



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

March 11, 2014

6:00 p.m.

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

**Mayor Smith via Conference Call
Best Western Plus Sutter House
Conference Room No. 250
1100 H. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

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Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Milne 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, via conference call

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 6:02 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
Service Employees International Union (SEIU) General Employees
 2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)
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REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

City of Hemet City Council Chambers
450 E. Latham Avenue

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Milne called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

Roll Call

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

ABENT: Mayor Smith

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

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

Invocation

Invocation was given by Rob Lindquist, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Youssef

City Attorney Closed Session Report

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The City Attorney reported that the City Council completed the discussion regarding the listed bargaining units. There was no additional reportable action.

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This item was continued to the end of the Regular Session.

City Council Business Consent Calendar

5. **Receive and File** – Warrant Register

- a. Warrant register dated February 20, 2014. Payroll for the period of February 3, 2014 to February 16, 2014 was \$632,376.03.

6. **Recommendation by City Manager** – Ratification of Appointment of Interim Finance Director
 - a. Ratify the City Manager’s appointment of Tom Kanarr as Interim Finance Director, effective March 4, 2014.

7. **Recommendation by City Manager** – Confidential Employee Resolution
 - a. Adopt the resolution relating to all Confidential Personnel salary ranges, benefits, and establishing policy with respect to the requirements, responsibilities, designation, and condition of their employment. **Resolution No. 4563**

8. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Installation of Banners across Florida Avenue
 - a. C.A.S.A. – April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - b. Salvation Army – Salvation Army Week, May 12 through May 28, 2014

9. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Professional Services Agreement for Environmental and Regulatory Services related to update of the City-Wide Long-Term Routine Maintenance Permitting Program and Supplemental Appropriation
 - a. Approve a professional services agreement with RBF Consulting for environmental and regulatory services to update the City of Hemet Long-Term Routine Maintenance Permitting Program at a cost not to exceed \$66,300; and
 - b. Authorize the Finance Director to record a supplemental appropriation of \$66,300 in Storm Drain Fund 254-4650-2710; and
 - c. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with RFB Consulting; and
 - d. Authorize the city Manager to approve additional compensation of up to ten-percent of the original contract amount, provided that adequate budget is available.

10. **Recommendation by City Clerk** – Adopting and Promulgating the City’s Conflict of Interest Code
 - a. Adopt a resolution adopting and promulgating the Conflict of Interest Code and Designated Officials and Employees of the City of Hemet required to file a Statement of Economic Interest. This resolution will rescind Resolution No. 4341. **Resolution No. 4564**

Council Member Youssef moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

11. **February 25, 2014**

Council Member Wright moved and Council Member Youssef seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Action Item

12. **Amendment to the Disaster Planning Commission** – City Manager Hill
- a. Introduce, read by title only and waive further reading on an ordinance amending Section 26.3 [Disaster Planning Commission – Established Membership] of the Hemet Municipal Code. **Ordinance Bill No. 14-007**

Wally Hill, City Manager, currently the City has a Disaster Planning Commission set up by ordinance that is largely inactive and has the wrong make up of commissioners for its mission. The proposed ordinance will amend the membership by increasing its size from 12 to 20, and specify the types of expertise and representation needed. The proposed ordinance also waives the requirement to be a Hemet resident.

Joy Ward, Hemet, expressed concern that members that are not residents of the City will not have the best interest of the City in mind.

Mr. Hill, it is the option of the City Council to determine the residency. The idea was to keep the door open so that the membership criteria can be met.

Council Member Krupa, appreciates the recommendation to increase the membership. Council Member Krupa recommended that the membership include a representative from both Edison and the Gas Company, both agencies will be vital in the event of a natural disaster.

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, the membership must still be a resident of the City's Sphere of Influence. There is room for a representative from both agencies, as well as all water agencies. Mayor Pro Tem Milne thanked staff for preparing the amendments.

Mr. Hill, the representation from both agencies will require an increase to the number of members.

Council Member Krupa, recommended that the membership number increase to 21 or a range up to 25.

Mr. Hill, confirmed that the ordinance will be amended to increase the membership no more than 25, with 21 to have specific requirements.

Council Member Youssef moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to introduce, read by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance Bill No 14-007. Motion carried 4-0.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

13. **CHP Cooperative Agreement - Project H.O.P.E.** – Chief Brown
- a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Reimbursable Services Agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide supplemental traffic enforcement on State Route 74 (Florida Avenue) within the City limits from March 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014; and
 - b. Authorize the Finance Director to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$149,840 from unreserved fund balance to fund the temporary program.

Dave Brown, Police Chief, recommend a six month Cooperative Agreement with the California Highway Patrol to provided increased traffic enforcement and police visibility on Florida Avenue in support of Project Hope and previous initiative Florida First. This has been a very successful partnership with the CHP on all accounts. The Department received one complaint during the first six month period from a motorist and numerous complaints afterwards requesting the CHP presence back on Florida Avenue. In response to that and the success of the first six months, we are recommending another six months. There are some

changes to the agreement. The number of days has been reduced from 5 to 4. They will help us target certain areas where we have had increases in collisions or speeding. In terms of productivity there was a 5% increase in police officer activity off Florida Avenue and a 14% increase in arrest activity. Staff is recommending a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$149,840 for an additional 6 month period which is less than the first six months.

Council Member Youssef, the analysis is telling results of the first 6 months. However, the true consequence of this partnership is that it gives your officers time to do other things. This was an out of box way to increase the City's public safety service without a huge increase to the budget given the financial situation. In a way Chief Brown, you contracted out part of your departments duties.

Chief Brown, the other agencies did not think that a partnership of this type would be agreed upon by the unions. Both Hemet Police Officers Association (HPOA) and Hemet Police Management Association (HPMA) signed side letters in support of the agreement.

Council Member Krupa, great job. Glad that it is being continued. The speed on Florida Avenue is increasing and the jay walkers are back. Council Member Krupa recommended that the effective date in the agreement be corrected to read March 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014.

Council Member Wright, great job. To not approve this agreement would be a travesty.

Council Member Krupa moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to approve this agreement as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

Communications from the Public

Jan Jones, Hemet, six weeks ago I was here complaining about the homeless at Weston Park. At that time, I had to keep the elevator and doors locked to my office because the homeless were using my bathroom and using poor language around my clients. Two weeks ago the City started closing the park weekly. The number of homeless in the area has greatly reduced. Ms. Jones expressed appreciation from her patrons as well as the employees and patrons of Union Bank.

C.W. Cecchi, Hemet Taxpayers Association, expressed concern with rumors he has heard stating that if the City contracts with CalFire the nearest Fire Station will be in Anza and that the ladder truck, paid for the residents, will not be available for use in Hemet.

Wally Hill, City Manager, under the proposals that are being considered from both agencies all four current fire stations will remain operational. The ladder truck will still be available to the community. The location the truck is housed might be different.

Bill Alden, Shooters, over two years ago, I came to the City Council requesting approval to open my business in Hemet. I couldn't have picked a better place to open a business thanks to all of the help from the City Council and City staff.

Mary Rowe, Hemet, expressed concern with the consideration to outsource Hemet Fire Department given the strong resident opposition. It seems that all the Council majority has left to do is sign the contract. It is Ms. Rowe's opinion that a contract will never be approved with Hemet Fire Department and this decision, any negotiations and the signing of the contract will be continued until just before the March 26th court date. Ms. Rowe read a poem she wrote titled "An Ode to the Fire Department".

Tracy Guzman, Hemet, expressed concern with the actions on Florida Avenue and releases under AB109. Ms. Guzman talked about a petition titled "Pull city business licenses of motels continually supporting prostitution and clean up our town! Stop ignoring the citizens of Hemet!". Ms. Guzman expressed concern with the increased prostitution and traffic on Florida Avenue the only major road in Hemet. Diamond Inn knowingly allows the activities. The

residents are tired of being ignored by the City Council and would like to know what the plan is to deal with the prostitution.

Dave Brown, Police Chief, the City Council is very concerned with the prostitution on Florida Avenue. The City's part-time retired task force is working on the homeless issue in the parks and will continue with other aspects of Project HOPE such as the prostitution. We are aware of the concerns at Diamond Inn. We are going to use the resources that we have been provided to tackle these issues. The members of my department are frustrated and are taking on this issue as aggressively as possible with available resources.

Michael Hale, expressed concern in the matter which officers are targeting the homeless issue at Weston Park. Mr. Hale's concern is that the homeless are just being dispersed to other areas.

Gary Cutler, Followers of Christ, we have been taking a meal to the park every Sunday for 6 months. Mr. Cutler expressed concern with the weekly closure of the park and the displacement of the homeless. Mr. Cutler recommended that the Police Officers walk through the park daily and get to know the people there.

City Council Reports

14. 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)

Council Member Krupa, ridership is up and RTA is operating under budget. This is the most efficient organization in Riverside County.

6. Watermaster Board

Council Member Krupa, attended the California League of Cities meeting in Riverside last week. The topic was concern over the proposed mandatory election districts, as well as, the League's position on upcoming legislation.

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)

Council Member Youssef, attended the meeting for Mayor Smith. The Board appointed Rick Bishop as the Executive Director for another term. Mr. Bishop has done a great job especially given the thin budget. The expansion of Sanderson and the upcoming expansion of the Ramona Expressway are TUMF projects by WRGOC and Mr. Bishop. Project Hero is another successful WRCOG Program. It's a great way for people to get solar paid back

through their property taxes. Other counties are seeking advice and tips from WRCOG on this program.

2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

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)
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

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

Wally Hill, City Manager, introduced Tom Kanarr, Interim Finance Director. Mr. Kanarr is back for the third time, the City is fortunate to have him.

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, welcome Mr. Kanarr, you come highly recommended.

Wally Hill, both State and Federal Legislatures are in session. I have given some positions to our legislative representatives based on input from Council Members:

Support AB 1839 - greater film incentives in California

Support the series of Bills requiring greater standards for metal recyclers

Oppose AB 2715 – requiring cities with 100,000 or more residents to have district based Council Members.

Support House Resolution No. 1354 – increasing the stay for snowbirds from 6 to 8 months.

The City Council recessed to Hemet Housing Authority meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

There were no public comments presented at this time.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.

Continued Closed Session

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City Attorney Continued Closed Session Report

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Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requested at this time.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:32 p.m. to Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.