



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

### April 23, 2013

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6:00 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 6:02 p.m.

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### Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

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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 6:02 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
1 Matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)
2. Public Employee Appointment  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957  
Title: *City Manager*
3. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6  
Agency designated representatives: *Interim City Manager Bradley*  
Employee organization:  
*Service Employees International Union (SEIU) General Employees  
Communications Workers of America (CWA) Non-Sworn Police Employees  
Hemet Fire Fighters Association  
Hemet Police Officers Association  
Hemet Police Management Association  
Hemet Mid-Managers Association  
Administrative Personnel  
At-Will Employees*

### REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.  
City of Hemet City Council Chambers  
450 E. Latham Avenue

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### Call to Order

Mayor Youssef called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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### Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

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

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### Invocation

Invocation was given by Ramona Perez Greek, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council

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### Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Milne.

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## City Attorney Closed Session Report

4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
1 Matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)  
**The City Attorney reported that there was no additional reportable action.**
  
  5. Public Employee Appointment  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957  
Title: *City Manager*  
**This item was continued to the end of the Regular Session.**
  
  6. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
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## Presentations

7. Proclamation to the Center Against Sexual Assault of Southwest Riverside County proclaiming April 2013 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 24, 2013 as Denim Day

**Gayle Hepner, CASA**, explained the teal colored wristbands, ribbons, banners and lights that have been displayed throughout the Valley. Ms. Hepner invited the City Council to attend their event on Wednesday in Gibbel Park to acknowledge Sexual Assault Awareness.

**Mayor Youssef**, presented a proclamation to Gayle Hepner and Tom Wilson proclaiming April 2013 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 24, 2013 as Denim Day.

8. Proclamation to the Riverside County Department of Mental Health proclaiming the month of May 2013 as Mental Health Month

**Virginia Marshall, Board Member**, brochures have been left with the City Clerk for the City Council and the public. Ms. Marshall read a list of upcoming events honoring Mental Health Month. Ms. Marshall also invited members of the public to serve on the Board.

**Mayor Youssef**, presented the proclamation to Virginia Marshall proclaiming May 2013 as Mental Health Month.

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## **City Council Business Consent Calendar**

9. **Approval of Minutes** – March 26, 2013
10. **Receive and File** – Warrant Register
- a. Warrant registers dated April 4, 2013. Payroll for the period of March 18, 2013 to March 31, 2013 was \$637,277.68.
11. **Recommendation by Community Development** - Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 13-003 (Homemade Food Operator Regulations)
- a. Adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 90, Article III of the Hemet Municipal Code regarding Homemade Food Operator Regulations  
**Ordinance No. 1861**
12. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Installation of Banner across Florida Avenue
- a. Soboba Casino – Wood Show and Contest – May 11 and May 12, 2013
13. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Consultant Services Agreement with Engineering Resources of Southern California for the Design of Storm Drain Improvements, Line E-2, on State Street and Menlo Avenue (CIP No. 5590)
- a. Approve consultant service agreement with Engineering Resources of Southern California, Inc. (ERSC) in the amount of \$146,780 and establish budget in Fund 326-5590-2710; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute a consultant service agreement with ERSC to preliminarily design and final engineering services, for storm drain improvements on State St. and Menlo Avenue.
14. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Speed Limits Approval

- a. Adopt a resolution approving speed limits for various street segments.  
**Resolution No. 4533**

15. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Award of Bid for the Citywide Sidewalks and ADA Access Ramps, City Project No. 5569
  - a. Award the contract to the lowest, responsive bidder, Crownline General Contractor for the Citywide Sidewalks and ADA Access Ramps, CIP 5569 in the amount of \$119,691, and reject all other bids; and
  - b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into the construction contract for the improvements.

Item Nos. 11, 13 and 14 were removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

Item No. 11

**Council Member Milne**, requested a separate vote on this item.

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

Item No. 13

**Council Member Wright**, there are grants available for storm drain projects. Council Member Wright suggested that staff should start applying for next year. There is \$427,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2015/16 to be released in spring of 2014. Projects like this need to get on the project priority list.

**Council Member Wright moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

Item No. 14

**Council Member Krupa**, noted that the City has to abide my mandated speed limits. Surveys are done every 6 months. This resolution increases the MPH on one street and decreases it on two streets, one is Lake Street between Charlton and Lincoln, the other is Eaton between Sanderson and Kirby.

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

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## **Discussion/Action Item**

16. **Side Letter Agreement with the Hemet Police Officers Association, Inc.** – Interim City Manager Bradley
  - a. Approve a Side Letter Agreement with the Hemet Police Officers Association, Inc. (HPOA) to facilitate implementation of the Crime & Safety Action Plan

**Ron Bradley, Interim City Manager**, the City Council gave staff direction to bring back the Police Chief's Action Plan recommendations for consideration. Staff met and conferred with the HPOA. The HPOA agreed to the recommendations presented by the Chief. Mr. Bradley thanked the HPOA for working with the City to solve this issue.

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

17. **Project HOPE – Role of POST Certified Retired Police Officers** – Police Chief Brown
- a. Authorize and Direct the Human Resources Manager to create and open immediate recruitment for the classification; “Temporary, Limited Term Police Investigator” and “Temporary, Limited Term Police Sergeant”; and
  - b. Authorize the Finance Director to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$208,000 from unreserved fund balance to fund the temporary program.

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**Dave Brown, Police Chief**, an aggressive plan was presented at the last meeting put together by the Police Department. The plan included the hiring of retired POST certified police officers. Chief Brown thanked the City Attorney's Office for their extensive work. New job specifications have been prepared. Staff is seeking direction from the City Council to hire the temporary officers and to fund the program. These temporary employees will have full Police powers. If approved, the recruitment can begin tomorrow. A retired Sergeant will be hired to manage the positions. Chief Brown thanked the HPOA and the HPMA for supporting these efforts.

**Mayor Youssef**, asked if this recruitment will only be for retired City of Hemet employees.

**Chief Brown**, there are only 5 retired officers that qualify and they have not been contacted to see if there is an interest. The officer must have a service retirement within the last 3 years. It would be beneficial to have officers that have worked in Riverside County if possible due to their familiarity.

**Mayor Youssef**, asked the equivalency in terms of officers.

**Chief Brown**, Project HOPE, including the CHP Agreement, will be equal to 10 more Officers in the City.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, requested a report from the Chief in 90 days from July 1, with the results of this program. Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked Mr. Bradley to explain the overture of the general fund unreserved balance.

**Mr. Bradley**, the revenues come from several sources usually one time payments or where the City received more revenue than expected or spent less than expected. This is not an ongoing revenue source and perfect to use for special programs.

**Bob Jungbluth, Hemet**, recently there has been a cloud of negativity over the City Council meetings. The residents support Chief Brown and were in support of his recent presentation.

**Patty Woods, Hemet**, expressed concern that the City Council all supported Chief Brown's plan that included hiring these officer and the agreement with the CHP. Why is the agreement with the CHP not included for consideration. You are asking Chief Brown to come back with a report but you are not ensuring the Officer's that you will not go out for an RFP in the next 18 months. This Department needs stability. Ms. Woods requested that the City Council Members be the leaders that they were elected to be or resign.

**Chief Brown**, it is not responsible of me to ask for more Officers that I might have to lay off at a later date. As I am prepared with agreements and plans I will come to the City Council for approval and funding. The stability is important, it is good that both sides are talking.

**Council Member Krupa moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

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## Communications from the Public

**Bob Jungbluth, Hemet**, at a recent Council meeting I expressed concern about Ramona Humane Society and my concern was referred to the City Manager. Mr. Jungbluth explained another recent situation where Ramona Humane Society was not responsive. Mr. Jungbluth is requesting a report on Animal Control services to either himself or the public.

**Mayor Youssef**, requested a workstudy with Ramona Humane Society.

**Ron Bradley, Interim City Manager**, Chief Brown is working with them to make sure they are responsive. Vicious attacks will be handled by the Police Department.

**Katie Johnson, Hemet**, told the City Council about a recent vicious pit bull attack on my dog. After they mauled my dog to death the pit bulls began to maul me. The response time from Hemet Fire and Hemet PD was amazing. It would be wrong to outsource public safety the response times would be slower. Animal Control did catch the second dog.

**Mona Groff, Hemet**, expressed concern that all three Council Members elected in November agreed to look at all options for financing public safety, however one of the Council Members is backing out. One of the Council Members is a grant writer yet the City has not received additional money that is available, we need the money now not next year.

**Jeff Coffman, Hemet**, thanked the City Council for allowing the residents to hear the comparisons between the two Fire Departments. As an employee that has been represented by a union for 34 years it is important to me that the fire fighters would remain represented by a union. Chief Hawkins made it clear that they would. Chief Hawkins also made it clear that the majority of the firefighters would be absorbed and they would be able to maintain their high standard of living. CalFire has been serving California cities since 1885 including 64 counties and 204 cities. 21 of the 28 Riverside County cities are served by CalFire. Their firefighters have options for rank advancements and to serve anywhere in the State that CalFire operates. As a Hemet resident and past business owner it is important that Hemet City Council uses our money wisely. Mr. Coffman discussed the City's current financial situation and expressed concern that other cities are filing bankruptcy due to unfunded liabilities. The City would write one check to CalFire to pay for employees, equipment and cover liabilities. Contracting with CalFire would give the City \$2.4 million over the next three years to pay for more police officers. The City Council is financially responsible with the resident's money, the same residents that voted the City Council into office. The City Council should do what is best for the financial future of the City.

**Steve Sandefer, HFFA**, Hemet Fire Department was on the scene at the pit bull attack in one minute and 44 seconds. Mr. Coffman said some interesting things. Mr. Coffman please refer to page 16 of the original staff report, at the time the bids were received the Hemet Fire Department was \$1,000,000 cheaper.

**Robert Righetti**, a meeting was held a week and a half ago in San Jacinto regarding tourism, economics and bringing jobs to the Valley. It was attended by the San Jacinto City Council and their staff. Name cards were there for the Hemet City Council and only two attended, one of which left early. San Jacinto hired a tourism attractor and Hemet City Council needed to be at the table.

**Jim Lineberger, Hemet**, I come to all of the meetings and I want to get involved. I support this Valley as a non-profit director and as a resident. I am here as a resident tonight. The residents want to keep the Hemet Fire Department. I'm sure most of us don't have all the facts. I personally base my opinion on what I read on Facebook. The City Council gave Chief Brown a chance, why didn't the City Council give Chief Morris a chance. If money is the concern why doesn't the City's Fire Department go back to volunteer firefighters. Listen to the

business owners and residents and let them help you come up with solutions.

## 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

**Council Member Krupa**, this was opening weekend of "Ramona". First Nighter's party was successful. Gosch Ford donated the food and HPOA and HFFA served the attendees. Council Member Krupa invited the City Council to attend the VIP Reception on May 4th.

4. Indian Gaming Distribution Fund
5. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

**Council Member Krupa**, attended the LEAC at Pechanga. 3 Hemet Police Officer's were acknowledged. Council Member Krupa requested that the Police Chief bring them to a City Council meeting to be recognized.

**Council Member Krupa**, attended the Watermaster meeting. It was informative, confusing, challenging and depressing. The Watermaster is a five-member Board overseeing MWD's payment to the Soboba Indians. There is a TAC Advisory Committee and staff that stay abreast on it.

**Council Member Krupa**, also attended a meeting regarding the Lake Elsinore/San Jacinto Watershed Program. They brought up creative ideas to deal with the situation instead of treating the concerns that are natural. Originally they were expecting Hemet and San Jacinto to pay for the clean-up of Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake since our cities are upstream. The creative idea is to treat the water with an alum solution.

#### B. Council Member Milne

1. Library Board

**Council Member Milne**, gave examples of usage at similar sized libraries and noted that Hemet Public Library usage and staff efficiency is amazing for only being open 4 days a week.

2. League of California Cities
3. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
4. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
5. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)

**Council Member Milne**, is hopeful that solutions will be forth coming after meeting with staff and the property owners.

**Council Member Milne**, the City of San Jacinto conducted a Community Visioning Workshop and invited the City of Hemet to attend. Council Member Krupa was there and I attended also. San Jacinto has offered to allow Hemet to piggy back on their efforts. A tourism website is being designed that will benefit the entire Valley [www.visitsanjacintovalley.com](http://www.visitsanjacintovalley.com). It is nice to see the two City Council working together to promote the entire Valley.

C. Council Member Wright

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

**Council Member Wright**, helped serve food at the very well attended Ramona Pageant's First Nighters event at the Stock Farm.

**Council Member Wright**, also attended LEAC. It was great to see Hemet's Officers get acknowledged.

**Council Member Wright**, attended the California Funding Fair in Sacramento and brought back a lot of information for staff. The Grant process is slow, the money doesn't come tomorrow but it will eventually. Foundation grant money is more readily available. State and Federal funding takes time. If anyone is interested in learning more about the grant process there are websites available.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Smith

1. League of California Cities
2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, RCTC approved their \$1.2 Billion budget. With Highway 91 project funded, Highway 79 or Mid-County Parkway can move up on the list.

3. Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG)
4. Public Safety Update

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, displayed in the parking lot is one of 9 new Police vehicles. This is a great investment for our officers.

5. National League of Cities

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, encouraged the alternate on the Watermaster to attend all meetings to stay abreast.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, attended Echo Hill's Grand Opening, a great asset to the community.

E. Mayor Youssef

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

**Mayor Youssef**, Mid-County Parkway is moving closer to the top, however it is receiving a lot of opposition. The City Council has received letters to withdraw their support of the Parkway.

**The City Council reiterated their support for Mid-County Parkway.**

3. Disaster Planning Commission

F. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

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

G. Interim City Manager Bradley

1. Manager's Reports
2. Mobile Home Rent Review Commission – At Large Representative

**Sarah McComas, City Clerk**, requested that City Council Members assist in finding volunteers for an at-large representative for the City's Mobile Home Rent Review Commission.

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## **Continued Closed Session**

There was no public comment presented at this time.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 9:13 p.m.

2. Public Employee Appointment

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Title: *City Manager*

3. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: *Interim City Manager Bradley*

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Reconvened at 10:27 p.m.

## **City Attorney Continued Closed Session Report**

2. Public Employee Appointment

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Title: *City Manager*

**The City Council gave perimeters to the City Manager regarding the recruitment. There was no additional reportable action.**

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**The City Council received a report and gave the Negotiating Team direction. There was no additional reportable action.**

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## **Future Agenda Items**

Workstudy with Ramona Humane Society

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## **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 10:29 p.m. to Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.