



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 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 and Wright, Mayor Pro Tem Milne and Mayor Smith

ABSENT: Council Member Youssef

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

Closed Session

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments presented at this time.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

Council Member Youssef arrived at 6:41 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
Confidential Personnel
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REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

**City of Hemet City Council Chambers
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Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Jan DeSpain, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Smith

City Attorney Closed Session Report

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The City Attorney reported that the City Council received a briefing on the status of the negotiations for the listed bargaining units.

Presentation

3. Certificates of Appreciation to the City's IT Department
Wally Hill, City Manager, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the members of the City's IT Department: Scott Underwood, IT Manager, Syd Woods, IT Specialist II, Matt Billinger, IT Specialist I and Tim Darden, GIS Specialist. The IT Department has been reduced by 25%. The City's system was in need of upgrades and outdated. The Department had to complete three major projects, first install a state of the art storage system for data, then upgrade the City's file retrieval and back-up system and lastly the conversion from Novell to Microsoft. This was on top of their regular daily and assigned tasks. During this project period the Police Department had additional upgrades to their system as well as a major phone system upgrade. The planning and execution of these projects was flawless.
Mayor Smith, complimented the department on the successful conversion, you make our life so much easier.

Mayor Smith, presented a plaque to Rita Conrad, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director in appreciation for her 4 years of service to the City of Hemet. I have worked with Ms. Conrad during my tenure on the City Council, you made the best of getting us through this financial situation. Unfortunately Ms. Conrad came at the worst possible time.
Council Member Youssef, when Ms. Conrad was first hired, the term bankruptcy was being used. Your hard work and late night emails were appreciated. Council Member Youssef thanked Ms. Conrad for her time here.

Rita Conrad, thanked the Administrative Services Department for their support. It's been a

challenge and a pleasure working here.

City Council Business Consent Calendar

4. **Approval of Minutes** – February 11, 2014
5. **Receive and File** – Warrant Register
 - a. Warrant registers dated February 6, 2014. Payroll for the period of January 20, 2014 and February 2, 2014 was \$618,676.64
6. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Purchase of Two Ford F450 Flat Bed Trucks and Supplemental Appropriation
 - a. Award bid to Fairview Ford of San Bernardino in the amount of \$93,647.54 for the purchase of two (2) 2015 Ford F450 Flatbed Trucks to be funded from existing budgets in the Streets (Gas Tax) Equipment Replacement Fund 380-4200-5400; and
 - b. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in Equipment Replacement Fund 380-4200-5400 in the amount of \$13,647.54; and
 - c. Declare Unit Nos. 4205 (1994 Ford F350) and 4206 (1993 Ford F350) as surplus and authorize its sale at action.
7. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Sanderson Avenue Roadway Widening Project from BNSF RR Tracks to Acacia Avenue – CIP 5451-2
 - a. Award the contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder Lee & Stires, Inc. for the Sanderson Avenue Roadway Widening Project – BNSF RR Tracks to Acacia Avenue, CIP 5451-2 in the amount of \$713,804, accepting and awarding Bid Item Nos. 1 to 8 and 12 to 31, in accordance with the "Schedule of Bid Prices", sub-section (g), and reject all other bids; and
 - b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Public Works Contract for Improvements; and
 - c. Establish budget in the amount of \$713,804 in Account No. 222-5451-5500 for the cost of construction, \$30,000 surveying and geotechnical engineering, \$44,000, staff civil engineering design, traffic engineering, administration costs, construction engineering and inspections costs, and \$43,570 in legal fees, appraisal fees and land surveyor mapping, in Account No. 222-5451-2710 (various accounts), for the project estimated total costs to be \$787,804.

Item No. 4 was removed from the Consent Calendar. **Council Member Youssef moved and Mayor Pro Tem Milne approved the remaining Consent Calendar items as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

Item No. 4

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect the cost to remove a Burrowing Owl from private property is \$8,300.

Mayor Pro Tem Milne moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to approve Item No. 4 as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Communications from the Public

Melissa Diaz Hernandez, Hemet, spoke in support of Hemet Fire Department. Ms. Hernandez expressed concern with differing statements from Eric Vail and Wally Hill regarding negotiations with CalFire and Hemet Fire. Ms. Hernandez expressed opposition to contracting with CalFire. If you want to recognize departments, both Police and Fire have been cut 25% and they are doing a great job.

Eric Vail, City Attorney, the City Council has not made a determination and continues to meet with both Hemet Fire and CalFire. Mr. Vail would be willing to discuss his comments with the City Council and the court transcript will be made available.

Anthony Gonzalez, Hemet, I have lived in Valle Vista for 15 years. Mr. Gonzalez expressed concern with the prostitutes on Florida Avenue. Mr. Gonzalez suggested that an area (Kirby to Palm) be posted so no illegal activity can occur in that zone. Mr. Gonzalez also suggested that awards be given for positive behavior, a program like this was successful in a previous city he lived in. Mr. Gonzalez suggested that a park usage fee be required after a period of time in the parks such as 4 hours. Keep the fee low fee but registration. Billboards should be used for public awareness and police decoy vehicles should be considered to deter illegal activities.

Lakshman Koka, Habitat for Humanity, invited the City Council to attend the 12th Annual Diamond Valley Marathon, March 1st. This event draws 500 to 600 runners to the Valley. Mr. Koka also announced that the Hemet-San Jacinto Exchange Club will be honoring one police officer each month and asked for recommendations.

City Council Reports

8. 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, the Board received an update on the drought. Northern California snow pack surveys are showing 12 to 20% of the average with reservoirs at 36% capacity, they are running out of water quickly. Southern California has an adequate water supply. However, we will not receive our annual 4,000,000 af allocation of water this year. The snow pack that feeds to the Colorado Basin is normal but has a high salinity rate as well as Quagga Mussels. There is a temporary curtailment of the Soboba Settlement.

B. Council Member Wright

1. Park Commission

Council Member Wright, the Commission received an update from staff regarding the weekly park closures. The first week went well staff was able to do necessary maintenance. The Commission discussed activities that the Community might like to have in the parks including a splash park.

2. Planning Commission

Council Member Wright, the Commission is still working on the Sign Ordinance. There are some many details to consider including the size and quantity of signs. The Commission is trying to be cognoscente of the businesses and mindful of keeping the City uncluttered.

3. Indian Gaming Distribution Fund
4. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
5. Ramona Bowl Association

Council Member Wright, as soon as the State declared a drought funding is suddenly available for infrastructure. Feinstein and Boxer added \$300,000,000 to the existing funding for water infrastructure. The Steinburg Bill added another 150,000,000. There is funding available to the City for water infrastructure that will be available quickly because of the drought component.

- C. Council Member Youssef
 1. Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG)
 2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

- D. Mayor Pro Tem Milne
 1. Library Board

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, the Board met and discussed electronic library cards, funding issues and fencing.

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

- E. Mayor 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

Mayor Smith, appreciated the positive press about the weekly closure of two City parks on both CBS and NBC.

Rob Webb, Police Captain, the first day went very smooth. The retired 960 investigators are assigned to help assist the homeless. Prior to the park closures, officers contacted each person hoping to help them obtain assistance through the Veterans Administration or substance abuse programs. This will allow staff time to clean up and maintain the parks allowing them to be used by the entire community.

Mayor Smith, complimented the team and appreciated the pro-active effort.

Kris Jensen, Public Works Director, the Police Department's assistance was greatly appreciated. The staff was very positive about the results and the maintenance that could be accomplished. Ms. Jensen thanked Wally Hill for making the decision.

- 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

2. Administrative Directives: Customer Surveying and Strategic Management

Wally Hill, City Manager, on Monday two Administrative Directives were issued in a manner in which I will communicate with staff. A consensus on both Administrative Directives was achieved by the Executive Team. The first is a process in which we will obtain customer feedback on a regular basis whether internal or external. We will report back quarterly on the results. The second is Strategic Management, by which each Department will identify their Mission, Goals, Measurable Objectives and Performance Measurements. The results will be reported on a quarterly basis, first being included in the 2014/15 annual budget. A City Council level strategic session would be helpful for staff. Mr. Hill commended the Executive Team Members for their commitment on both of these efforts.

Mayor Smith, staff is looking for dates for a full day strategic planning session prior to the completion of the 2014/15 budget if possible.

Wally Hill, City Manager, confirmed that the City Council needs to appoint Delegate and an Alternate for SCAG's General Assembly to be held Indian Wells on May 1st and 2nd.

The City Council appointed Mayor Smith as the Delegate and Council Member Krupa as the Alternate. If either member is unable to attend Mayor Pro Tem Milne will be the Alternate.

Future Agenda Items

Mayor Smith, requested that Approval of the Minutes be a separate section on the agenda.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.