



MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

January 22, 2013

5:30 p.m.

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City of Hemet Council Chambers

450 E. Latham Avenue

Please silence all cell phones

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Krupa, Milne and Wright and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

ABSENT: Mayor Youssef

Council Member Krupa moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to excuse Mayor Youssef. Motion carried 4-0.

Closed Session

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments presented at this time.

The City Council recessed to Closed Sessions at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Youssef arrived at 5:37 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
One matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)
 2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a)
Names of case: Eastern Municipal Water District v. City of Hemet, et al
Case #RIC 1207274
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REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

City of Hemet Council Chambers

450 E. Latham Avenue

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Krupa, Milne and Wright, Mayor Pro Tem Smith and Mayor Youssef

ABSENT: None

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

Invocation

Invocation was given by Jim Lineberger, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Wright

City Attorney Closed Session Report

3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

One matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)

The City Attorney reported that there was no reportable action.

4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a)

Names of case: Eastern Municipal Water District v. City of Hemet, et al
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The City Attorney gave the City Council an update of the process. There was no additional reportable action.

City Council Business Consent Calendar

5. **Approval of Minutes** – January 8, 2013
6. **Receive and File** – Investment Portfolio as of October 2012
7. **Receive and File** – Warrant Register
 - a. Warrant registers dated December 27, 2012, January 9, 2013 and January 10, 2013. Payroll for the period of December 10, 2012 to December 23, 2012 was \$552,227.12 and payroll for the period of December 24, 2012 to January 6, 2013 was \$604,918.12.
8. **Recommendation by the City Manager** – League of California Cities Membership for 2013
 - a. Authorize the City Manager to continue the City of Hemet's membership to the League of California Cities for 2013.
9. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Bond Reduction, Tract Map No. 32717-1 – Woodside Homes, SE corner of State St. and McSweeny Parkway
 - a. Authorize the City Clerk to reduce the Faithful Performance Bond from the original amount of \$150,000.00 to \$45,000.00, with the Labor and Materials Bond in the amount of \$150,000.00 to be reduced to \$45,000.00 to reflect the work already completed.
10. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Installation of Banners Across Florida Avenue
 - a. Diamond Valley Lake Marathon – Habitat for Humanity – March 2, 2013
 - b. Free Tutoring Program – We Care San Jacinto Valley, Inc.
 - c. Quilt Show – Valley Quilters – February 15 & 16, 2013
 - d. Wood Carvers Show – Ramona County Carvers – March 10 & 11, 2013
 - e. Valley Wide Country Fair – Valle Wide Recreation District – April 4 – 7, 2013
 - f. Easter Passion Play – Calvary Chapel – March 31, 2013
 - g. Free E-Waste – Green Coalition – March 16, 2013
11. **Recommendation by Community Development** - Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 12-005 (Alcoholic Beverage Sale Regulations)
 - a. Adopt an ordinance establishing Article III, Section 90-90 of the Hemet Municipal Code regarding alcoholic beverage sales.
Ordinance No. 1858

12. **Recommendation by Engineering** – CalTrans’ Cooperative Agreement No. 08-1545 – Traffic Signal at the Intersection of SR-74 and California Avenue Project No. 081200030
 - a. Accept the Cooperative Agreement with CalTrans; and
 - b. Authorize the Mayor, Interim City Manager and Administrative Services Director to execute the Cooperative Agreement.

13. **Recommendation by Police Department** – 2013 State COPS Grant Expenditure Plan and Supplemental Appropriation
 - a. Accept the 2013 State COPS grant award of \$128,786; and
 - b. Approve the proposed expenditure plan for the \$128,786 in State COPS Grant funding for 2013; and
 - c. Upon award of the grant, authorize increase in revenue of \$128,786, increase the appropriation in the amount of \$128,786 to accounts to be assigned by Finance based on the approved expenditure plan.

14. **Recommendation by Police Department** – Architectural Services and Design of Sisk Building Replacement Project
 - a. Award to the lowest, qualified firm, Andreson Architecture, Inc., a professional services agreement for architectural and design services related to the Sisk Building Replacement Project; and
 - b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Andresen Architecture, Inc., for said services; and
 - c. Establish budget in the amount of \$68,500 in fund #331-3100-5300.

15. **Recommendation By Police Department** – Purchase of Replacement Patrol Vehicles
 - a. Award bid to Gosch Ford of Hemet, the lowest qualified bidder, for the purchase of (9) replacement black and white patrol vehicles; and
 - b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to approve purchase order of vehicles.

16. **Recommendation by Police Department** – Retirement of Police Canine “Fritts” and Transfer of Ownership to Handler
 - a. Authorize the Police Department to retire police canine “Fritts” from service;
 - b. Transfer ownership of “Fritts” to his handler, Cpl. Mike Arellano, for \$1.00.

17. **Recommendation by Community Investment** – Lease of Real Property located at 250-256 East Meier Street
 - a. Approve a lease for real property located at 250-256 E. Meier Street to Amerco Real Estate, DBA: U-Haul Center, Hemet, CA; and
 - b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the lease.

Item Nos. 8 and 15 were removed from the Consent Calendar. **Council Member Krupa moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

Item No. 8

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, asked the City Council if the value of what the City receives from the League is worth the cost of the membership. I think it is in the best interest of the tax payers to re-evaluate everything, including the renewal of these memberships.

Council Member Milne, asked about their value in the past. During the conference last week we discussed policies and regulations as well as other things. Council Member Milne asked how effectively the League has lobbied for Hemet and the smaller cities in the past.

Mayor Youssef, in the stance against RDA they have done well. As far as Hemet, we tend to lose some of the conservative voices in the State.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, the League does have a value. Mayor Pro Tem Smith expressed disappointment in the Riverside Divisions decision to not participate in some joint offers from the San Bernardino Division. Mayor Pro Tem Smith also expressed concern with the League's lack of assistance to the County's newly incorporated cities. The City would send a strong message of concern if we did not renew our membership at this point.

Council Member Krupa, the League does have a strong voice in Sacramento, they do keep us updated with relative ease on proposed legislation. If we don't agree with them we need to send them our united opinion.

Council Member Wright, concurs with Council Member Krupa. Council Member Wright recently attended the New Mayor and Council Conference and felt that the information presented was extremely beneficial. Council Member Wright feels that the membership with the League is important, so the City of Hemet is at the table with the other cities.

Erin Sasse, Riverside Division Representative, the City of Hemet is one of the League's active cities. The League has a state-wide program as well as a Regional Board that makes recommendations. The League offers advocacy in Sacramento with 16 Division Representatives that act as your liaison. The League litigates on behalf of the cities. The Conferences and list serves are just two of the resources that the League offers. Ms. Sasse recommended that the City Council continued its membership with the League.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, wanted to acknowledge the thorough staff report prepared by Mark Orme.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Mayor Youssef seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 15

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, requested that Chief Brown explain why the department assigns vehicles.

Chief Brown, 18 years ago the department rolled out the assigned patrol unit program. The start up cost was expensive, however the annual replacement and repair costs have been greatly reduced. The vehicles are fully equipped with personal and police equipment and ready to respond at any given moment. This is, in my opinion, the primary reason that Hemet PD can police Hemet with the reduction in officers. The average life of a patrol vehicle is 2.5 to 3 years and we are getting an average of 7 years per vehicle.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, this is a \$250,000 investment for just the vehicles. Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked for the cost to upfit the vehicles and if the current fleet is well maintained.

Chief Brown, the radio and computers for each vehicle will cost approximately \$11,000.

Mayor Youssef, noted that these vehicles are being funded by the Vehicle Replacement Fund which is funding set aside for this purpose.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

The City Council recessed briefly at 7:23 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

Communications from the Public

Gary Cook, Hemet, expressed concern with the economic development in Hemet. Mr. Cook expressed concern with proposed increase in mobile home space rental fees. Mr. Cook also expressed concern with the lack of jobs available in the valley for the youth.

CW Cecchi, Hemet, announced that the Hemet Museum is having a sale on Friday January 25th and Saturday January 26th.

Trudy Buchanan, Hemet, expressed concerned with what is going on in the City and recommended more development. Ms. Buchanan also expressed concern with Code Enforcement regarding her property.

Mayor Youssef, referred Ms. Buchanan to Deanna Elliano, Community Development Director.

Maria Higgins, Hemet, after attending Council Meetings for a couple of months, it is my impression that most the Council Members don't even acknowledge the speakers. Ms. Higgins, expressed concern with a couple of recent actions taken by the City Council, the first was the replacement of Mark Orme and the second was Council Member Milne's decision to replace Council Member Krupa on RCA and RCHCA. Ms. Higgins recommended that the City Council keep our Police and Fire Departments local.

Donna Banks, Mobile Home Owners Associations, recommended that the City Council have a meeting with the Hemet ROCS Committee to provide them with direction.

Deanna Kjorlien, Hemet, moved to Hemet in 2005 with three boys under 7. Ms. Kjorlien was familiar with Hemet, because at that time residents of Temecula, Menifee and Murrieta areas came to Hemet to shop. Ms. Kjorlien doesn't shop here any longer and takes her kids out of town for most activities because she doesn't feel safe at night. It is the job of the City to make the residents feel safe so they can support the local businesses.

Resources should be given to Chief Brown to hire more cops in the next 30 days.

Kristy Mundt, Democrats of Hemet/San Jacinto, on Obama's Day of Action, the Democrats of Hemet/San Jacinto had 12 volunteers out collecting 26 bags of trash on 7 City streets. We also polished plaques in a couple San Jacinto parks. Ms. Mundt thanked the City for picking up the trash bags. The Democrats of Hemet/San Jacinto will be continuing these efforts.

Paul Raver, The Public Safety Coalition, we are dedicated to retaining local control of our Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Raver recommended a public workshop in the Library regarding the Fire RFP that will allow time for presentations from the public. The Public Safety Coalition would like to present a very detailed presentation and would request the opportunity to have a dialogue with CalFire and the City's Fire Department. It is understood that the City Council does not have the money to do as they would like, it is our opinion that Police and Fire are best provided by our local Department for this reason. I have reviewed in detail the two bids and have discovered serious unobvious problems in CalFire's document.

Laura Anderson, Hemet, a Hemet resident since 1989. Ms. Anderson and her husband are both teachers in the valley. Due the rising costs to protect ourselves and our property, it is becoming harder to afford to live on our salaries. Over the holidays we were the victim of two crimes, crime should be high on your agenda.

Steve Sandefer, Hemet Firefighters Association, I'm going to take Ron Bradley's advice and provide you with information. It is my opinion that only advantaged cities should contract out. If you have enough money and don't want the employees in your pocket, it is advantageous to contract out. However, if you don't have money, the city should have more control over their costs and not contract out.

Terry Straubinger, Hemet, as a longtime Hemet family and local business owner, Ms. Straubinger expressed concern with the increased crime. Ms. Straubinger expressed support for Hemet PD and recommended additional help for the Gang Task Force. Ms. Straubinger asked what the residents can do you to help address these safety issues. The City wants residents to shop local, but what businesses will relocate here. Crime in this valley needs immediate attention.

Diane Kennedy, Hemet, expressed concern with Police response times. Recently a neighbor came home to a burglar in their home and it took the Police Department an hour to respond.

Patty Woods, Hemet, expressed concern that a 16 year old was stabbed 50 feet outside of the City limits. It is still the responsibility of the City. The City Council shouldn't consider any cuts to Public Safety. The local businesses are selling out of personal safety devices. Your Community is living in fear. Hemet's future is not bright anymore.

Lisa Pauro, Hemet, as a hospital employee I have been approached several times after work. I live in the County and work in the City. I personally have lost faith in your leadership. The residents are experiencing crime that we are not used to in our valley. I've been told that Hemet has the lowest paid Police Officers in the nation. You can't afford to give them a raise, but you can afford to hire consultants. This once beautiful town has a bad reputation. Eric was a student at Hemet High and classmate of my daughter. The children and the elderly deserve better. Ms. Pauro cited Council Member Milne's campaign promise that was not attained. In attendance are a number of residents that have volunteered their time at clean ups. Stop spending money on pet projects and consultants. **Deborah Olvey, Hemet**, I have lived in Hemet since 1995. In the last two weeks I have had vehicles broken into in my driveway behind a locked gate. Bicycles have been stolen from our yards. I don't have any answers, but this is not the town I moved to.

Ron Bradley, Interim City Manager, I was hired by this City Council to work on many of the problems that were mentioned here tonight. The Mayor, City Council and staff are all appalled by the senseless tragedy. Crime has no boundaries, we sent out our Police Officers to assist in any way. The main priority is Public Safety. Hemet Police Department does a great job. The City Council has provided funding to improve the Departments technology to help in the absence of officers. The City of Hemet does have economic issues. There are opportunities in Hemet as well as a number of challenges. In the areas where we can provide a response to the speaker, a response will be provided. Please give the City Council time to address these concerns. The team evaluating the RFP for Fire is working with the Department and a fair comparison will be conducted. It is our hope to bring that to the Community in February. Crime continues to be a problem in many cities.

I have managed cities with both contract and local Public Safety Departments. As a former Police Officer, I know the job is tough. Economics are an issue at this time. Thank you for your input, the staff and I will discuss these issues in the morning. The best thing the members of the community can do is to get involved and be committed.

City Council Reports

18. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. Council Member Krupa

1. Traffic and Parking Commission

2. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
3. Ramona Bowl Association
4. Indian Gaming Distribution Fund
5. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

B. Council Member Milne

1. Library Board
2. League of California Cities

Council Member Milne, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to attend the League of California Cities New Mayor and Council Members conference. As a new Council Member this is a lot to learn, it was a great experience.

3. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
4. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
5. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)

C. Council Member Wright

1. Planning Commission
2. Indian Gaming Distribution Fund
3. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
4. Park Commission
6. Ramona Bowl Association

D. Mayor Pro Tem Smith

1. League of California Cities

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Chief Brown gave a great presentation on the regions efforts regarding AB109 to the Public Safety Committee of the League of California Cities. Besides needing the resources to deal with the day to day issues, this Department also has to deal with AB109 releases. It is important that the agencies find a mechanism to deal with this.

2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, requested the opportunity to obtain a Spot Bill with the intention of moving legislation forward to have CalTrans conduct a study regarding relinquishing control of Highway 74. There are a number of reasons that this would be advantages to the City. A Spot Bill must be requested by Friday, January 25th. After which the City has 30 days to write the Bill and find a legislatoe to carry it forward. The State will do a benefit/cost analysis for consideration.

The City Council gave direction to staff to obtain a Spot Bill for relinquishing control of Highway 74.

3. Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG)
4. Public Safety Update
5. National League of Cities

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, recommending that the City fund my attendance to the National

League of Cities conference in Washington DC. Mayor Pro Tem Smith will provide the travel and lodging.

E. Mayor Youssef

1. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
3. Disaster Planning Commission
4. Appointment of Representative and Alternate to the Watermaster

Eric Vail, City Attorney, the City of Hemet along with EMWD, LHMWD, the City of San Jacinto and a couple of private pumpers participate in the Watermaster. It took years to figure out a way to manage the waterdraft in the valley. The Court helped solve it and created the Watermaster to monitor the ground water basins. One member from each agency will help set the policies.

The City Council appointed Council Member Krupa as the City's representative and Mayor Pro Tem Smith as the Alternate.

F. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

1. Crime Stoppers Plus Ad-Hoc Committee
2. Hemet ROCS Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Next meeting is Thursday, January 24, 2013.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, there is a lot of confusion about a statement made by one member of the committee during an open discussion and flyers were sent out with information that was just a suggestion. At the last Hemet ROCS Committee meeting a committee member proposed a mobile home fee for the purpose of providing Code Enforcement for mobile home parks. The suggestion was never discussed by the entire committee or referred to staff for consideration. The staff in the City Manager's office is still receiving and fielding calls regarding the misinformation that was presented to the public.

3. CDBG Ad-Hoc Committee

G. Interim City Manager Bradley

1. Manager's Reports
2. Consider appointment of two Council Members to the Family, Youth and Health Regional Task Force

The City Council appointed Council Member Milne and Mayor Youssef.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items presented at this time.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:37 p.m. to Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.