



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

November 12, 2013

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**5:00 p.m.**  
**Hemet Public Library Upstairs**  
**300 E. Latham Avenue**

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### Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

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### 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.**

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### Closed Session

#### Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:13 p.m.

Mayor Youssef arrived at 5:22 p.m.

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6  
Agency designated representatives: *Interim City Manager Bradley*  
*Employee Organizations:*  
*Hemet Non-Sworn Police Employees Association*  
*Hemet Fire Fighters Association*  
*Hemet Police Management Association*  
*Hemet Mid-Managers Association*  
*Confidential Personnel*
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
One matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) & (3)
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Names of case: *Mercury Casualty Insurance v. City of Hemet*  
*RIC: INC 084323*

## REGULAR SESSION

6:00 p.m.

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300 E. Latham Avenue

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### Call to Order

Mayor Youssef called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 Bradley, City Attorney Vail and City Clerk McComas

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### Invocation

Invocation was given by Russ Jacobs, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council

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### Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Smith

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## City Attorney Closed Session Report

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*Confidential Personnel*

**The City Council was given an update by the Labor Negotiators. There was no additional reportable action.**

5. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
One matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) & (3)

**The City Council received an update from the City Attorney. There was no additional reportable action.**

6. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Names of case: *Mercury Casualty Insurance v. City of Hemet*  
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**The City Council received an update from the City Attorney. There was no additional reportable action.**

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## **City Council Business Consent Calendar**

7. **Approval of Minutes** – October 22, 2013
8. **Receive and file** – Warrant Registers
  - a. Warrant registers dated October 17, 2013 and October 31, 2013. Payroll for the period of September 30, 2013 to October 13, 2013 was \$630,242.03 and October 14, 2013 to October 27, 2013 was \$588,102.18.
9. **Recommendation by Fire Department** – 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program
  - a. Accept the grant approved by the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) for the Riverside County Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) awarded to the City of Hemet for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program in the amount of \$14,055.00; and
  - b. Approve expenditure of funds to purchase a Contract Trainer, supplies and equipment to support the City of Hemet, Fire Department 2014 CERT Program.
10. **Recommendation by Fire Department** – FY 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Award
  - a. Accept the grant approved by the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) for the Riverside County's FY13 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program in the amount of \$24,614.00; 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 2013/2014 Emergency Services program.
11. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Park Commission Recommendations from September 30, 2013 and October 28, 2013
  - a. Tree Removal Request: 214 E. Kimball Avenue – Ash (1)  
Recommendation to approve, replace and schedule installation of drive approach
  - b. Tree Removal Request: 600 Snead Drive – Ash (1)  
Recommendation to approve and replace with Crape Myrtle
  - c. Tree Removal Request: 650 Seville Drive – Magnolia (1) & Camphor (1)  
Recommendation to deny request; schedule tree for trim and lift
  - d. Tree Removal Request: 1480 W. Mayberry Avenue – Magnolia (1)  
Recommendation to deny request; schedule tree for trim and lift
  - e. Tree Removal Request: 641 Brisbane Street – Ash (1)  
Recommendation to approve and replace
  - f. Tree Removal Request: 516 Opal Street – Ash (1)  
Recommendation to approve and replace
  - g. Tree Removal Request: 1351 Basswood Way – Magnolia (2)  
Recommendation to approve (1) and replace; recommendation to deny (1)

- h. Tree Removal Request: 1013 Ivy Street – Ash (1)  
Recommendation to approve and replace

Item No 7 was 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. 7

**Council Member Krupa moved and Mayor Youssef seconded a motion to approve Item No. 7 as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Pro Tem Smith abstained.**

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## **Discussion/Action Item**

- 12. **Selection of Fire and Paramedic Service Levels for the City of Hemet –**  
Interim City Manager Bradley
  - 1. Establishing that the City shall provide to the public the level of fire, emergency, medical, and related services described in County Fire Option # 1; and
  - 2. Authorize the City's Labor Negotiator to continue to meet and confer with the Hemet Fire Fighters' Association (HFFA) regarding:
    - (a) the effects of any City decision to implement its newly established service levels described in County Fire Option #1,
    - (b) the decision and the effects, if any, of the City potentially contracting with Riverside County Fire to provide the newly established service levels described in Riverside County Fire Option #1,
    - (c) the effects, if any, of the City's potential decision to contract with Riverside County Fire's to provide interim Fire Management services referenced in Citygate recommendation No. 2,
    - (d) the City's decision and effects, if any, to provide transition benefits to current employees if the City decides to contract with Riverside County Fire to provide the City's newly established service levels for fire, emergency, medical, and related services as described in County Fire Option #1, and
    - (e) any other matters within the scope of representation under the Meyers, Miliias, Brown Act (MMBA); and
  - 3. Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to enter into negotiations with Riverside County Fire concerning the terms and conditions of a potential agreement with Riverside County Fire to provide fire, emergency medical, and related services to the City of Hemet at the service level described in County Fire Option #1, including the terms for hiring of existing Hemet Fire Department personnel; and
  - 4. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions under which Riverside County Fire would provide interim Fire Management services to the Hemet Fire Department while the City and Riverside County Fire negotiate that agreement referenced in recommendation No. 1.; and

5. Authorize the City Manager and Interim Fire Chief to procure the training necessary for Hemet Fire Fighters who currently hold a California Paramedic License to obtain paramedic certification from Riverside County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Council will not make a final decision on any agreement to implement the service levels described in Riverside County Option #1 until the City's negotiations with the Hemet Fire Fighters' Association and the City's negotiations with Riverside County Fire have been completed. Any final decision by the City Council, will be undertaken at a subsequent noticed public meeting.

**Ron Bradley, Interim City Manager**, last October the City Council authorized a request for proposal for fire services to determine which entity could provide the best service at the lowest cost. Two proposals were received in December. A committee was formed, comprised of the Assistant City Manager Mark Orme, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Rita Conrad, Procurement Administrator Elizabeth Grace, and retired Murrieta Fire Chief Paul Chrisman to evaluate the two proposals. Evaluation of the two proposals was a difficult task because of the highly technical nature of today's fire service and the many costs that needed to be considered in order to do an equitable comparison of the proposals. The Committee's review was presented to the City Council on February 26<sup>th</sup> to an overflow crowd. It was determined that the issue of contracting for fire services is part of the "Meet and Confer" process. The City Council authorized staff to begin that process with the Hemet Fire Fighters Association. It was also indicated at that time that more information was necessary from both responders and staff was authorized to obtain the additional information. Chief Morris and Chief Hawkins gave presentations regarding their proposals. At the end of that meeting staff was asked to continue working with CalPERS to obtain an estimate of the unfunded liability. The City Council authorized staff to hire Bartel and Associates to help prepare that estimate. The City Council also authorized staff to prepare costs and timelines for Hemet Fire Department to implement EMD and Paramedics. Personnel transition and benefit costs if Fire Services were contracted would be dependent on negotiations. In order to determine the Hemet Fire proposed cost to establish an emergency medical dispatch (EMD) and paramedic program for the City of Hemet, staff met with American Medical Response (AMR), Hemet Valley Medical Center, and Southern California EMS Training Institute regarding their proposal. In order to provide the broadest and most complete analysis of the two proposals, and obtain an unbiased and independent second opinion of the information presented, staff identified the firm of Citygate Associates, LLC as the most qualified and experienced organization in California to evaluate both fire services levels and costs. During the past three years, this firm has executed all five of the largest fire services studies in California, including studies for the counties of San Diego and El Dorado, as well as the cities of San Diego and Oakland along with the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. Citygate completed their report on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The report was made available to the City Council, the Fire Fighters Association and the public at that time. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the HFFA had an opportunity to discuss the report with Mr. Stu Gary. In the report, Citygate, identifies several areas of concern in the existing training, supervision and management structure of the current Hemet Fire organization that need to be examined in the light of both citizen and firefighter safety. Citygate also points out that EMD is not a critical need for the City. Mr. Bradley introduced Stu Gary, co-author of the report and a Fire Official for over 40 years.

**Stu Gary, Citygate Associates,** began as a Fire Volunteer in High School. Mr. Gary gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation regarding Fire Services Options and Fiscal Costs Review. Citygate Associates was hired to conduct an operational and cost review of the City's choices for providing fire services. Compare the City's fire services and costs over a multiple-year period against best practices and the needs of Hemet. Then evaluate, as a policy option, the County Fire Department's proposal and costs to meet those needs. Our staff reviewed all prior reports and Council meeting recordings on the fire services issue, starting with the City's RFP for fire services. Additional information was obtained on City Fire Department costs and operations. Interviews were conducted with both City and CalFire staff on follow-up details. We also met with the City's firefighters representatives. The study prepared by Citygate is not a financial audit or a program compliance audit. Citygate's work is a high-level review of Hemet's needs against our experience and best practices publications. Citygate did not conduct a detailed review of the Department's personnel, their training, and prior performance. Overall, Citygate's perspective is that internal or external fire services can meet the needs of Hemet and best practices. Service level choices should be based on desired emergency outcomes and the ability to fund a desired service level. Once the policy direction is given for a level of fire services, there is still implementation work to be done for either a city or contract solution. There are no mandatory federal or state regulations directing the level of fire service staffing, response times, and outcomes. Thus, communities have the level of fire services that they can afford, which is not always what they would desire. However, the body of regulations on the fire service providers that if fire services are provided at all, they must be done so with the safety of the firefighters and citizens in mind. The following are Citygate's key findings. Finding #1: Response Times – the Measure C statement is not well defined, and neither the City nor County can measure response times against Measure C without a revised City policy and accurate data. Finding #2 & #3: Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) – is not a critical need for the City, since most, if not all, of the medical aid calls, given their nature, will still have an engine or squad response. Finding #4: Fire Paramedic Program Costs – projected paramedic costs, even as adjusted by Citygate, are on the low side at best. Finding #5 & #6: Headquarters staffing – the current acting chief officer interim solution is not a permanent one, and the recently vacated fire prevention position should be replaced. Finding #7 & #8: Ladder Truck Coverage – the County does not have an aerial ladder truck close enough to Hemet, and Hemet should have one. The County proposal shares this cost with Hemet. Finding #9: City to County Firefighter Transfer – Firefighter rank employees that are not active paramedics in Hemet will likely not be absorbed by County Fire. Finding #10: County Conversion Costs – there are significant unknowns that can cause one-time County Fire conversion costs to swing substantially, including liability for employees injured prior to conversion, vacation leave buyout, and start-up costs. Finding #11 & #12: City Headquarters Staffing – an adequate, permanent headquarters team will require an investment in credentialed permanent positions. Finding #13: City/County Comparable Service Level – the most comparable service configuration is for the City to convert the 2-person squad to a 3-person truck company and add paramedics, a Fire Marshal, a fire prevention clerk, a 40-hour Training Officer, and permanent chief officers. Doing so compares most directly to the County proposal that provides a shared 4-person truck company and adequate fire headquarters services in Hemet. Finding #14: Equipment Ownership – if the City contracts with the County, it will be most cost-effective for all City fire apparatus and specialty tools to be given to the County. The County will then be responsible for maintenance, liability, and replacement. There are four optional levels of service that have

been used for costs comparisons: Option A) Current operation: 4 engines, 1 squad, 1 cross-staffed ladder truck, and 4 acting chief officers. No paramedics or Emergency Medical Dispatch. Option B) Option A plus the City fire paramedical program. Option C) Option A+B plus the addition of City headquarters staff for a training chief, Fire Marshal, and second office assistant. Option D) Option A+B+C plus the addition of permanent chief officers (4) and a return to a dedicated 3-person ladder truck crew, to replace the 2-person squad. Citygate's minimum Fire Headquarters staffing recommendation is: 1 Fire Chief; 3 Battalion Chiefs to provide 24/7/265 incident command and station supervision/training; and 1 Administrative Assistant office support position. Citygate's recommendation for effective Fire Headquarters staffing in addition to the minimum is: 1 Fire Marshal or Fire Inspector, which can be a non-safety position; 1 Training Officer; 1 Emergency Medical Services oversight position (this can be a part-time contact position); and a second office support position for fire prevention needs and back-up when the other position is on earned leave. Mr. Gary explained in detail the estimated costs associated with the paramedic program. EMS Clinic Training & Oversight will cost \$15,000. Paramedic pay stipend for 15 firefighters will be \$144,153. New Cardiac Monitors @ \$35,000 each, recommend purchasing 3 the 1<sup>st</sup> year that will cost \$105,000. Cardiac Monitor annual service plan @ \$975.00 per unit will cost \$2,925. Small equipment and supplies will cost \$2,431. Cardiac Monitors annual replacement fund for 5-years will cost \$10,000. Based on a 3-year Phasing, the 1<sup>st</sup> Year estimate is \$279,884. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year would cost \$234,198. 3<sup>rd</sup> Year would cost \$161,528. The EMD Program would cost \$673,584 per year to hire additional dispatchers and could be added in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year City phased costs plus EMD would cost \$907,782. Paramedic Program summary: Start-up & Operating Annual Total without EMD for Year 1 would be \$812,718, Year 2 \$273,067 and Year 3 \$281,467; EMD City Dispatch Staff for Year 1 would be \$739,075, Year 2 \$739,075 and Year 3 \$739,075; for a total cost of \$1,551,793 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Year, \$1,012,142 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year and \$1,020,542 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Mr. Gary went over the cost comparisons in detail. The following are County Contract Issues: Spreads headquarters costs across more crews; Larger staff provides for future leader training; Less worry about absences in critical positions; Hemet would have fewer City Hall service needs (Payroll and accounting, Human Resources, Risk Management, Legal, Labor Relations, Workers Comp and disability retirements exposure); But, regional contact are inflexible on costs; Regional Fire Departments have trouble reducing some agency contract costs, but not others, at the same time; Careful consideration needs to be given to local cost control versus all of the issues of running public services on a small revenue base for both Fire and City Hall costs; and precise cost cannot be placed on reduced City liability with a contract provider. In conclusion, the County contract alternative (County Option #1), even if found to be the most promising policy choice, has substantial cost and policy issues that need to be resolved in negotiations with City employees and the County. If the City wants to further consider going with the County, it should add the fire paramedics now, which would make converting employees to CalFire employment easier. During final negotiations, the City can leave the temporary command staff in place, and negotiate with the City firefighters and the County for the best-fit conversion package of: Services, Costs and Conversion Timing; and Employee Retention. These steps are necessary for the City to have all of the required information to make a fully informed final choice of retaining its own Fire Department or contracting with the County. A final decision can be made after the City is satisfied with the resolution of open issues. If the City determines that it wants and can afford a higher level of service than the level provided by the City Fire Department, and the increased level of service is equivalent to County Fire Department Option #1 to include a staffed ladder truck, then the

City should consider contracting with the County for County Option #1. Contracting with the County for this level of service is less costly to the City. The City will need to balance cost savings and the advantages of a larger service provided against the loss of local control over setting fire personnel costs. If the City believes that a County Fire Department contract is the best service-to-cost option, then the City should, prior to entering into a contract with the County, negotiate with the County and, where appropriate, the City Firefighters Union, to resolve multiple and significant issues as listed on page 9 of Citygate's report. After negotiations with both the County and City firefighters to determine the final, hard, one-time conversion and on-going costs for at least three fiscal years, then: The City Council in early to mid-spring would be asked to approve final contract documents with both the County and City Firefighters Union and setting a conversion date.

**Mayor Youssef**, asked for an example of uses for the City's ladder truck and an explanation on the recommendation to share the truck.

**Mr. Gary**, the usage would be infrequent. However, the ladder truck is a specialized tool. It would be needed in rare events. It acts as a tool box for technical rescue equipment, such as automobile extraction equipment. Neither the County area nor the City of Hemet needs the full time expense of the truck.

**Mayor Youssef**, asked about the City's PERS obligations.

**Mr. Gary**, the City will not have an increase in their PERS rate until CalPERS determines the obligation. PERS will determine the annual percentage increase and the period of time that it will take for the City to pay the obligation. At some point the City will see a reduction in their PERS rates.

**Mayor Youssef**, asked for an explanation regarding backfilling in the event of a fire the magnitude of Idyllwild's recent fires.

**Mr. Gary**, the proposal indicates that Hemet would be considered a must fill area. The number of stations and the allowed timeframes should be part of the negotiations and defined in the contract.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, asked Mr. Gary if he noticed any similarities to the Charleston incident during his comparison.

**Mr. Gary**, most fire combat deaths are preventable. Proper communication policies, clothing, command on site are important. It is not just the head count on the street or the number of fire stations. It is the command system on safety and effectiveness that will determine the predictability of the outcome. Predictable is preventable.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, asked about Measure C.

**Mr. Gary**, the terminology regarding response times is not clear. However, Measure C is one of the better written during that era.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, in your report you determined Hemet has an excessive amount of medical calls at 87%.

**Mr. Gary**, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> is typical on the low side, 75% is not unheard of. Anything over 80% is a community that is under insured.

**Council Member Wright**, asked Mr. Gary where the figures came from on page 41 of his report regarding the cost comparisons.

**Mr. Gary**, that figure came from the base staffed cost. Adjustments were made to both proposals in an attempt to true up both proposals which is more inclusive than just the Fire Department's budget. It includes the cost to the General Fund including liability, insurance, vacation payout, etc.

**Council Member Wright,** asked Mr. Gary if the \$900,000 estimate for EMD and Paramedics was used for comparison.

**Mr. Gary,** explained that his cost estimates start from scratch. All adjustments were made to both proposals.

**Council Member Wright,** asked about the revenue sources such as the Mercy Air Agreement and the Weed Abatement program.

**Mr. Gary,** the revenue credits were added to both proposals. All revenues received from Fire would still go in the City's General Fund.

**Council Member Wright,** were the State's layered administration costs considered?

**Mr. Gary,** yes, they are imbedded in their proposal.

**Council Member Krupa,** asked if the costs from CalFire would be updated from year to year.

**Mr. Gary,** they used their known labor costs for 13/14 - they clarified the wording on the must back fill – we didn't allow them to change their numbers.

**Council Member Krupa,** asked where the ladder truck would be stored.

**Mr. Gary,** Chief Hawkins indicated verbally that it would be stored in downtown Hemet. Storage location and the pro-rate cost to share the truck can be determined in the negotiation process.

**Council Member Krupa,** asked Mr. Gary what level of service he would recommend for the City of Hemet.

**Mr. Gary,** I would recommend Level D.

**Council Member Krupa,** based on that, Citygate's cost study says that CalFire can provide Level D for the best price. The City can't pay for that level of service regardless of the service provider. What is the best option for the City when cost is a concern?

**Mr. Gary,** I don't know the City's financial situation or what degree of tolerance the City has. The City needs to forecast the ability to pay at service level D for a period of time.

**Council Member Krupa,** the City Council was previously told that EMD was something the City couldn't live without and now Citygate is saying that is not the case.

**Chief Hawkins, Riverside County Fire,** the County has a portion of the EMD program and provides pre-arrival medical instructions.

**Council Member Krupa,** the report indicates that Hemet doesn't need paramedic program because it relies on AMR.

**Mr. Gary,** an engine based paramedic program is a great level of service, however the current paramedical provider does have resources available and meets the mandated level of service at this time. That might not always be the case. Since the City already has paramedics on staff I would recommend converting them for a modest cost.

**Council Member Milne,** asked about the liability of a Fire Department.

**Mr. Gary,** the liabilities are workers comp, disability and frivolous lawsuits for negligence.

**Council Member Milne,** if the City contracts with the County who will be responsible for determining the labor costs described in Finding #10.

**Mr. Gary,** if the City contracts with CalFire all labor negotiations would be handled by CalFire.

**Council Member Milne,** asked Mr. Gary if he is seeing similar cutbacks elsewhere.

**Mr. Gary,** all regions were effected differently. The more severe the financial impacts were the more loss to Police and Fire budgets.

**Council Member Milne,** asked about Measure C, would you recommend that this Measure be clarified or clarify the times in the contract.

**Mr. Gary,** to measure response times there has to be a well-defined documented start time and end time based on a percent of goal measure not an average.

**Mayor Youssef**, currently we do not have a paramedic program in place instead the City relies on AMR. AMR is a for profit company that is currently in their first year of a 3-year contract with Riverside County. The level of service could change with another provider.

**Mr. Gary**, Hemet would probably be a hub for any provider, but that is not a guarantee.

**Mayor Youssef**, asked Mr. Gary why he recommends that service be provided at Level D.

**Mr. Gary**, if I were on this City Council working within your cash flow I would recommend that you implement paramedics in level B. I do not feel that Level A is sustainable which is the existing format crippled by the recession. Work towards Level B adding a little at a time based on cash flow.

**Mayor Youssef**, a portion of EMD is included with County Fire options. County costs don't change with EMD if Hemet Fire wanted to add EMD that would be an additional cost.

**Mr. Gary**, the costs to the City to add EMD would be an additional \$1,000,000.

**Mayor Youssef**, confirmed that Hemet Fire Department's proposal at Level D is still deficient of the first phase of EMD that is included in CalFire's proposal.

**Mr. Gary**, concurred that the County's proposals do include the first phase of EMD.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, if the contract does not work out, would the City get equal value for the equipment?

**Mr. Gary**, most municipalities remain contracted. Some have gone to volunteer Fire Departments because they can't pay for services regardless of the provider.

**Council Member Wright**, the language in Measure C is not clear. There are clearly two different start times being used to determine response times. Clarifying the start/stop times seems significant.

**Mr. Gary**, it doesn't matter what the Measure says, the City Council can set the service level objective and that can be included in a contract.

**Council Member Wright**, the storage location of the Ladder Truck is important originally CalFire indicated it would be stored in Menifee.

**Chief Hawkins**, CalFire originally presented three options. During previous discussions it was noted that there were some concerns with the closure of Station 3 and the storage of the ladder truck. CalFire agreed to keep Station 3 open and store the ladder truck locally.

**Council Member Krupa**, asked if the pre-medical arrival information will increase response times to what the dispatcher would consider less life threatening calls.

**Chief Hawkins**, the dispatchers are trained and will dispatch based on priority. There are a series of questions asked that will determine the need for services and determine the appropriate equipment to send.

**Council Member Milne**, asked about the Mutual Aid Agreement and the proposal to share the ladder truck.

**Chief Hawkins**, the County has a ladder truck at Station 90 in Perris if San Jacinto needs one. If the need is immediate, Hemet's ladder truck would be requested first under the Mutual Aid Agreement.

**The City Council recessed briefly at 7:55 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 8:04 p.m.**

**Council Member Wright**, asked Chief Reynoso the Department's perspective on the ladder truck.

**Chief Reynoso**, deferred the question to Captain Scott Bailey.

**Capt. Bailey**, the perception is that the ladder is not necessary in Hemet and costly to operate. The reality is that the ladder truck is available for the entire Valley under the Mutual

Aid Agreements. The ladder truck carries specific equipment to enter heavily fortified homes and extractions from vehicles.

**Council Member Wright**, asked at what point does Hemet and CalFire consider the start time for response time data.

**Capt. Bailey**, the clock starts at the phone call to dispatch.

**Chief Hawkins**, currently the clock starts when the wheels are leaving the station.

**Council Member Wright**, if the City of Hemet will be paying for 50% of the ladder truck, who will be paying for the other 50%.

**Chief Hawkins**, the County of Riverside will pay for the other 50%. The east side of Hemet will be covered by CalFire stations at no additional cost.

**Council Member Wright**, the proposal to share a Battalion Chief with the unincorporated area appears to be less coverage than the City currently has.

**Chief Hawkins**, the City's truck is currently crossed staffed at this time. Our proposal includes 17 firefighters on duty at all times compared to the City's current 15.

**Capt. Bailey**, Hemet Fire Department at times has declined sending out equipment. The priority is the City of Hemet. CalFire has a greater responsibility. They have great employees but a larger area to deal with. Another issue is backfilling employees from other stations that are unfamiliar with the area. Hemet Fire Department backfills with off duty fire fighters.

**Council Member Milne**, asked Chief Hawkins to respond to the concerns regarding backfilling.

**Chief Hawkins**, in the event of an emergency where crews are requested to assist CalFire will strive to backfill and cover 3 out of 4 of the stations.

**Council Member Milne**, asked about prioritizing of the ladder truck.

**Chief Hawkins**, CalFire has enough access to ladder trucks that Hemet would be the priority on this ladder truck.

**Robert Jungbluth, Hemet**, appalled that we are here again discussing the Fire Department. Just months ago the citizens spoke loud and clear in opposition to contracting out Hemet Fire Department. All Hemet City employees are our families and part of our community. This is similar to the Hospital Bond issue that led to our physicians purchasing the hospital.

**David Cometa, Hemet**, Four Season's Golf Club's annual fundraiser will be for Hemet Fire Department, specifically for Fire Station No. 3 because they make at least daily trips to our development. We have raised \$2,600 so far and were planning on purchasing new mattresses or TV's for the fire fighters. Mr. Sandefer suggested that the money be donated to purchase new equipment. The Four Season's Golf Club is in support of Hemet Fire Department.

**Cynthia Kintasy, Hemet**, firefighters don't make millions of dollars but they walk into burning homes. Hemet employees are part of our community. Hemet's firefighters are heroes, they do a thankless job. This decision should be decided by a vote of the residents.

**Emily Quast McDonough, Hemet**, we have never heard a clear reason for disbanding the Hemet Fire Department. If it is about cost, the clear answer is that we should keep them. If it is about service, again we should keep our Department. A Department that comes in under budget should be complimented not criticized. This City Council's poor decisions have decapitated our Fire Department. During the last two years, because of poor directives from the City Council, this Fire Department has been forced to work without a Fire Chief or Battalion Chiefs. Despite all this, the Hemet Fire Department continues to operate efficiently and effectively. Disbanding our Fire Department is a bad idea that will cost more and compromise the control over safety services.

**Gary Cook, Hemet,** about saving money due to the budget. The fire fighters have sacrificed a lot over the last couple of years and offered concessions to help with the budget. At this point there is still no clear answer on the cost of labor. Mr. Cook expressed concern with employees working a 72 hour shift. Mr. Cook recommended that the Elected Officials spend more time and effort on widening the tax base. Mr. Cook expressed concern that the money from the sale of the refuse department was put into reserves instead of used to preserve the service levels. The tax payers will pay the pro-rata share for fire services no matter which way the City Council goes since the county is in the red also. There is a good chance the tax payers will be asked to approve a tax increase to make up that shortfall. Mr. Cook expressed concern with the hidden costs and the fact that the City will not be getting fair market value for the equipment. Mr. Cook expressed concern that Fire Prevention is not being completed currently. Mr. Cook disagrees with Citygates finding that EMD is not important. Citygate said that the Fire Department is not staffed correctly or operating correctly.

**James Snodgrass, Utah,** 33 years in fire service, 29 years with the City of Hemet. Mr. Snodgrass was born and raised in Hemet. Hemet Fire Department is older than the City of Hemet. The decision to disband this department and contract out fire service is irreversible. This should be a vote of the people or at least require a 5-0 vote of the City Council. As a City employee I worked on the language for Measure C, the intent was that response time would be from the call to the arrival. The Mutual Aid Agreement with the County of Riverside was put in place to ensure that the City meets Measure C requirements. The County coverage area is larger than Hemet Fire's so their responses time will be greater.

**E.A. Stock, Hemet,** our Country's history is the people would gather, build houses, get a Marshall and then start a Volunteer Fire Department from the members of the community that knew and loved the community. One of the reasons that cites incorporate is to have local control. If you contract out, you'll never get it back.

**William Wood, Jr., Hemet,** a Hemet resident for 18 years. Thank goodness that Hemet Fire has a 3 to 5 minutes response time, because of them I'm here today. Mr. Wood doesn't know why the City Council would even consider this.

**Stan Hildahl, Hemet,** George Bush outsourced the capture of Bin Laden. The City has hired consultant after consultant to get the outcome that it wanted. This should be put to a vote of the citizens. Local control costs less.

**Ginny Coleman, Hemet,** told the City Council about an emergency on Saturday Night where Hemet Fire was on the scene in 5 minutes. Time is of the essence especially with Hemet's senior population.

**Bill Tierney, Hemet,** a few years ago my neighbor had a garage fire. The Sheriff responded immediately but CalFire was 20 minutes behind. By that time the entire house was engulfed in flames. CalFire employees are sent to other areas a lot, they have different priorities. Mr. Tierney suggested that the City Council consider a Fire District at a later time. At this time Hemet Fire Department is the only local option.

**Clifford Farm, Hemet,** spoke in support of Hemet Fire Department. These employees live and work in our community and have made an investment here. The presentation still includes a lot of unknowns and ambiguous comparisons of cost. I don't see that contracting out with an unknown will be cheaper. We should invest in our own Department.

**Diane Martinez, Hemet,** in 2012, Hemet Fire Department had a budget of \$8,000,000, \$9,000,000 in 2013 and in 2014 the budget will be \$11,000,000. Hemet Fire Department has not upgraded their equipment in many years. The City needs a local Fire Department with employees that care about this community.

**Melissa Diaz Hernandez, Hemet,** coming from a family of public safety I understand the relationship between Fire and Police especially considering the current state of our City.

**John Ensing, Hemet,** expressed desire to see Hemet Fire have a paramedic and EMS program up and running as soon as possible. The response time is critical and the matrix of the Fire Department is serious.

**Matt Shobert, Murrieta,** Hemet Fire Chief from 2008 to 2011. Chief Shobert has 29 years of fire service experience with 4 departments across 2 states. I began my tenure with the Hemet Fire Department about two weeks before the economy crashed and spent the next three years working with the excellent fire employees, the City and the community to maintain the best services possible within our dismal budgets. The fact that the Department is not adequately staffed due to the budget shortfall should not be used as a reason to cut fire service.

**Bob Righetti, Hemet Taxpayers Association,** Citygate's report is an honest assessment of the Department. Things have been said in the newspaper and on Facebook that people might regret later. My son served as a smoke jumper for the Federal Fire Department and these firefighters have the same devotion regardless of the agency they work for. I have worked in a number of cities served by both City and CalFire, they are all dedicated to their professions. The ad ran by the Public Safety Coalition was untrue. This City Council was charged during the 2012 election to consider this information and bring it forward. The previous City Manager, Brian Nakamura received a report from Andrew Hall that included similar information as contained in this report. Mr. Righetti cited a number of statements from Mr. Hall's report where Hemet Fire Fighters Association spoke in opposition to the EMD program. The Hemet Fire Fighters Association spoke against a 5-year contract between AMR and Riverside County that would have provided free EMD for the City of Hemet. The Andy Hall report also indicated that the Association challenged any efforts to implement a Vacation Scheduling Policy. This and more information is included in the report that was provided to the City Manager but not presented to the City Council. Appreciate the fact that the City Council brought experts here tonight to provide truthful answers to the disparaging comments that have been published. Honor the votes that were made to put you into office, make sure the citizens of this community are served.

**John Mack, Hemet,** I have lived in the community for many years. It should be obvious to the City Council that it will cost far more to contract with CalFire.

**Lori VanArsdale, Hemet,** a Valley resident for 41 years. Ms. VanArsdale presented 4 collages depicting the history of the Fire Department. This Fire Department has a long history and in the beginning provided service to the unincorporated areas of Hemet for 25 years after its formation. Please consider the fact that between 1933 and today there were many times that this questions came before previous City Councils that decided not to contract with the County. Hemet is a full service City and City Council Members need to be prepared to run a full service City. The front page of the Citygate report says that this is your choice. This community voted for Measure C. At one point, Eric Vail and Julie Biggs made the City Council put a moratorium on development on the west end of Hemet because the Fire Department could not meet the criteria in Measure C. One item that is not included in this report is the number of residents that are here to support the Hemet Fire Department. Regardless of what the City Council says, the residents feel that the Police Department will be next. The County has been able to change their bid a number of times, this is not acceptable. The Community is tired of being on the edge of losing our Public Safety Departments.

**Matt Shobert, Murrieta,** the Hemet Fire Fighters are some of the busiest fire fighters in the nation responding to over 13,000 calls per year. This Department was able to make quick and drastic cuts because the City Council had local control. Chief Shobert expressed concern that the CalFire proposal does not include the cost for fuel for the equipment. Chief Shobert suggested that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution that will define the response times for Measure C. Pension costs are a large issue, however these costs don't just go away the cost for the pensions will be included in the contract. Chief Shobert also expressed concern with the radio frequencies that were obtained by the City of Hemet and recommended that they be retained.

**Joy Ward, Hemet,** asked about the Press Enterprise articles that were published on November 1 and November 14, the articles are only 1/2 true. Ms. Ward does not think that a paramedic program is necessary. The Community has been well served by AMR who arrives just seconds behind Hemet Fire Department. The City of Hemet has paramedics that can't serve as paramedics. The City Council should save the City's money and not contract out the fire services. The City Council works for us, the residents that voted you into office. CalFire is a good company, but not right for Hemet.

**Darrel Woods, Hemet,** I've been a resident for 15 years. I am also a fire fighter in another county. CalFire is a good agency their agency started with wild land fire services. The City of Hemet does not have budget issues, you made plenty of money selling the refuse department. The City Council needs to end this and support the Fire Department. Give the Department the equipment they need and let the paramedics on staff start working as paramedics.

**Gene Hikel, Democrats of Hemet-San Jacinto,** explained the dispatch and EMD process. The Department will still respond without this program. The cost to retain Hemet Fire Department is \$300,000. Citygate is recommending that the City contract with CalFire at Level D which is \$11,000,000. The entire proposed Fire Department budget for 2014 is \$9,000,000. I don't see that we are getting anything more from the county for \$300,000. The savings is not enough to justify the fact that you have a Community up in arms. Personnel, training and the quality of the employees have not been discussed. The 72 hour work shift versus a 24 hour work shift has not been discussed. I urge the City Council to vote to keep the Hemet Fire Dept. The City can consider this decision later if the need arises.

**Russ Brown, Hemet,** I have the utmost respect for anyone that takes on this job. I'm a retired police officer with 31 years in law enforcement experience. I understand the City's struggling budget issues. I appreciated the City's decision to open up Devonshire to increase response times to Four Seasons. The residents need the same type of creativity to help meet the needs of the Fire Department. Recessionary times have left Hemet struggling to provide services in a cost effective way. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is facing a financial shortfall and that will mean a reduction in County service levels. Mr. Brown discussed the 911 calls and the fact that the calls will be transferred to the County's answering point and not handled by a local dispatcher adding to the response time. Mr. Brown expressed concern that CalFire's employees will not be as dedicated as the current employees are. Many of the City's employees live here or grew up here. I've read the report from Citygate. It is unfortunate that the Department has deficiencies but they are because of the financial times. The Citygate report says that if the city can only afford option A, then keeping the Hemet Fire Department is the only affordable option. If we can afford more, then we should get our Fire Department to Level D.

**Steve Sandefer, Hemet Fire Fighters Association**, presented packets to the City Council. Capt. Sandefer thanked Mr. Fred Hessen of Del Webb for his \$5,000 donation to HFFA and the Four Season's Men's Golf Club for their donation of \$2,620 to HFFA as well as all other donations. Hemet Fire Department is the best because it is the one that we work for. As the Executive Secretary and Trustee of the National Fire Fighter and Police Benefits Association I am responsible for overseeing over \$55,000,000 in funds. Hemet Fire Department currently has 51 budgeted positions funded, 50 fire personnel and one fire prevention position. A recent report shows the Fire Department over budget for FY 2012/13. The Department currently has 5 openings. The Hemet Fire Fighters Association has offered to pay 3% more towards their pension as well as reduce the additional pay for paramedics from 10% to 5% with the approval of a 3-year agreement. The Hemet Fire Fighters answer to the Fire Chief, the City Manager and the City Council. However, our bosses are the taxpaying resident of Hemet.

**Jeff Coffman, Hemet**, I have watched the video of the February and March meeting a number of times. As a union member it is important to me that Hemet Fire Fighters have clear representation. As a taxpaying resident I want the best possible protection for the money. I've done my homework. There are numerous opportunities for growth, relocation and overtime with CalFire. With CalFire it is pay as you go and services can be added or reduced based on the City's ability to pay. A vote for CalFire builds confidence for the residents on the east end of Hemet that they will once again have services. Many of CalFire's employees live in the Valley. Mr. Coffman noted that only 12 Hemet Fire Department employees live in the Valley.

**Mary Rowe, Hemet**, asked the City Council why they are determined to outsource the Fire Department. I've only lived in Hemet a short time. Ms. Rowe expressed concern with inaccuracies in the report.

**The City Council recessed briefly at 10:12 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 10:24 p.m.**

**Patty Woods, Hemet**, earlier it said that all Hemet Fire Department employees would be hired by CalFire. Citygate's report says different. These dedicated employees have chosen a profession to serve the public. The Department's budget has been cut and now the Department is being called inferior. This is not a savings. Ms. Woods expressed concern that there will be a delay in response times because of transferring the call to CalFire's dispatch and the need to answer the same questions. Ms. Woods asked about the money that was allotted for the paramedic program that was never started.

**Dave Harvey, Hemet**, these employees have endured a lot. Threats of being contracted out all while they are begging to stay Hemet's Fire Department. The City Council has taken so much from them and in turn given them unqualified leadership. If the City Council put as much effort into cleaning up the streets they would be squeaking clean.

**Paul Raver, Hemet**, expressed concern that the report does not include an explanation of where the numbers came from. There are no line items that can be used for comparisons or for negotiations. Mr. Raver expressed concern that there are conflicts between the State contract and the information being presented by CalFire. Measure C and Measure EE approved by the residents establishes a 5 minutes response time. Mr. Raver feels that there is a concern with response times. Mr. Raver noted that the two previous Fire Chiefs have told the City Council that Hemet Fire Department is understaffed and that headquarters staffing is necessary. CalFire Union representatives are not going to offer to reduce their costs. Mr. Raver disagrees with the City Council considering CalFire's proposal. The cost for the service

is basically a wash and you will not get better service.

**Howard Rosenthal, Hemet,** there is no lack of integrity for people who wear uniforms. I wish I could say that about all elected officials. Mr. Gary said that "predictable is preventable". The Police Department warned the City Council that the crime would increase 5 years ago if cuts to public safety were made. Today, property crimes are up 400%. There have been more officer involved shootings in the last 2 years than the last 20. Council members help fund a campaign against Measure O a tax initiative for public safety. I have been asked not be negative, however I don't think that outsourcing the Hemet Fire Department is being positive.

**Seth Weinger, Hemet,** I have the utmost respect for anyone that wears a uniform. I have more respect tonight for Chief Hawkins for being truthful. I'm a survivor of the Sylmar earthquake where we didn't have fresh water for 5 days. The report indicates that Hemet does not have evacuation centers. The City of Hemet has a fully functional Emergency Operations Center as well as a number of evacuation centers with helicopter landing locations. If the difference in the annual cost is \$300,000 that is \$5.00 per resident, here is my \$5.00. Most of the Council Members have a corporate background, why don't you run the City more like a business. If I had dedicated employees, I wouldn't tell them good-bye as soon as things are getting better. If you contract with CalFire, who will you compare the services to the next time?

**David Miles,** recommended that there be more due diligence and more discussion regarding this decision. The Hemet Fire Department is running calls all day long. Mr. Miles expressed concern with the 72 hour work shifts. Mr. Miles also expressed concern that CalFire's command staff would not be dedicated to Hemet. Mr. Miles asked why the new City Manager is not here to make this decision. This is a unique valley. The City Council can continue to work with CalFire, hire more Fire Fighters and re-open Fire Station No. 5. But this doesn't need to happen tonight, this decision needs to be made by the new City Manager.

**Flora Johnson, Hemet,** passed out a document to the City Council explaining her personal experience with CalFire. Ms. Johnson expressed concern that the resources from this area were sent to Orange County instead of remaining local. The decisions regarding priorities are not made locally.

**Jim Snodgrass, Hemet,** the reason that you were elected was to hear the issues from the residents and the Fire Union. The Hemet Fire Department never lowered their services levels even when assisting other agencies such as CalFire on large events. If you contract with CalFire you will lose that control and ability to monitor. Currently you get reimbursed for Mutual Aid services, you will lose that revenue. I was part of the Committee that worked on the language for Measure C. The intent was that response times would be measured from call to arrival.

The City received an email in opposition from Jeannette Uptgraft, Hemet

The City received a letter from Kevin Bash, Councilman from the City of Norco

**The City Council recessed briefly at 11:10 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 11:22 p.m.**

**Mr. Bradley,** we are going to try to answer the questions posed during the public comments. Ms. Quest asked about disbanding the Fire Department. The City Council asked staff to get proposals to determine who could provide the best service for the Valley. Mr. Bradley explained the difference in the work weeks. Mr. Cook asked why the City does not use the reserves. The City is using their reserves trying to get through this. Administration is working on increasing the City's revenues by trying to entice new businesses here. The number of calls for mutual aid was presented. Chief Hawkins will present the Mutual Aid call data

gathered by CalFire.

**Chief Hawkins,** the number of times that Hemet Fire assisted Riverside County in 2010 is 76; 2011 is 64; 2012 is 61; and in 2013 is 33. The number of times that Riverside County assisted Hemet Fire in 2010 is 34; 2011 is 41; 2012 is 64; and in 2013 is 47.

**Mr. Bradley,** a question was asked about transfer of assets to CalFire. That will all be discussed during the negotiations. If the assets are transferred, it would be in the contract that if the contract is terminated all equipment or equivalent equipment would be returned at no cost. It was noted that the Hemet Fire Department is behind on Fire Inspections. That is correct, the Department is currently working with a contractor to get caught up. Mr. Bradley asked Chief Hawkins is CalFire is able to complete all of their business inspections for all 21 contract cities.

**Chief Hawkins,** not to the degree we would like to be.

**Mr. Bradley,** Chief Shobert expressed concern that fuel has not been considered in the proposals. The funding of fuel is included in both of the proposals, the cost is the same for both agencies. There were a number of comments about CalFire having other priorities.

**Chief Hawkins,** that is not correct. We do have diverse activities and we have funding from the State, the County and the cities to help combat these activities.

**Mr. Bradley,** would CalFire accept the Hemet Fire Department employees that are not currently paramedics?

**Chief Hawkins,** we would recommend that they start the paramedic program immediately. CalFire will do the training of the Fire Fighters as paramedics.

**Mr. Bradley,** it was said a number of times that Hemet Fire Department employees are local fire fighters. Only 12 fire fighters live in the City.

**Chief Reynoso,** at the previous City Council meeting, Ms. Conrad said that the Fire Department was over budget by \$247,000.

**Ms. Conrad,** the presentation that Chief Reynoso is referring to was for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

**Mr. Bradley,** the City purchased new defibrillators on an emergency purchase because the used ones that were purchased were inadequate. The contract with Citygate to prepare this analysis was \$29,000. During the budget process \$900,000 was added to the Department's budget based on recommendations by Chief Morris. The Paramedic and EMD programs were underfunded as place holders. A concern was mentioned regarding backfilling Hemet Fire stations if there was a large event.

**Chief Hawkins,** CalFire would strive to keep 3 of the 4 stations staffed. The same rules apply for mutual aid and reimbursement still applies.

**Chief Reynoso,** 3 out of 4 is not acceptable. I recommend that all stations be backfilled.

**Chief Hawkins,** not day to day, that would only be in the case of an emergency. All 4 stations would be staffed daily. This is not about an inter agency thing. This is about the best or most economical fire services. The County of Riverside is still with CalFire. We have a proven customer service partner relationship with our contract cities. CalFire is a professional organization. I really want to contest that we would never abandoned Hemet.

**Chief Reynoso,** for the last five years the City Council has had to cut expenses. It is obvious that the City Council sees value in Mr. Hill by approving a multi-year commitment. The City Council sees something of value with the Hemet Police Association. Hemet Fire Fighters Association has been here for the last 5 years, loyal and committee to the City. Employees have left for other agencies and have come back. I understand the process that you needed to go through to compare the services apples to apples. Give the Hemet Fire Department you

loyalty, invest in us and put us back on the map. We have done so much for so little for so long. Return that commitment to us.

**Mr. Bradley**, Chief Reynoso we have worked together since June. I've been impressed by your performance.

**Chief Reynoso**, recognized Becky Joiner for her efforts in their Department.

**Council Member Wright**, Chief Hawkins you are right this isn't about two organizations this is about what the citizens of this community want. That is what I was elected to do. Do the best we can at the level that we can.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, as elected officials we have the duty to provide the citizens the highest level of service. At the end of this process the residents will have paramedics on their fire trucks.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve this item as presented.**

**Council Member Milne**, concurred that this is all about the process, the level of service to the citizens. The Fire Fighters and the residents don't deserve to be cut short.

**Council Member Krupa**, reiterate to Chief Hawkins that this is not pitting one good organization against another. Both agencies do a fantastic job. Yes we have been elected and we have a fiduciary job to have a balanced budget. Maybe we didn't have all of the information to make the best decisions in the past. There is one final statement in this report that says that if cost is only one decision to consider and the City can not or chose not to spend more money, we can't afford it. Local control is an issue. The employees of the City of Hemet took cuts to help the City through tough times. The City Council was elected to cut the costs and still represent the people of the City. I see more options in staying with Hemet Fire and implementing a paramedic program. The Fire Department's budget is lower now than 5 years ago. Council Member Krupa recommended that the City Council see how we can keep Hemet Fire.

**Mayor Youssef**, the City Council's job is to provide the best service at the best value. This process was started over a year ago. The Fire Department has done a great job with the resources that were available. Part of the recommendations to slash the Department's Administrative staff was made by Chief Shobert just before he left for Murrieta. Citygate said that the City does not need EMD immediately. When the negotiations begin the costs to implement that program need to be considered. The Department as it stands presents a risk to the City and the Residents.

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**Council Member Krupa**, asked if the items can be voted on separately.

**Mr. Vail**, at this time there is a motion and a second on the table. The motion would have to be amended.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith**, I would like to vote on the motion as it stands.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Council Member Milne to approve this Item as presented. Motion carried 3-2. Council Members Krupa and Wright voted No.**

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## Communications from the Public

There were no communications from the public at this time.

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## City Council Reports

### 13. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. Council Member Krupa

1. Traffic and Parking Commission
2. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)

**Council Member Krupa**, the West End property owners have agreed to move forward with the HANS process.

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

**Council Member Krupa**, RTA's new buses have been well received.

6. Watermaster Board

**Council Member Krupa**, attended a Veteran's Day Event and Unveiling of the Korean Wall at the General Patton Memorial Museum with 163 Veteran's as well as a Korean Council General.

B. Council Member Milne

1. Library Board

**Council Member Milne**, Stefan Moses of the Hemet Library Board has been asked to speak at a State Library Conference. We are proud of have him on our Board.

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**, attended the successful Hemet Ryan Air Show.

**Council Member Milne**, the Hemet-San Jacinto's first "Neighbor's Nite Out" was a success. They were held at Council Member Milne's home and Wiggs Mendoza's home. Council Member Milne thanked the Police Department for their participation.

**Council Member Milne**, attended both successful Veteran's Day Events and thanked the Exchange Club for the flag presentation.

C. Council Member Wright

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

**Council Member Wright**, privileged to be a part of the great Veteran's day event. Council Member Wright also attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Golden Era.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Smith

1. League of California Cities
2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
3. Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG)
4. Public Safety Update
5. National League of Cities

- E. Mayor Youssef
  - 1. Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG)
  - 2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
  - 3. Disaster Planning Commission
  
- F. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports
  - 1. Crime Stoppers Plus Ad-Hoc Committee
  - 2. West Hemet MSHCP Ad-Hoc Committee
  
- G. Interim City Manager Bradley
  - 1. Manager's Reports

**Mr. Bradley**, reminded the City Council, staff and the public that there will not be a meeting on November 26, 2013.

**Mr. Bradley**, Hemet is hosting the Riverside Division League of California Cities, November 18, 2013 at the Solera Del Webb Club House.

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### **Future Agenda Items**

The City Council discussed the placement of the "Communications from the Public" on the City Council agenda.

Options regarding businesses that are boarded-up for an extended period of time.

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### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 12:13 am to Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.