



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 2014

6:00 p.m.

City of Hemet Council Chambers
450 E. Latham Avenue

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Please silence all cell phones

Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

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 6:00 p.m.

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: City Manager Hill
Employee organization:
Hemet Non-Sworn Police Employees Association
Hemet Fire Fighters Association
Hemet Mid-Managers Association
Confidential Personnel
 2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8
Property: APN: 456-050-013 and 022, Northwest corner of Sanderson and
Stetson Avenues.
Agency negotiator: City Manager Hill
Negotiating parties: Stetson Crossing Partners, LLC
Under negotiation: Acquisition, Price and Terms
 3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
One matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section
54956.9(d)(2) & (3)
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REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

**City of Hemet City Council Chambers
450 E. Latham Avenue**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Hill, City Attorney Vail and City Clerk McComas

Invocation

Invocation was given by Bracha Sarah Meyerowitz, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Thornhill

Mayor Smith, presented a plaque to Gary Thornhill for his service as the Interim Assistant City Manager.

Gary Thornhill, served 32 years in public service. Mr. Thornhill retired from Temecula as the Assistant City Manager. He then provided consulting services for both private and public agencies. Mr. Thornhill was proud to be a part of the "Clean and Green 2013" event and the Merchant Training and Seminar. As well as working on the RFP's for Animal Control Services and Fire Services.

Mayor Smith, on behalf of the City Council we are honored to have you here on our staff. This is a loss to our City and our Community. Thank you for spending the last 8 months with us.

Mr. Thornhill, it has been an honor to work for the City. There are so many good people here. I was able to see the spirit of this community. The City has a great staff. There are great opportunities in this City and thanks to Wally Hill you will see parts of the downtown Specific Plan move forward. Mr. Thornhill thanked the City Council for the opportunity, you've been great to work with.

City Attorney Closed Session Report

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The City Council did not discuss HMMA. The City's representative received direction regarding the other bargaining units. There was no additional reportable action.

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The City Council gave direction to the City Manager. There was no additional reportable action.

6. 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 briefing from the City Attorney. There was no additional reportable action.

City Council Business Consent Calendar

7. **Approval of Minutes** – January 20, 2014
8. **Approval of Minutes** – January 28, 2014
9. **Receive and File** – Warrant Register
 - a. Warrant register dated January 23, 2014. Payroll for the period of January 6, 2014 to January 19, 2014 was \$590,398.28.
10. **Recommendation by Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director and City Attorney** – 1998 Hemet Retiree Medical Policy
 - a. Adopt amendments to the 1998 Hemet Retiree Medical Policy (as last amended in 2010) and to Exhibit A to that Policy (as last amended in 2010) to clarify retiree medical benefits applicable to Retiree Groups 4, 5 and 6 and Employees Groups A and B as defined in the policies.
11. **Recommendation by Community Investment** – Mortgage Credit Certification Program sponsored by Riverside County Economic Development Agency
 - a. Adopt a resolution to participate in the Mortgage Credit Certification Program sponsored by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency; and
 - b. Authorize the City Manager to execute documents associated with participation in the Mortgage Credit Certification Program. **Resolution No. 4562**

12. **Recommendation by Community Development** - Zone Change (ZC 13-003) General Plan Consistency Zoning Program – Southwest Hemet Pre-Zoning Project
 - a. Adopt an ordinance approving Zone Change No. 13-003 establishing Pre-Zoning designations for 940.63 acres of property located southwest of the city limits in the adopted City of Hemet Sphere of Influence area.
Ordinance No. 1877

13. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Installation of Banners across Florida Avenue
 - a. City of San Jacinto – Ramona Pageant/1st People’s Day. March 29th at the Estudillo Mansion
 - b. City of San Jacinto – Cinco de Mayo Celebration – Main Street Festival, May 3rd and 4th
 - c. City of San Jacinto – Fourth of July Parade
 - d. City of San Jacinto – Agricultural Festival – Estudillo Mansion, Sept. 26 – 28

14. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Award of Bid – Well No. 16 Rehabilitation, CIP 5597
 - a. Award bid to L.O. Lynch Quality Wells & Pump, Inc. for Well 16 Rehabilitation Project, CIP No. 5597 in the amount of \$73,527.00 (Seventy Three Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars); and
 - b. Reject all other bids; and
 - c. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract for the improvements.

Item No. 13 was removed from the Consent Calendar. **Council Member Krupa moved and Mayor Pro Tem Milne seconded a motion to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

Item No. 13

Council Member Krupa, was under the impression that Banner Installations would be approved administratively.

Wally Hill, City Manager, that will require an ordinance amendment which will be coming to the City Council soon for consideration.

Council Member Krupa, confirmed that the scheduling of these banners for the listed San Jacinto events will not conflict with events that will be held in Hemet. Council Member Krupa asked if San Jacinto has a banner program.

Jorge Biagioni, confirmed that there are no scheduling conflicts. Staff will contact San Jacinto to see if a similar banner program is available.

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

Public Hearing

15. **Appeal No. 13-002 – CUP No. 13-004 - Valero Gas Station Alcohol Sales** – Community Development Director Elliano
 - a. Open the continued public hearing from January 14, 2014, receive public comment and close the public hearing; and

- b. Direct staff to take appeal request off-calendar until the applicant is available, and re-notice the public hearing for future date.

Deanna Elliano, Community Development Director, the applicant is requesting continuance again. Staff is recommending that this item be continued off calendar. The City Council can close the Public Hearing. The item will be re-noticed when the applicant is available.

Mayor Smith declared the Public Hearing opened at 7:16 p.m.

Michael Ramirez, CAC, agrees with the previously expressed concern with an over saturation of alcohol sales in Hemet and recommended denial.

Mayor Smith declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Milne moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to continue this item off calendar. Motion carried 4-0. Council Member Youssef abstained.

Discussion/Action Item

16. City Council Ad-Hoc Recommendation(s) for allocation of 2014-2015

Community Development Block Grant funds - CDBG Coordinator Callahan

- a. Accept and approve the City Council Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendations for allocation of \$763,730 in 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) funding.

Carla Callahan, CDBG Coordinator, the purpose of CDBG is to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services, with priority given to activities which benefit low and moderate income persons. The City received a total of twenty-two applications by the November 1, 2013 due date for a total of \$1,562,664. The City Council Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member Krupa and Mayor Pro Tem Milne met and reviewed the applications and provided funding recommendations for City Council consideration. The recommendations are based on the anticipated funding allocation for 2014/15 of \$763,730.00. The Ad-Hoc Committee directed the funding allocation toward activities that improve the quality of life in the City of Hemet such as Hemet ROCS and the Senior and Disabled Home Repair programs. The 2014/15 program year allocation funding will be incorporated into the Annual Action Plan (AAP) draft. The draft AAP will be available 30 days for public review and comment. A Public Hearing will be conducted in April prior to submitting the final AAP to HUD.

Council Member Krupa, the goal was to fund programs for the betterment of our community. Example of funding: Care-a-Van that provides transportation to seniors; the Community Pantry's Utility Bill Program that assists low income families; Sidewalk and ADA Ramps; Senior Home Repair Program; and Riverside Fair Housing that provides assistance with tenant-land-lord issues. The Ad-Hoc Committee is also recommending funding for additional lighting at Weston Park for the use by the entire community.

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, the Ad-Hoc looked at the community as a whole instead of non-profits with certain efforts in the Community. The recommendations to approve lighting in Weston Park and to fund additional handicap ramps will benefit the community as a whole. Mayor Pro Tem Milne complimented staff on their preparedness, makes this process easier for us.

Council Member Krupa, the goal is to keep residents in their home. The Senior and

Disabled Home Repair Program as well as the Community Pantry's Utility Bill Program will help us with that goal.

Mayor Smith, thanked Council Member Krupa and Mayor Pro Tem Milne for their work. It is obvious that you are comfortable and confident in your recommendations.

Council Member Wright, suggested that Ms. Callahan schedule time to meet with her regarding additional funding options. There are programs that CDBG funding can be used to increase revenues by offering low interest rate loans for business owners. HUD is recommending that City's consider the Economic Development aspect of CDBG funding.

Gustavo Bermeo, Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District, spoke in support of the Youth Scholarship Program for Valley-Wide. Since 1998, this program has been available for the low income families in the City.

Jim Lineberger, Community Pantry, I will continue to fight for what I am passionate about. Mr. Lineberger thanked the Ad-Hoc Committee for recommending funding for the Utility Bill Program. However, there are other challenges in this Community that the funding would help with. We understand how hard it is to make these decisions, you need to look at how the other agencies can help with the challenges. Please either help us find money or fund more non-profits. We need to prevent more homelessness. We know grants are going away, fortunately the community has stepped up to help with the food.

Mayor Smith, no one will deny your passion. Please continue to help and we will continue to help you.

Greg Worthington, Police Activities League, thanked the City Council for their prior support of the program. We know these are difficult decisions but please don't forget the youth of our Valley. There were 6 applications submitted that provided services for children, none of them were approved.

Council Member Youssef moved and Mayor Pro Tem Milne seconded a motion to approve the item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Communications from the Public

C.W. Cecchi, Hemet, invited the City Council to attend "Hemet Museum Antiques Show & Tell, Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. 2nd the Library.

Cheryl Vaught, Hemet, distributed a hand out to the City Council. Ms. Vaught expressed concern with the street gangs. Ms. Vaught presented information regarding FBI assistance for agencies dealing with members from MS13. Ms. Vaught offered to work with the Police Department and recommended the City Council and the Police Department pursue assistance and include the FBI on the GTF.

Mayor Smith, requested that Chief Brown start a dialogue with Ms. Vaught.

Michael Ramirez, Hemet CAN, thanked Council Member Youssef for joining Hemet CAN and presenting Hemet ROCS at the Federal level. The goal is to find funding sources for policy changes that will help prevent under age substance abuse. Mr. Ramirez hopes that other Council Members will consider attending in the future.

Mayor Smith, complimented Hemet CAN for their efforts. We are glad to see the Hemet ROCS Program get national recognition.

City Council Reports

17. 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)
6. Watermaster Board

Council Member Krupa, attended the City's well attended Merchant Outreach Meeting. It's encouraging to see everyone working together for a successful outcome.

Council Member Krupa, honored to attend the Police Department's promotion of three Officers. One Hemet Police Officer is retiring and will return as a part-time Investigator.

Council Member Krupa, attended the Area Manager's Inspection and Pass & Review Ceremony for the NJROTC that was held at West Valley High School. It was inspiring to see these impressive, mature students with great leadership abilities. The students received great reviews from the area Commander.

Council Member Krupa, announced that Hemet High School not only won the Bell back from San Jacinto but also won the Academic Decathlon. Go Bulldogs!

B. 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

C. Council Member Youssef

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

Council Member Youssef, talked about his recent trip to Washington DC. Council Member Youssef would like to explore ways to tackle the tobacco use amongst the youth. Council Member Youssef had an opportunity to meet with Congressman Ruiz requesting funding for Hemet CAN and Hemet ROCS. Congressman Ruiz requested that we show him results of what the programs have already accomplished.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Milne

1. Library Board
2. League of California Cities
3. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
4. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

5. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, the loss of funding for RCA will slow down the City's process. Mayor Pro Tem Milne expressed continued concern with the burrowing owl application for smart phones, noted that each owl could cost the property owner \$8,300 to relocate.

6. Disaster Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, also attended the Police Department's promotional ceremony. As well as the NJROTC program that was held at West Valley. It was nice to see the number of special needs children in the program that were held to the same standard. Pleased to see the students and officers take such pride in the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, attended the fantastic Merchant's Meeting and thanked the coordinators and the Chamber of Commerce.

E. Mayor Smith

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

Mayor Smith, expressed concern over the condition of roads and the decrease in available funding.

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

Mayor Smith, will be attending the NLC Conference in Washington DC in March with the intent of talking to Federal representatives about transportation funding and Section 8 housing.

F. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

1. Crime Stoppers Plus Ad-Hoc Committee
2. West Hemet MSHCP Ad-Hoc Committee
3. Regent Development Agreement Ad-Hoc Committee

G. City Manager Hill

1. Manager's Reports
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Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, thanked City Manager Hill for the updates on items requested by Council Members.

Council Member Krupa, recommended that the City Council schedule a Strategic Planning Session in March or April.

Mayor Smith, concurred and asked Mr. Hill to try to schedule one. Update on the impacts of Obamacare on the City of Hemet.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:07 p.m. to Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.