



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

April 22, 2014

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6:00 p.m.

City of Hemet Council Chambers  
450 E. Latham Avenue

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### Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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### Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Krupa, Wright and Mayor Smith

ABSENT: Council Member Youssef and Mayor Pro Tem Milne

**Council Member Krupa moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to excuse Council Member Youssef and Mayor Pro Tem Milne. Motion carried 3-0.**

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### Closed Session

#### Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments were presented at this time.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Milne arrived at 6:04 p.m.

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: City Manager Hill

Employee organization:

*Hemet Fire Fighters Association*

*Hemet Non-Sworn Police Employees Association*

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*

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## REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

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### Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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### Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Council Member Youssef

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

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

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### Invocation

Invocation was given by Jim Lineburger, Hemet-San Interfaith Council

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### Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Lineburger.

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## City Attorney Closed Session Report

3. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6  
Agency designated representatives: City Manager Hill  
Employee organization:  
*Hemet Fire Fighters Association*  
*Hemet Non-Sworn Police Employees Association*

**The City Council voted 4-0 to authorize the Labor Negotiator to commence impasse procedures with Hemet Fire Fighters Association. The City Council gave direction to the Labor Negotiator regarding the Hemet Non-Sworn Police Employees Association. There was no additional reportable action.**

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**The City Council gave direction to the Agency's Negotiator. There was no additional reportable action.**

## Presentations

### 5. Proclamation proclaiming May 2014 as Mental Health Month

**Mayor Smith**, presented a proclamation to Sandra Gregston, Department of Mental Health proclaiming May 2014 as Mental Health Month.

**Ms. Gregston, Department of Mental Health Board Member**, gave an explanation of the events scheduled to promote "May is Mental Health Month". Ms. Gregston asked for volunteers to serve on the Board. Previous personal experience makes Ms. Gregston want to help others. NAMI Mt. San Jacinto will be sponsoring the showing of "Call Me Crazy" on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Hemet Theater.

### 6. Update on State Route 74 Curve Widening Project - Eliza Echevarria, Community Relations Manager RCTC

**Eliza Echevarria, RCTC**, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation regarding State Route 74 (SR-74) Curve Widening. The project is to widen the existing south side of SR-74 heading eastbound between Calvert Avenue and California Avenue. Riverside County Transportation Commission will be the lead agency. All American Asphalt will be the contractor. The work will be preceded by a Caltrans Traffic Signal Improvement Project at the intersection of SR-74 and California Avenue which is scheduled for mid-May 2014. SR-74 curve widening is scheduled for mid-May 2014 to late-September 2014. The improvements are: 8 foot widths increase to shoulders; installation of 14-foot wide painted median; two 12-foot lanes in each direction; existing pavement will be rehabilitated with asphalt overlay (north and southbound lanes); signal modifications at SR-74 and Four Seasons Blvd.; and new drainage pipes/inlets, earthen ditch, and bioswales. The construction will occur during daytime hours and will include vibratory roller work for compaction. Lanes will be reduced and speed limits will be reduced to 35 mph. The work will begin on the east end of California Avenue. Traffic will reduce to one lane in each direction. The traffic signal at Four Seasons will remain operational. RCTC wants to stress construction safety and remind everyone to slow down and watch for workers and equipment. Allow extra time for your travel in that area and be extra careful while driving at night. Avoid using mobile phones and other distractions. Real time traffic updates can be found at IE511.org.

**Mayor Smith**, asked if the improvements will remove the curve.

**Ms. Echevarria**, the curve will be softer with a painted median.

### 7. Community Quality of Life Survey Results – Dr. Barbara Sirotnik, CSU San Bernardino-Institute for Applied Research

**Chief Brown**, this time last year you approved Project HOPE, one of the components was this survey. The City partnered with the Institute of Applied Research for CSU San Bernardino. Three different technics were used; online, telephone and two targeted focus groups. Alex Ballard, Guy Excell, John Scott, Luis Herrejon, Russ Brown, Sewa Contreras, Tami Wilhelm Lisa DeForest and Andy Anderson. Joel Bergenfeld, Roger Schultz, Connie Polhemus, Dean Wetter, Hamilton Jones, Ray Hicks, Tom Hughes and Steve Kalmikov. Chief Brown thanked Connie Hall for her help with the graphics and getting the survey online. Chief Brown introduced Dr. Barbara Sirotnik. Dr. Sirotnik is the Professor of Statistics and Director of the Applied Research Division at CSUSB since its inception. Dr. Sirotnik has been involved in the researching Quality of Life in the Inland Empire for 17 years.

**Dr. Barbara Sirotnik**, the purpose of the survey was to gather baseline data regarding the community's: quality of life; fear of crime; and priorities for improving the quality of life in Hemet. Three populations were targeted: Hemet residents; Hemet merchants, employers, and employees; and visitors to Hemet. Three methods were used: telephone survey of 448 Hemet residents; online survey of 1,345 Hemet residents and 466 non-residents (merchants, employers, employees and visitors); and focus groups of major employers and Chief Brown's advisory group. Dr. Sirotnik gave the results of the positive views about life in Hemet and the Hemet Police Department. What do people like about Hemet? (open ended questions, phone survey): location/scenery – 21%; small town atmosphere – 15%; convenience to stores – 14%; affordable housing – 12%; not crowded – 8%; and peaceful and quiet – 7%. Results from the phone survey were: 59% are proud to live in Hemet of which 71% were 65 or older and 50% were 18 to 39; and 55% feel a sense of belonging to Hemet. The results from the online survey were that 86% of non-residents think that Hemet is an affordable place to live. How is the Hemet Police Department doing? 69% of the survey respondents said that HPD is doing a "good, very good or excellent job". Nearly half of the phone survey respondents believe safety in Hemet has (or may have) improved over the past 6 months. 91% of online survey respondents say it is important to have local officers working Hemet streets. Dr. Sirotnik gave the results of the factors people feel less positive about. 47% of phone survey respondents rate Hemet as a "very good" or "fairly good" place to live. In an online survey, non-residents were asked to consider the economic development implications: 26% say the city is a "very good" or "fairly good" place to visit. 53% rate Hemet as a "very good" or "fairly good" place to work. "Do you feel it is safe to walk around in your neighborhood during the day/night? The results for phone survey of Hemet Residents were: 54% feel safe during the day and 17% feel safe at night; 37% feel somewhat safe during the day and 25% feel somewhat safe at night; and 8% do not feel safe during the day and 57% do not feel safe at night. The results for online survey of Hemet residents were: 42% feel safe during the day and 11% feel safe at night; 45% feel somewhat safe during the day and 25% feel somewhat safe at night; and 13% do not feel safe during the day and 64% do not feel safe at night. Dr. Sirotnik gave some examples of reasons respondents stated for feeling lack of safety as well as some direct quotes from respondents. "What do you like least about living in Hemet?" The results for phone survey were (open ended): crime and violence – 24%; type of people who live here – 14%; drugs – 5%; gang activity – 5%; and lack of entertainment, arts, shopping – 7%. The results for online survey (from a list): Crime and violence – 50%; type of people who live here – 18%; drugs – 4%; gang activity – 8%; and lack of entertainment, arts, shopping – 2%. "What do you like least about working in or visiting Hemet?" The results for working in Hemet (from a list) were: crime and violence (lack of safety) – 40%; homeless/vagrants loitering – 23%; poor stores, restaurants, etc. – 3%; and pay not as good – 12%. The results for visiting Hemet (from a list) were: crime and violence (lack of safety) – 34%; homeless/vagrants loitering – 26%; and poor stores, restaurants, etc. – 28%. "How fearful are you that you will be the victim of a serious (violent or costly) crime?" Hemet residents telephone survey results were: very fearful – 10%; somewhat fearful – 39%; not too fearful – 3% and not at all fearful – 19%. Hemet residents online survey results were: very fearful – 21%; somewhat fearful – 53%; not too fearful – 22% and not at all fearful – 4%. Hemet workers or visitor online survey results were: very fearful – 17%; somewhat fearful – 54%; not too fearful – 24% and not at all fearful – 5%. "Fear of crime in Hemet in the near future?" Hemet residents telephone survey results were: very/somewhat fearful of property crime – 61%; and very/somewhat fearful of violent crime – 45%. Hemet residents

online results were: very/somewhat fearful of property crime – 84%; and very/somewhat fearful of violent crime – 71%. Hemet workers or visitors online survey results were: very/somewhat fearful of violent crime – 72%. Average concern ratings for particular crimes and nuisances were displayed and discussed. 57% of the respondents feel safe going to local stores in Hemet. 53% usually leave Hemet to shop or spend money on entertainment, and 9% sometimes leave (but not usually). Of the 53%, 89% feel there are more options elsewhere and 8% feel safer elsewhere. Other findings from the online survey were: 94% strongly agree or agree that “safety is everyone’s responsibility” while 5% neither agree nor disagree and 1% disagree or strongly disagree. 91% strongly agree or agree that “it is important to have local officers working the streets of Hemet” while 6% neither agree nor disagree and 3% disagree or strongly disagree. 85% strongly agree or agree that “I feel safer when I see a police car patrolling my neighborhood” while 12% neither agree nor disagree and 3% disagree or strongly disagree. 42% strongly agree or agree that “the Police Department responds to emergency calls in a timely manner” while 35% neither agree nor disagree and 23% disagree or strongly disagree. 12% strongly agree or agree that “there are enough officers in my neighborhood” while 25% neither agree nor disagree and 63% disagree or strongly disagree. 27% strongly agree or agree that “traffic enforcement in Hemet meets the needs of the community” while 29% neither agree nor disagree and 44% disagree or strongly disagree. 61.1% of the respondents feel that Officers are fair in dealing with residents. 68.2% of the respondents feel that Officers are professional and helpful. 64.4% of the respondents feel that Officers treat people with respect. 68.3% of the respondents feel that Officers are courteous. The respondents rated Hemet Police Department activities the results were displayed and discussed with the City Council. Dr. Sirotnik gave the City Council samples from other cities for comparison. When respondents were asked “How likely would you be to approve an assessment of \$9 a month for additional police services if you were guaranteed the money would be used to address the policing priorities you’ve identified?” Hemet residents (phone) responded: 42% were very likely; 33.9% were somewhat likely; and 23.5% were unlikely. Hemet residents (online) responded: 61.5% were very likely; 26.0% were somewhat likely; and 12.5% were unlikely. The residents are for the most part very happy with the job that Hemet Police Department does and more than 50% have seen a difference with the implementation of Project HOPE.

**Mayor Smith**, asked how the surveys methods are weighted.

**Dr. Sirotnik**, the statistical data is gathered from the telephone survey. The numbers between the online and telephone survey were different but the trends didn’t change. We are very confident in our results.

**Mayor Smith**, the complete report noted that the majority of the respondents obtain their information from the newspaper that was a surprise.

**Council Member Wright**, I was not surprised by the survey results. On the telephone surveys were answers followed up with clarifying questions.

**Dr. Sirotnik**, the surveys were conducted by computers. If the response was X they got one question, if response is Y they would receive another question.

**Council Member Wright**, your team is highly regarded and respected. Very happy to hear that most of the respondents feel that it is everyone’s responsibility.

**Council Member Krupa**, confirmed that the City Council can contact Dr. Sirotnik with questions in the future.

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne**, asked if there was a difference in the gender of the respondents.

**Dr. Sirotnik**, there were more women that took the survey. Weighting factors were considered if there were large discrepancies in responses.

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne**, asked if the fear of crime was based on longevity in the community. As a transplant from San Diego I feel very safe here. My perception of crime is different. There are a number of places in San Diego that I feel unsafe.

**Mayor Smith**, very pleased that a number of respondents have seen improvements, given the short period of time, the programs are having an immediate impact in people's lives. Mayor Smith asked Dr. Sirotnik to define the term "somewhat safe".

**Dr. Sirotnik**, it is not really a well-defined term and even harder to define in a 3 minute phone survey.

**Mayor Smith**, I'm sure the Council Members will have questions after they have had time to read the entire report. Very bold move on the part of our Police Chief, it shows that the City and the Police Department are very concerned with the resident's fear of crime.

**Wally Hill, City Manager**, the report will be available on the City's website, residents are encouraged to read it.

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## **City Council Business Consent Calendar**

8. **Receive and File** – Warrant Register
  - a. Warrant register dated April 3, 2014 in the amount of \$1,215,370.01. Payroll for the period of March 17, 2014 to March 30, 2104 was \$716,771.58.
  
9. **Recommendation by City Manager** - Amendment of Ordinance No. 1848 Regarding Reserve Fund Balance Requirements
  - a. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 24-50 through 24-52 of the Hemet Municipal Code regarding Reserve Fund Balance Requirements.  
**Ordinance No. 1880**
  
10. **Recommendation by Community Development** - Specific Plan Amendment No: 14-001 (McSweeny Farms)
  - a. Adopt an ordinance approving SPA 14-001 amending the McSweeny Farms Specific Plan (SP-01) for the property located east of State Street, north of Newport Road and Gibbel Road, subject to conditions of approval.  
**Ordinance No. 1881**
  
11. **Recommendation by Community Development** - First Amendment to Development Agreement No. 04-001 for the McSweeny Farms Specific Plan (DAA 14-001)
  - a. Adopt an ordinance approving an amendment to Development Agreement 04-001 for the McSweeny Farms Project. **Ordinance No. 1882**
  
12. **Recommendation by Community Development** - Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) No. 14-002 (Banners on Public Property)
  - a. Adopt an ordinance amending section 90-1316 of the Hemet Municipal Code regarding special event sign permits for banners above city streets.  
**Ordinance No. 1883**

13. **Recommendation by Finance** – Declare City Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus
  - a. Declare the list of City vehicles and non-functioning equipment as surplus to be sold at auction.
  
14. **Recommendation by Finance** – Consultant Services Agreement for Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District Administration and Community Facilities District Administration with Psomas
  - a. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a three year Consultant Services Agreement with Psomas to provide Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District Administrative Services plus Communities Facilities District Heartland District No. 1999-1 and Public Safety Communities Facilities District 2005-1 Administration Services for the City of Hemet. This contract will cover fiscal years 2014/2015, 2015/2016, and 2016/2017.

Item No. 9 was removed from the Consent Calendar. **Mayor Pro Tem Milne moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items. Motion carried 4-0.**

Item No. 9

**Council Member Krupa moved and Mayor Pro Tem Milne seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 3-1. Mayor Smith voted No.**

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## **Approval of Minutes**

15. **March 25, 2014**

16. **April 8, 2014**

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne moved and Council Member Wright seconded a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

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## **Communications from the Public**

**William Smith, Postal Service**, announced the upcoming May 10<sup>th</sup> “National Food Drive”. Volunteers are needed at the Community Pantry that day. All residents are encouraged to leave canned food out for their mail carriers that day. Mr. Smith came to Hemet in 1969. He didn’t realize until later in life that his mother who supported three kids went to the food bank occasionally. The need hasn’t changed. The Community Pantry will be having a VIP Tour of their facility at 2:00 p.m.

**Jim Lineburger, Community Pantry**, encourage residents to participate and volunteer if possible. When food is donated the pantry can use that funding for the utility bill program. Our goal is to prevent more homelessness. Mr. Lineburger would like to see City trucks picking up food and more City involvement. Mr. Lineburger explained a recent situation where funds were used to put a family in a hotel. That kind of assistance is available if more food is donated.

**Joy Ward, Hemet**, expressed concern that the recently purchased Stencil truck was not purchased locally, when the City is asking residents to shop locally. Ms. Ward also expressed concern that the sale of the Refuse Division did not get the City out of its deficit. Ms. Ward

feels that outsourcing the Fire Department will have the same results. Instead of looking for things to sell and outsource the City should be bringing businesses here.

**Mayor Smith**, the local bidder was given the opportunity to bid and chose not to.

**Albert Parcerro, San Jacinto**, told the City Council about an incident that happened within the Hemet Youth Baseball Organization at a game in Big Bear. Mr. Parcerro expressed concern that the team was there representing Hemet. Mr. Parcerro has addressed the Board of Hemet Youth Baseball.

**Tracie Guzman, Hemet**, presented a copy of names and comments that have been posted on her website. Ms. Guzman disagrees with the results of the survey and feels that the comments posted on her website are how the residents really feel about Hemet. The residents want answers. We are also willing to work with the city.

**Kellie Lundgren, Hemet**, spoke in support of Mr. Parcerro's concerns. As a mother of twin boys at Hemet Youth Baseball I feel that the incident that occurred in Big Bear was inappropriate. Someone in that position should be a role model for our youth.

**Mayor Smith**, Hemet Youth Baseball is a separate entity with a separate board.

**Julie Arrietta, San Jacinto**, spoke in support of Mr. Parcerro's concerns.

**Jim Pangrazzi, San Jacinto**, previously San Jacinto offered to install a traffic light at intersection of Esplanade and Kirby, asking Hemet to reimburse the City at a later date. At that time Hemet did not have the funding and did not agree. That intersection needs a traffic signal. Mr. Pangrazzi asked the City Council to consider installing a traffic signal.

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## 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

**Council Member Krupa**, the successful "First Nighter Party" was held on Friday after the 4<sup>th</sup> grade performance at the Bowl.

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

**Council Member Krupa**, members of the Watermaster Board met with the Soboba Tribe and will continue to meet and keep them updated.

**Council Member Krupa**, attended a luncheon at Exceed celebrating 35 years in the Valley, Evening of Art and the Voice of the Valley.

**Council Member Krupa**, also attended a meeting and MWD's facility that included a presentation by CalPoly Pomona for land usage of MWD's property around Diamond Valley Lake.

**Council Member Krupa**, announced that the Library Foundation donated \$10,000 to the library to purchase new books for "Common Core" and the summer reading program.

**Council Member Krupa**, a meeting will be held at the Council Chambers on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for non-profits and church groups that are interested in adopting a "Sunday in the Park".

- 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

**Council Member Wright**, attended Evening of Art and the Voice of the Valley.

- 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
  - 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

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne**, met with Chief Bryan and staff is moving forward with the formation of the Commission.

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne**, attended the Ramona Pageant.

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne**, announced that based on the City's Special Needs Registry, scientist from New York and Northern California are working on an exciting project. Mayor Pro Tem Milne will bring more information to the City Council as it becomes available.

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne**, Diamond Valley Arts Council has offered to host a Special Needs Art Show in the fall.

- 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
  - 6. Hemet Community Activities

**Mayor Smith**, the Easter Egg hunt held in Gibbel Park was very well attended.

**Mayor Smith**, the ground breaking for the new Police Evidence Facility will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

- 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,** staff is on the FY 14-15 budget. This has been a difficult process thus far considering we are dealing with a structural deficit. My intent is to bring the budget recommendation to the City Council on May 27<sup>th</sup>, have a public hearing on June 10<sup>th</sup> and recommend adoption on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hill asked the City Council if there is a desire to have any additional meetings to discuss the budget.

**Mayor Smith,** if the City Council feels the need to have additional meetings after May 27<sup>th</sup> we can call a special meeting at that time.

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## **Future Agenda Items**

Workstudy Sessions with Special Needs Groups.

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## **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.