



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

September 23, 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 6:00 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 Krupa seconded a motion to excuse Council Member Youssef. Motion carried 4-0.**

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### Work Study

*Discussion regarding this item, with possible direction to staff*

1. WRCOG Update – Rick Bishop, WRCOG

**Rick Bishop, WRCOG**, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation updating them on the activities for WRCOG. The issues that cities and counties face such as, growth, housing education, water, air quality, energy, economy and transportation do not have political boundaries. A benefit of WRCOG is that we have no definite list of what we do allowing us the flexibility to do what our local elected directors want to do.

**Council Member Youssef arrived at 6:04 p.m.**

That flexibility has resulted in a diverse array of activities: transportation; alternative fuels and infrastructure; legislative networking; energy retrofit and water conservation financing; electricity rate restructuring; interregional partnerships; solid waste; and SCAG and AQMD coordination. Mr. Bishop explained the programs administered by WRCOG. Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition helps jurisdictions acquire alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure. The program was recognized by the Department of Energy as one of the nation's top performers. WRCOG's Advancing the Choice Expo has featured some great Keynote Speakers. The HERO program is the leading energy efficient financing program in the nation. Since January 2012, 18,000 applications have been approved for a financing amount of \$667,000,000 + and over 10,000 projects completed. In Hemet, 707 applications have been approved, \$15 million in funding and 374 projects. The California HERO program has 162 cities and counties and counting as associate members. Riverside County Water Task Force Administration assists with water issues that affect our region. TUMF is the largest multi-jurisdictional fee program in the U.S. with nearly \$4 billion for transportation and transit improvements. The Sustainability Framework responds to Executive Committee/TAC worksho

identified priority issues for potential future WRCOG involvement with a focus on economic development issues such as: education/higher education; environment/energy; healthcare; water/wastewater; and transportation. Western Riverside County Climate Action Plan is preparing a plan to inventory GHG emissions, establish emission reduction targets and provide GHG emission reduction strategies. Western Riverside jurisdiction is leading the way in creating energy efficiencies. WRCOG seeks niches that serve member agency interests and is the sounding board for ideas. We stay true to the mission by respecting local control and providing regional perspective. We provide cost effective solutions. Mr. Bishop thanked the City Council for their continued support and participation.

**Mayor Smith**, thanked Mr. Bishop. The TUMF program is a great example of the executive members working cohesively to benefit the region. The HERO program is beyond its vision with the increasing number of associate members. The General Assembly has gained national exposure. You run an organization that is government at its best and it is an honor to work with you and your staff.

**Council Member Youssef**, thanked Mr. Bishop for the update. The HERO program has exploded and it's phenomenal. Council Member Youssef complimented Mr. Bishop and his staff for their success. Council Member Youssef asked if the growth of the HERO program has created heartaches or challenges.

**Mr. Bishop**, the revenue stream is a benefit for expanding the program. This is a true private/public sector partnership. As the program expands the challenge is to keep a tight rein on fraud and elder abuse when you are dealing with over 1,500 contractors statewide. The City Council thanked Mr. Bishop for the update.

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## 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 6:31 p.m.

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6  
Agency designated representatives: City Manager Hill  
Employee organization:  
*Service Employees International Union General Employees*
  
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Name of case: Hemet Firefighters Association, et al. v. City of Hemet, et al.  
RSC Case No. RIC 1400175

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## REGULAR SESSION

**7:00 p.m.**  
**City of Hemet City Council Chambers**  
**450 E. Latham Avenue**

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## Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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## 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

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## Invocation

Invocation was given by Jan DeSpain, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council

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## Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Youssef

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## City Attorney Closed Session Report

4. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6  
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Employee organization:

*Service Employees International Union General Employees*

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

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**The City Council received a briefing from Legal Counsel. There was no additional reportable action.**

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**Mayor Smith**, acknowledged the passing of a former Fire Engineer, William Alfonso who worked for the City from 1974 to 2000.

**Bill Herder, Fire Captain**, I joined Hemet Fire Department in 1991 when there were only two fire stations. Eng. Alfonso was instrumental in opening Station 3. He was a well like person and will be missed.

## Presentation

6. Proclamation in Honor of Twenty-Nine Years of Literacy Services in Hemet and proclaiming September 2014 as "Literacy Awareness Month"

**Kathy Caines, Library Manager**, received the proclamation on behalf of the Hemet Adult Literacy Advocates and explained the program that has been in the valley for 29 years.

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## **City Council Business Consent Calendar**

7. **Receive and File** – Warrant Registers
  - a. Warrant registers dated September 4, 2014 in the amount of \$1,335,739.87 and September 11, 2014 in the amount of \$2,162,247.52. Payroll for the period of August 18, 2014 to August 31, 2014 was \$601,547.41.
  
8. **Recommendation by Administrative Services** – Amend the City’s Classification Plan by Adding the Classifications of Fire Fighter/Paramedic and Fire Engineer/Paramedic, Setting Premium Pay for said classifications, and Related Side Letter of Agreement with Hemet Fire Fighters Association Local No. 2342 (HFFA)
  - a. Approve the new classifications of Fire Fighter/Paramedic and Fire Engineer/Paramedic, set the premium pay for employees holding these classifications at five percent (5%), and approve the related Side Letter of Agreement between the City of Hemet and the HFFA.
  
9. **Recommendation by Fire Department** - Approval of Agreement for Services and Purchase Order – CSG Consultants
  - a. Authorize the City Manager to approve an Agreement for Services and Purchase Order to CSG Consultants for Fiscal Year 2014/15 in the amount of \$87.50 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$91,000.

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

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### **Approval of Minutes**

10. September 9, 2014

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

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### **Successor Agency Consent Calendar**

11. **Recommendation by Community Investment** – Settlement Agreement with the Hemet Unified School District
  - a. Adopt a Resolution approving a Settlement Agreement with the Hemet Unified School District relating to historical misallocated pass through payments.  
**Resolution No. 4598**
  
12. **Recommendation by Community Investment** – Settlement Agreement with the Riverside County Office of Education
  - a. Adopt a Resolution approving a Settlement Agreement with the Riverside County Office of Education to resolve a dispute related to the calculation and payment of pass-through obligations. **Resolution No. 4599**

Item Nos. 11 and 12

**Council Member Krupa**, gave a brief explanation for the Settlement Agreements. RDA allocation payments were not paid correctly. During the recent audits it was confirmed. These agreements will correct that action and assure that HUSD and the Riverside County Office of Education get their allocations. This action is necessary for the Oversight Board to approve the Settlement Agreements.

**Eric Vail, City Attorney**, the City maintained that the statute of limitations apply which barred a portion of their claim and reduced the impact on the City.

**Council Member Youssef moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to approve the Successor Agency Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

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## Public Hearing

13. **Comprehensive Fee Schedule** – Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Hurst

- a. Conduct a public hearing to elicit public comment regarding new and changed City fees for service per the Comprehensive Fee Schedule; and
- b. Continue the public hearing to October 14, 2014 to consider the proposed ordinance and resolution to adopt new and changed City fees for service per the Comprehensive Fee Schedule; and
- c. Direct staff to amend the proposed ordinance and resolution, as needed.

**Jessica Hurst, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director**, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation regarding the proposed Comprehensive Fee Schedule. User fees are charges for direct services. Many of the user fees have not been updated since 2005, some prior to that. Proposition 218 limitation: the fee cannot exceed the cost to provide the service. The study develops rational basis for setting fees that enhance fairness and equity. This establishes a level of cost recovery and ensures compliance with State law. An updatable and comprehensive list has been developed. The study included a comprehensive review of services and the percentage of recovery to determine "reasonable cost" of services. Direct costs include staff time, contractor cost and materials. Indirect costs used a cost allocation plan. Staff is recommending that the City Council open the public hearing to take public comment. Continue the open public hearing to October 14, 2014. The proposed Ordinance will be agendized for introduction on October 14, 2014. The proposed ordinance and resolution will be placed on the October 28, 2014 agenda for consideration. The proposed effective date for the new fees will be January 1, 2015. The proposed ordinance and resolution give staff the direction to update the master schedule annually. This will maintain the level of cost recovery. New fees, elimination of fees, or increase in cost recovery levels must be brought before City Council.

**Council Member Youssef**, asked what factors were used to determine the fees or estimates. **Ms. Hurst**, it is unclear what prior methodology was used to determine the previous fees. The proposed fees are based on a cost per hour or a cost by square foot to hopefully pin point the costs more accurately.

**Eric Vail, City Attorney**, the City shifted from basing the fees on quantity to more actual cost to provide the service.

**Council Member Krupa**, asked if any inquiries or complaints have been received from the Chamber of Commerce or the BIA.

**Wally Hill, City Manager,** the BIA asked for additional time to review the proposed ordinance and that request has been accommodated.

**Deanna Elliano, Community Development Director,** the public hearing was advertised in the newspaper. A meeting was held with BIA and stake holders. The proposed fee schedule was also placed on the City's website.

**Council Member Wright,** asked if the fees are in line with other cities.

**Ms. Hurst,** confirmed that they are, the comparison was included with the staff report.

**Mayor Smith declared the public hearing opened at 7:28 p.m.**

There were no comments presented at this time.

**Continued the open public hearing to October 14, 2014**

**Mayor Smith,** appreciated this getting done. Hopefully staff can give developers a reasonable estimate. Mayor Smith encouraged staff to move forward on deposit based fees.

**Mayor Pro Tem Milne,** thanked the City Council for considering this. Concern that the fees will increase is deterring other City Councils from updating their fee schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Milne thanked staff for providing the comparisons. The service provided needs to be scrutinized also, the developers don't mind paying the fees if the service is efficient and gets done. Mayor Pro Tem Milne concurs that deposit based fee is critical to the people doing business in town.

**Mr. Hill,** recognized Donna Rowley for her huge effort in this process and acknowledged the work completed by the Department Directors and Sara Retmier.

**Council Member Wright,** expressed concern with the revenue that was lost by not updating these fees sooner.

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## Communications from the Public

**Melissa Diaz-Hernandez,** expressed concern with a statement made by Supervisor Benoit that the contract with CalFire was working really well in the cities of Coachella, Palm Springs, Indian Wells and Indio. Ms. Diaz-Hernandez read an article published in the Desert Sun over the weekend where candidates in that area expressed concern with regular increases in costs to provide public safety by Riverside County Sheriff's and CalFire.

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## 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)
6. Watermaster Board

Council Member Krupa and Mayor Smith attended the SCAG meeting in Los Angeles. Council Member Krupa attended the League of California Cities Conference in Los Angeles and spoke highly of the speakers and the subject matter.

Council Member Krupa attended the Chief's luncheon and the graduation for Andrew Reynoso, Hemet's newest Police Officer and son of former Acting Fire Chief, Primo Reynoso. Council Members Krupa attended the Chili Cook-off sponsored by 101.3 "The Mix" at Ramona Bowl.

Council Member Krupa attended Soboba's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow, great experience.

October 1, 2014 the Boy Scouts of America will honor the Jones Family at the Ramona Bowl.

B. Council Member Wright

1. Park Commission
2. Planning Commission

The Planning Commission approved a Site Development Review for a Multi-family apartment building and continued consideration of a CUP amendment to add music and dancing to an existing business.

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

Council Member Wright attended the graduation of Officer Reynoso.

Council Member Wright attended 101.3's Chili Cook-off.

Council Member Wright attended Valley-Wide's Oldlympics and Health Fair.

Council Member Wright attended the League of California Cities conference and concurred that the breakout sessions were really good.

Council Member Wright attended Soboba's Pow Wow

San Jacinto City Council has issued a challenge to Hemet City Council to enter something in San Jacinto's Agricultural Festival, September 26<sup>th</sup> to September 28<sup>th</sup> at Estudillo Park.

Council Member Wright is hosting a Green Coalition "Neighbors Nite Out" at her home this weekend.

C. Council Member Youssef

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

Council Member Youssef's Ag Fest challenge is a basketball competition with San Jacinto Council Member Mark Bartel.

**Council Member Youssef left at 7:45 p.m.**

D. Mayor Pro Tem Milne

1. Library Board

Murals and Eagle Scout project look wonderful.

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

The audit is complete and the City of Hemet does not owe any additional money to RCA.

6. Disaster Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Milne, recently a young neighbor came to her home with a problem because after the "Neighbor's Nite Out" event she felt it was a safe place.

Mayor Pro Tem Milne announced that the T.H.E. Center received a \$10,000 grant from Rite Aid.

Council Member Wright, announced that the T.H.E. Center's Annual Fundraiser will be a dinner and auction held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and a carnival on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

E. Mayor Smith

1. League of California Cities

Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser for the Riverside Division will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Beaumont.

2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
3. Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG)
4. Public Safety Update
5. Hemet Community Activities

Mayor Smith did a 5-minute community piece on Time Warner Cable that was a great commercial for public safety.

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. City Council Meeting schedule for November 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>

**The City Council will meet only on November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> in these months.**

**Wally Hill, City Manager,** followed up on the direction from City Council to provide factual information to the residents. The cost to send out a mailing to property owners would be approximately \$18,700 for one page and \$20,100 for three pages. This would miss the 5,600 Mobilehome park households who do not own their parcels and the processing for mailing will likely not be completed before Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The letter has been placed on the City's website and Facebook page. An alternative is to print the letter in the paper on Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, ¼ page Ad will cost \$545.00 and ½ page Ad will cost \$860.00.

The City Council and staff discussed the public relation efforts that were conducted when the City contracted with CR&R. A message on the City's utility bills was discussed however they are only sent out once every two months. Town Hall meetings are currently being scheduled.

**The City Council gave direction to staff to publish the letter in the Press Enterprise, the Valley Chronicle, Easy Ad's and mail.**

**Council Member Krupa,** announced that Builder Magazine named Hemet #8 in Economic Growth. John Jansons is not here because he has been busy attending trade shows.

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## **Future Agenda Items**

Boarded-up businesses on Florida Avenue

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## **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.