program, and reports annual progress to HCD. There must be regular participation by all jurisdictions. In reviewing applications HCD is looking for the following: does the local agency understand its own Economic Development landscape?; has the local agency demonstrated thoughtful solutions to past & present economic problems?; how will the Enterprise Zone enhance local and regional Economic Development Plans, Projects and Programs?; and As an economic development tool, how will the Enterprise Zone be used to focus and concentrate local agency efforts and resources? The determinants of the Competitive Application are: specific implementation goals, milestones & timelines; documented commitments of local public & private stakeholder organizations; clearly defined management structure; and self-evaluation & program correction process.

**Vice Mayor Kotyuk**, without larger partnership the cities will not be competitive.

**Council Member Smith**, agreed with the multi-jurisdictional approach. Council Member Smith expressed concern that the Enterprise Zones might be the next to be attacked by the State.

**Supervisor Stone**, expressed concern that the State will end the Enterprise Zones, if the area is going to attract businesses it will have to do it another way.

**Council Member Di Memmo**, previously requested the pros and cons to the program. Council Member Di Memmo spoke in opposition to the Enterprise Zone. There are other beneficial programs that will help bring jobs to the valley.

**Vice Mayor Kotyuk**, clearer direction is needed from the State of California to determine the feasibility of the Enterprise Zone.

**The City Council gave direction to staff to table this item at this time.**

### 3. **Update on the Foreign Trade Zone**

**Tom Freeman, Foreign Trade Commissioner**, gave the City Council's a powerpoint presentation on Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ's). FTZ are basically "Duty Free Islands", foreign and domestic merchandise may be: stored, manufactured, manipulated, assembled, exhibited; and destroyed. FTZ's create and retain jobs, stimulate economic growth, and promote international trade. Financial benefits are cash flow (duty deferral), inverted tariff (duty reduction), cost of money (duty elimination) and tax exemptions. There are 256 General Purpose Zones and 498 Sub-Zones nationwide in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. 70% of the County of Riverside is covered by one of 5 Foreign Trade Zones. Mr. Freeman encouraged the City Council's of Hemet and San Jacinto to consider adding their cities into the Zone.

**David Harlow, ITC-Diligence, Inc.**, the program started in 1934 to create and retain jobs, stimulate economic growth and promote international trade. The Foreign Trade Zone Program incorporates domestic and foreign product and creates financial logistic advantages.

**Council Member Di Memmo**, spoke in support of FTZ's, however expressed concern with the lack of infrastructure in the Valley. All other FTZ's are near freeways. Council Member Di Memmo also asked about the cost to hire a customs official.

**Mr. Harlow and Mr. Freeman**, explained options and the process used by the City of Palm Springs. The FTZ is not the answer, but an additional tool for cities.

**Vice Mayor Youssef**, thanked Supervisor Stone for offering the expansion of the FTZ to Hemet and San Jacinto.

### 4. **Update of the Community Visioning Workshop**

**Steve Harding, Kosmont Companies**, gave an overview of the Community Visioning Workshop. The workshop was held at the Community Center on October 15, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Approximately 50 community members, City staff, Council Members and local leaders were in attendance. The focus was to examine tools and methods of promoting economic development, business growth and tourism in San Jacinto. The agenda covered: principles of building sustainable communities; community

demographics & traits; review of existing signature facilities/venues; natural amenities & area attractions; current signature events and nationally successful events as case studies; and opportunities in San Jacinto. Following the presentation three groups were formed to brainstorm on four key questions/topics: What existing tourism amenities does the San Jacinto area have that work well?; What communities nearby or afar do you see as similar/analogous to San Jacinto?; What do you feel the San Jacinto Community does well?; and What new signature events/facilities would you like to see in San Jacinto? Mr. Harding gave a summary of select responses to the four key questions/topics. Mr. Harding recommended that the City Council define what San Jacinto wants to promote and create a "brand" around it. Identify the demographics or groups San Jacinto wants to attract. Survey residents, business leaders and stakeholders to determine their input on what San Jacinto should reinforce in tourism and branding. Retain consultant for a Tourism Strategic Plan. Identify likely developers and operators to support the overall program. Identify possible incentives to couple with attraction efforts. Formalize a tourism vision for San Jacinto and the greater area. San Jacinto needs to work closely with the IE Tourism Council and State counterpart.

**Jason Strain, Diamond Valley Arts Council**, suggested that Arts, Music and Education need to work together to create a destination.

**Council Member Smith**, attended the workshop along with Council Member Krupa and recognizes the need for continuity in the Valley to become competitive with surrounding communities.

**Vice Mayor Kotyuk**, the San Jacinto Valley is rich with California History.

**Mayor Franchville**, requested the results of the study being conducted by Kosmont. Mayor Franchville concurred that the Valley has a number of assets, but suggested that the City's focus and promote only a couple of them.

**Supervisor Stone**, suggested that the City's ask MWD to fulfill their recreational promises that were made for Diamond Valley Lake. Supervisor Stone suggested that the City's and the County prepare a joint resolution in the spirit of cooperation and meet with MWD representatives.

## 5. **AB 109 Update**

**Dave Brown, Police Chief**, gave an overview of the Public Safety Realignment - AB109. The 150 page very complex law was approved on May 23, 2011. The purpose of this presentation is to dispel some of the rumors. Chief Brown introduced Deputy Chief Steve Thetford with the Sheriff's Department and Assistant Chief Mark Hake with the Probation Department. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation was ordered to reduce their population by 37,000 in 2 years, the State's response to that order was the adoption of AB109. AB109 is not an early release program. Chief Brown explained the "3-Non" requirements: non-serious, non-violent; and non-sex offense. Only those that qualify under the 3-Non's will be considered for AB109 Programs. The programs are: Post-release Community Supervision; Alternative Custody; Flash Incarceration; Local Incarceration; and Local Revocation. The potential for early releases will be great because of the County's current capacity. The Community Corrections Plan saw the need to create a local law enforcement team to deal with the local impact of AB109.

**Chief Deputy Steve Thetford**, the data from 2010 was overlaid with the new rules of AB109. The results showed that in January 2012 the County's system will be at capacity. To date, 350 to 400 parolee's have been placed in the County jail that would have been in a State Prison.

**Assistant Chief Mark Hake**, out of the 999 information packets from CDCR, 70 have indicated Hemet residences and 27 San Jacinto residences.

**Chief Deputy Thetford**, noted that longevity and overlap are the issues. The County currently has 3,906 beds and new commits are taking the beds up for longer periods of time. There is a need to help with legislation to turn this around.

**Supervisor Stone**, the County has received \$21 Million dollars for 9 months of the program and the consensus is that it will only fund 3 months.

**Assistant Chief Mark Hake**, the actual costs are unknown. This population comes with mental and medical needs that will impact County services. Out of the 999 packets, 137 have indicated that they will be homeless. Assistant Chief Hake explained the breakdown of the \$21 million dollars. Options are being considered including expansion of current facilities.

**Chief Brown**, suggested that letters of support be sent to the State Legislatures requesting adequate and continuous funding of AB109.

#### **6. JPA Shared Services/Valley Congress Constitution**

**Shellie Milne, Hemet Citizens for Accountable Government**, recommended that the three agencies considered combined public safety services.

**The Item was tabled at this time.**

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### **Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items requested at this time.

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### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 11:33 p.m.