



# MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

August 21, 2012

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**4:00 pm**  
**Hemet City Council Chambers**  
**450 E. Latham Avenue**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Youssef called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

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### Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Epps, Krupa and Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Foreman and Mayor Youssef

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Interim City Manager Orme, City Attorney Vail and City Clerk McComas

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### Communications From the Public

There are no communications from the public.

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### Closed Session

#### Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments presented at this time.  
The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 4:06 p.m.

1. Public Employee Appointment  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957  
Title: Acting or Interim City Manager
  2. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.8  
Agency representatives: Acting City Manager, Mark Orme; Administrative Services Director, Rita Conrad; and legal counsel.  
Employee Organization: Hemet Fire Fighter's Association
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## City Attorney Closed Session Report

1.A Public Employee Appointment

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Title: Acting or Interim City Manager

**The City Attorney reported that there was no reportable action.**

2.A Conference with Labor Negotiators

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.8

Agency representatives: Acting City Manager, Mark Orme; Administrative Services Director, Rita Conrad; and legal counsel.

Employee Organization: Hemet Fire Fighter's Association

**The City Attorney reported that this item was continued to September 11, 2012.**

### Discussion/Action Items

3. **Approval of Employment Contract for Position of Interim City Manager - City Attorney Vail**

a. Approve an Employment Contract for the position of Interim City Manager.

**Eric Vail, City Attorney**, at the August 20, 2012 Special City Council Meeting, the City Council appointed Mark Orme as the Interim City Manager. This action will publically ratify that appointment and approve his Employment Agreement.

**Glen Holmes, Hemet**, not to disparage Mr. Orme, but the City Council should have appointed Mr. Ron Bradley as the Interim City Manager. His education and experience would have provided strong leadership. Mr. Orme deserves the chance to work under him and gain from his experience. Mr. Holmes attended the meeting on August 14, 2012 and disagreed with some of the statements made by Mr. Orme. Mr. Holmes is running for City Council because of the changes in the City.

**Mayor Pro Tem Foreman**, Mr. Orme is the right choice for this City right now. Mr. Orme brings a sense of community. The employees and the residents deserve the stability that he brings.

**Mayor Youssef**, agreed that he hoped that Mr. Orme would have the opportunity to learn from other City Managers. However I feel that, if appointed, Mr. Orme deserves the same salary that was offered to the other applicants.

**Council Member Smith**, spoke in opposition to the contract, Mr. Orme should be compensated equally for his services. This City Council passed up the opportunity to have one the most experienced City Manager's in the region. I have a lot of respect for Mr. Orme and would have loved to provide him with the opportunity to learn from Mr. Bradley.

**Mayor Pro Tem Foreman moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 3-2. Council Member Smith and Mayor Youssef voted No.**

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### Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requested at this time.

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### Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:41 p.m. to Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.