



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

December 11, 2012

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### REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

City of Hemet Council Chambers

450 E. Latham Avenue

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#### Call to Order

Mayor Youssef called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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#### Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

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#### Invocation

Invocation was given by Darleana McHenry, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council

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#### Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Foreman

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#### Consent Calendar

1. **Approval of Minutes** - November 13, 2012

**Council Member Epps moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

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#### Certification of Election

2. **Certification of Election Results** - City Clerk McComas

a. Adopt a resolution reciting the fact of the Consolidated Presidential General Election held on November 6, 2012, declaring the results.

**Resolution No. 4526**

**Council Member Smith moved and Council Member Epps seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 4526. Motion carried 5-0.**

## Presentations

3. Presentations to Council Member Epps and Mayor Pro Tem Foreman

**Mayor Youssef**, presented plaques to Council Member Robert Epps and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Foreman for their service on the City Council. Council Member Epps stepped up and offered his service when Council Member Franchville resigned his position. Your time and service was greatly appreciated. Mayor Pro Tem Foreman and I were elected in 2008 and had to make budget cuts at our first Council Meeting. Jim Foreman has served his community in every aspect. It has been a pleasure serving with you on the City Council. **Council Member Epps**, this time on the City Council has been great. The future holds a positive direction for the City Council. The City of Hemet has an incredible staff and I am glad to live in Hemet.

**Mayor Pro Tem Foreman**, thanked the residents for voting for him four years ago. This has been a difficult four years, beginning with the very first meeting. The financial situation is stressful for the City Council and the employees. Hopefully we will see the economy turn around. It has been an experience to say the least, thank you again for your support.

**Mayor Youssef**, presented City of Hemet streets signs, "Bob Epps Drive" for Robert Epps and "Foreman's Way" for Jim Foreman.

**Council Member Smith**, thanked Mayor Pro Tem Foreman for his 4 years of service and thanked Council Member Epps for stepping up during a difficult time.

**Council Member Krupa**, Council Member Epps wishes that he ran for a full term, we encourage you to consider it in the future. Mayor Pro Tem Foreman it has been a pleasure to serve with you for the last two years. Good luck.

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## Oath of Office

4. City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council Members Shelly Milne, Bonnie Wright and Robert Youssef and City Treasurer Judith Oltman

**City Clerk McComas administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council Members and Treasurer.**

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The City Council recessed briefly at 7:15 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:23 p.m

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## Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Krupa, Milne, Smith, Wright and Youssef

ABSENT: None

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## Council Reorganization

5. City Clerk to Call for Nominations for the Office of Mayor  
**City Clerk McComas**, called for nominations for the Office of Mayor.  
**Council Member Smith moved and Council Member Milne seconded the motion to appoint Robert Youssef as Mayor. Motion carried 5-0.**

6. Mayor to Call for Nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem  
**Mayor Youssef**, called for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.  
**Council Member Milne moved and Mayor Youssef seconded the motion to appoint Larry Smith as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried 5-0.**

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## Closed Session

### Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

**Nicole Tamez, Hemet**, expressed gratitude in what Mr. Orme has accomplished in four months. Mr. Orme was instrumental in getting the crosswalk at West Valley High School and has attended community clean ups. You won't find anyone better than him for City Manager. Mr. Orme has dedicated his personal and professional time to the residents of this community. Ms. Tamez expressed concern with spending \$375,000 on two reports that have not been filed. The City Council continues to say that we do not have enough money to adequately fund the Police Department. If that is the case, then we can't afford another consultant. If we do have money, hire more police officers.

**Tami Wilhelm, Hemet**, welcomed the newly seated Council Members. Ms. Wilhelm expressed concern and reminded the City Council that the decisions they make today will have far reaching effects. The placement of these two closed session items on this agenda, give the appearance that Council Members are having discussions outside of the public meetings. Your decision tonight will either heal your ties with the community or cause distrust. There are still unanswered questions regarding the Public Safety Departments. This single action will invoke additional insecurity of these employees. More public safety employees will seek employment elsewhere, then the decision will be made for you. Mark Orme has been the best City Manager that Hemet has had in a decade. Ms. Wilhelm recommended that if the City Council really feels that hiring Ron Bradley is the best decision, the City Council should wait until the public safety question has been answered. Maybe Mr. Bradley can help Hemet's economic future. Please table this item until the new Council Members have had more time to consider it.

**Rick Hammond, Hemet**, asked Council Members Milne and Wright if they are prepared to evaluate the City Manager with so little time on the City Council, a decision that will affect our community for years to come. Mr. Hammond recommended that the decision not be made tonight.

**Paul Raver, Hemet**, congratulated the newly elected Council Members. Mr. Raver asked why these items were placed on the agenda. The new Council Members need time to research the issues. Mr. Orme's contract is in place until February 2013. The City has already spent a lot of money on consultants to study and refine the public safety departments. The new Council Members should have time to study their reports, before you hire another consultant. Mr. Orme has served under five City Manager's over the past thirteen years. Mr. Raver recommended that the City Council pull agenda item nos. 7 and 8 and hire Mr. Orme as the permanent City Manager.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:09 p.m.

7. Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957  
Title: Interim City Manager
8. Public Employee Appointment  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957  
Title: Interim City Manager or City Manager

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Reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

## **City Attorney Closed Session Report**

9. Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957  
Title: Interim City Manager
10. Public Employee Appointment  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957  
Title: Interim City Manager or City Manager

**The City Attorney reported that the City Council voted to appoint Ron Bradley as the City's Interim City Manager. Motion carried 4-1. Council Member Wright voted No. Mr. Orme will be the City's Assistant City Manager. The City Council will move their December 25, 2012 meeting to December 18, 2012 at 11:30 in the Council Chambers to consider the contracts for Mr. Bradley and Mr. Orme.**

**Mayor Youssef**, we all know that the City has challenges to face. During my first term, the City has had 4 different City Managers. Mark Orme has been the best. This will provide Mr. Orme with an opportunity to work with one of the best City Manager's while we look for a permanent City Manager.

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## Work Study

*Discussion regarding these items, with possible direction to staff*

11. Update on EMWD Recycle Water Pond Project – Charlie Bachmann, EMWD  
**Charlie Bachmann, Assistant General Manager**, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation on the East Diamond Valley Lake (DVL) Recycled Water Storage Pond. The East DVL recycled water storage pond is a demonstration project located on an 80 acre site east of DVL in an existing depressed basin on Metropolitan Water Districts (MWD) property, within the City of Hemet. The recycled water pipeline will connect with EMWD's regional system. The original project elements were: mitigated negative declaration; right of entry from MWD to construct facilities; lease agreement with MWD defining construction term and roles and responsibilities; and MOU with MWD/City of Hemet/EMWD defining the context of the project. Construction of a 6-acre pilot phase to validate the project viability will be followed by construction of the 80-acre demonstration project. The estimated cost is \$2-3 million. Comments have been received on the MND from the California Department of Fish & Game (Mitigate for loss of riparian habitat and consistency with Riverside County MSHCP) and from the City of Hemet (Ensure that project will not preclude the long-term purpose of community recreation). Based on the fact that the project will cost \$2-3 million without knowing the long-term project viability, the approach has been revised. The Demonstration project has been redefined to a 6-acre site. The MND has been withdrawn. With approval from the California Dept. of Fish & Game and the City of Hemet, a Categorical Exemption will be issued. The 6-acre site will be improved under MWD's right of entry. If this is approved, a new MND will be initiated, EMWD will negotiate with MWD to purchase the property and the project will be implemented. Mr. Bachmann showed aerial maps of the proposed Percolation Test area.

12. Update on Public Safety Technology Projects – Dave Brown, Police Chief  
This item was continued to January 8, 2013.

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**Mark Orme, Interim City Manager**, requested that the City Council add an urgency item to the Consent Calendar that arose subsequent to the preparation of the agenda and requires action prior to the next Regular Meeting.

**Council Member Milne moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to add Item No. 21A to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 5-0.**

## City Council Business

## Consent Calendar

13. **Receive and File** – Investment Portfolio as of August 2012
14. **Receive and File** – Warrant Register
  - a. Warrant registers dated October 31, 2012 and November 15, 2012. Payroll for the period of October 29, 2012 to November 11, 2012 was \$609,008.42 and November 12, 2012 to November 25, 2012 was \$621,098.02.
15. **Recommendation by Fire Department** – Fiscal Year 2012/13 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Award - \$19,374.00 to the City of Hemet, Emergency Services Department
  - a. Accept the grant approved by the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) for the Riverside County's FY 2012/13 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program in the amount of \$19,374.00; and
  - b. Approve expenditure of funds to purchase supplies and equipment, and to fund the current Emergency Services Coordinator (50% of the salary) to support the City of Hemet, Fire Department 2012 Emergency Services Program.
16. **Recommendation by Fire Department** – 2012/2014 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Grant Program Expenditure
  - a. Accept the grant approved by the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) for the Riverside County Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) awarded to the City of Hemet for the CERT Program in the amount of \$12,117.00; and
  - b. Approve expenditure of funds to purchase a Contract Trainer, supplies and equipment to support the City of Hemet Fire Department 2012/2014 CERT Program.
17. **Recommendation b Police Chief** – Authorization to use CA State 911 Emergency Communications Office funding to upgrade E911 Dispatch Consoles
  - a. Authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Russ Bassett Co. for the purchase of (5) replacement 911 Dispatch Consoles at a total cost of \$93,773.97. This purchase is fully funded through reimbursement by the CA State 911 Emergency Communications Office.
18. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Dedication of Street Right-of-Way, Sterling

Real Estate Partners I, LLC and Omni Financial, LLC, SW corner of Cawston Avenue and Menlo Avenue

- a. Accept the Grant Deed for public street purposes; and
- b. Authorize the City Clerk to record it with the County of Riverside Recorder's Office.

19. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Safe Routes to School Project CIP 5548 – Intersection Improvements at Menlo Avenue and Cawston Avenue and CEQA Notice of Exemption

- a. Approve the project and the CEQA Categorical Exemption performed by the Community Development Department. Project budgeting and funding will be presented at the contract award phase; and
- b. Approve and direct staff to process the Notice of Exemption document for filing with the County Recorder.

20. **Recommendation by Community Development** – Extension of Established Service Authority for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

- a. Adopt a resolution authorizing the extension of the service fee collected on behalf of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement service authority until May 2024. **Resolution Bill No. 12-078**

21. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Park Commission Recommendations

- a. Tree Removal Request – 801 N. Kirby Street – Palm Trees (5)  
Approve request contingent upon property owners replacing.

21.A **Recommendation by Police Department** – 2012 California Office Traffic Safety – Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant

- a. Accept the 2012/13 California State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$85,000. Upon receipt of the award, direct the Finance Department to establish an expenditure account and budget for the grant performance period.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

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### **Communications from the Public**

**Donald Ash, Hemet**, expressed concern with the exit on the east side of the Library and requested that it be open for through traffic.

**Mr. Ash was referred to Sgt. Arrellano**

**Keith Broaders, Hemet**, recommended that all City employees be required to complete a

course and pass a test on the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Broaders feels that the Police employees should understand the Bill of Rights.

**Daryl Woods, Hemet**, expressed concern with RDA funds being used for any additional low and moderate housing. Mr. Woods also recommended that funds received from the sale of the Refuse Department be used to fund the public safety departments. Mr. Woods recommended that if Mark Orme is leaving the City of Hemet, a state or national search should be conducted for the selection of a permanent City Manager.

**Emily Quast McDonough**, expressed concern regarding a code violation that she submitted. The City has contacted the property owner a number of times, yet the violation has not been corrected.

Ms. McDonough was referred to Code Enforcement.

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## City Council Reports

### 22. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

#### A. Council Member Krupa

1. Library Board
2. Traffic and Parking Commission
4. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
5. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
6. Ramona Bowl Association
7. Indian Gaming Distribution Fund
8. Hemet ROCS Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
9. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
10. League of California Cities

#### B. Council Member Milne

#### C. Council Member Smith

1. League of California Cities
2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
3. Planning Commission
4. Public Safety Update
  
5. National League of Cities
6. Hemet ROCS Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

#### D. Council Member Wright

#### E. Council Member Youssef

1. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

F. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

1. Christmas Parade Committee

**Council Member Krupa**, the Christmas Parade was a success.

G. Interim City Manager Orme

1. Manager's Reports
2. Ad-Hoc Committee Appointment for Review of Crime Stoppers Plus Program

**The City Council appointed Council Members Milne and Wright to the Ad-Hoc Committee.**

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The City Council recessed to Housing Authority Meeting at 9:38 p.m.  
Reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

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### **Future Agenda Items**

There were no future items requested at this time.

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### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 9:44 p.m. to Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.