



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

January 13, 2015

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 Krupa called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Council Member Youssef

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

Work Study

Discussion regarding this item, with possible direction to staff

1. City Council sponsored Public Safety Initiative – City Attorney Vail
Eric Vail, City Attorney, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation regarding a potential Public Safety Ballot Measure. The following are the procedures for submitting a council-initiated ballot measure to the voters per Elections Code section 9222: draft the proposed ordinance; call for an election – adopt a resolution calling for the draft ordinance to be submitted to the voters for adoption or adopt the proposed ordinance and submit it as a referendum to the voters for approval; hold the election – election must be at least 88 days after the call for election, next available regular election dates are June 2nd and November 3rd, special election can be held on any Tuesday that is not on or within 1 day of a state holiday; and a simple majority is required for adoption. The City Council may direct the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis. Ballot arguments for or against the ordinance may be submitted by: the City Council; any member or members of the City Council authorized by the Council to submit an argument; any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure; or any bona fide association of citizens. Only one argument for and one argument against will be published. Persons whose arguments are published will be given the opportunity to submit rebuttal arguments. The City Council needs to determine the purpose and objective of the initiative. The term “public safety” is broad. The focus of the initiative should be narrowed to the specific services and components of those services. The term “outsourcing” needs to be defined. Contracting for some services has been beneficial. The Legislative has granted city council the authority to provide for, by contract or otherwise, municipal services and functions. Some cases may support an argument that municipal services and functions not proper subjects for initiatives or referendums. There may be long-term practical ramifications of constraining the ability of future City Council to deal with unknown circumstances confronting

the City. Timing has to be considered to meet the target election dates and the necessary time needed to conduct educational program. Negotiations might be necessary with affected collective bargaining groups. Cost includes: cost to prepare the ballot measure; cost to conduct the election, estimated to be \$67,000 if consolidated and \$100,000 for a stand alone; and cost of the education program.

The City Council discussed some of the details regarding the process including the bargaining process.

Council Member Raver, given the recent history there is a need for a ballot measure to avoid the previous turmoil. The community supports and wants to retain their police and fire departments. A number of residents requested that the decision to outsource be placed on a ballot allowing the residents to decide. The referendum circulated was signed by over 6,000 residents. That tells me that the residents want to keep their services local and are willing to pay for an election. I'm not in favor of a special election this can wait for the scheduled June election. Without reservation, a measure should go to a vote of the people.

Council Member Milne, there is no eminent threat of outsourcing a costly measure should be considered closer to an election that might be of concern. Take the time to draft the language and conduct the education program.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright, we need to do our due diligence and carefully consider the ramifications. What if a joint powers authority is a future consideration this might prevent that. I agree with the concept but we need to take the time and have the forethought to make sure that this doesn't negatively affect the residents later.

Mayor Krupa, confirmed that an election would be paid for by the City's General Fund and asked if there is a way the City can accept donations to pay for the election.

Mr. Vail, a special fund can be set up for the election and donations could be accepted.

Mayor Krupa, asked if the measure can be removed once submitted if the City Council changes its mind.

Mr. Vail, there is a deadline to withdrawing any items from the ballot per the election codes. You can prepare the measure now for a future election allowing more time to withdraw it.

Mayor Krupa, we need to take the time and look at this carefully. Really consider the wording and the components that go into both police and fire.

Council Member Raver, recommended that the initial language be drafted and a report be presented at the next council meeting.

Mr. Vail, suggested that the City Council hear from the Fire and Police Chief and even the affected unions, allowing them to weigh in on what they think. There is language that will help them. There is also language that will hinder their efforts. That discussion will help us draft the appropriate language.

The City Council directed staff to place this item on the January 27th agenda for discussion.

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 6:37 p.m.

Council Member Youssef arrived at 6:38 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
Hemet Fire Fighters Association*
 3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of cases: *Hemet Firefighters Association, et al. v. City of Hemet, et al.
RSC Case No. RIC 1400175*
 4. Public Employee Recruitment/Appointment
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
Title: Fire Chief
 5. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
One (1) 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 Krupa called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

Invocation

Invocation was given by Gary Fowler, 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 item was continued to the end of the Regular Session.

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8. Public Employee Recruitment/Appointment
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Title: Fire Chief

There was no reportable action.

9. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
One (1) matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) & (3)

The City Council received a briefing from the City Attorney. There was no additional reportable action.

Presentations

10. Presentation of Awards for the 2014 Hemet Christmas Parade Winners
Mayor Krupa and Stephany Borders, presented awards to the category winners of the 2014 Christmas Parade.
Animal – Friesian Association of Southern California, accepted by Celia Capps
Antique Auto – Cruisin A's, accepted by Dennis Jenison
Band – Hemet High School Band, accepted by Dan Bolton
Decorated Walking – Shine Dance & Music Studio, accepted by Kathy and Ralph Peterson
Float – Home Instead
Motorized, Hemet Jeep Club
Non-motorized – St. Hyacinth Academy Folklorico Ballet, accepted by Maria Aguilera
School Entry – Hemet High School Drama Club, accepted by Dan Bolton
Best of Theme – In Motion Dance, accepted by Tracy Smith

Queen Scheherazade, Carla Cabrera; Princess Dunyaxade, Shannon Slankard; and Princess Jasmine, Morgan Lawrence a Hemet High School student, invited the City Council to attend the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, February 13-22, 2015.

11. Police Department Strategic Plan Presentation – Chief Brown

Chief Brown, announced that representatives from the Hemet Elk's Lodge have an announcement.

Paula Hirn, Hemet Elk's Lodge, presented a check to the Hemet Police Department in the amount of \$12,000 to be used for the K-9 program. Ms. Hirn thanked Chief Brown and the department for their work.

Mayor Krupa, thanked the Elk's Lodge for their generosity and continued support.

Chief Brown, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation on the departments 2015-2019 Strategic Plan and 2015 Action Plan. On April 9, 2013 the City Council approved the following recommendations referred to as Project H.O.P.E.: improve employee recruitment and retention; cooperative agreement with CHP to address Florida First; conduct community survey to establish priorities; reduce crime by 10% and fear of crime by 25%; and develop and implement a 5-year Strategic Plan

Barbara Sirotnik, Institute of Applied Research and Policy Analysis CSUSB, when Chief Brown contracted with us to conduct the survey I said this was a courageous thing to do. You have to find out both your strengths and your weaknesses and that is not easy. Then you have to find out what the public thinks. The bottom line was that the residents of Hemet are proud to live here and are committed to solving the problem.

Gina Airey, Gina Airy Consulting, in 12 years of consulting for cities, public agencies and non-profits, Hemet PD was our first police department. It was very apparent that everyone involved in the process feels that the Police Department and the City of Hemet cannot do it alone. It was an honor to work with this team and to have the opportunity to meet with the Council Members and City Manager.

Chief Brown, recognized the community members that participated in focus groups:

Alex Ballard, Principal of West Valley High School

Andy Anderson, CEO Hemet-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce

Joel Bergenfeld, CEO Hemet Valley Medical Center

Russ Brown, Board Member of Four Seasons Homeowners Association

Sewa Contreras, Community Activist

Dr. Lisa DeForst, DeForest Chiropractic and Hemet Unified School District Board Member

Guy Excell, Rosenthal & Excell Commercial Real Estate

Connie Polhemus, Director San Jacinto Unified School District

Dr. Roger Schultz, President Mt. San Jacinto College

Dr. Ed Formica, President Hemet-San Jacinto Valley Action Group

Eric Gosch, President Gosch Auto Group

Luis Herrejon, Pastor Victory Outreach Hemet

Ray Hicks, Public Affairs Regional Manager, Southern California Edison

Tom Hughes, Senior Pastor and Steve Kalmikov, Associate Pastor of 412 Church

Hamilton Jones, President Miller-Jones Mortuary & Crematory

Carlos Navarro, Director of Educational Services, Hemet Unified School District

Tami Wilhelm, Hemet Ranch Investments, LLC

Police Department members of the Strategic Planning Team were: Rob Webb, Deputy Chief; Eric Dickson, Operations Lieutenant; Dean Evans, Investigations Lieutenant; Eddie Pust, Operations Lieutenant; Dan Reinbold, Quality of Life Sergeant; Glen Brock, Patrol Sergeant; Gabriel Gomez, Patrol Corporal; Mike Hall, Patrol Corporal; Matt Gomez, Field Training/K-9 Officer; Christine Lovett, Police/Fire Dispatcher; and Catherine Tipton, Public Safety Office Specialist. Special thank you to Tom Covington.

Hemet Police Department's Mission: The mission of the Hemet Police Department is to enhance quality of life and public safety through excellent service, protection, and partnerships with our community. The Vision: We envision a city in which the police department, community members, businesses, and visitors are active and proud partners in creating a safe, thriving community. The Values: Leadership; Partnerships and Collaboration; Honor; Integrity; Innovation; Excellence; and Pride. The Department's compelling strategic question is: "How will the Hemet Police Department provide leadership in revitalizing our community?" Hemet on the R.I.S.E. Strategic Priorities and Objectives for 2015-2019 and Implementation Strategies for 2015:

- Priority 1: Reduce crime and the fear of crime – Reduce crime and fear of crime to improve the quality of life and safety for community members, businesses, and visitors.
 - Objective 1.1: Reduce violent and property crime rates by 5% per year
 - 1.1.1: Fill existing vacancies in order to increase patrol staffing by 4 officers (1 per shift) each year to improve police visibility, crime prevention and apprehension
 - 1.1.2: Reactivate Crime Suppression Unit with 2 officers in order to reduce gun violence and violent crime
 - 1.1.3: Identify funding source to add Media and Intelligence Analyst position to utilize the media, social media and available data in the crime-fighting effort
 - 1.1.4: Implement Predictive Policing Software to maximize available data and resources
 - Objective 1.2: Enhance sharing of current and relevant information to increase awareness and reduce fear
 - Objective 1.3: Increase sworn officer free patrol time to 40%
 - Objective 1.4: Reduce repeat calls for service to problem properties
- Priority 2: Inspire staff – Recruit, develop, and retain a workforce of community-focused law enforcement professionals.
 - Objective 2.1: Create and promote a professional brand and culture that embraces the Department's core values
 - 2.1.1: Develop and promote brand statement in order to promote the department's culture and image to prospective employees
 - 2.1.2: Standardize the Department graphics for use on all official documents and materials in order to promote the Department's culture and image to prospective employees
 - 2.1.3: Develop and implement intensive recruitment program to maximize effectiveness with qualified, experienced employees
 - 2.1.4: Establish family support teams to create and promote Department activities that enhance the HPF experience and help retain and attract excellent employees
 - Objective 2.2: Improve career development opportunities for all employees
 - Objective 2.3: Improve compensation and incentive to attract qualified professionals
 - Objective 2.4: Develop and Implement an evaluation tool that reflects the City's and Department's mission and goals, and rewards superior performance
- Priority 3: Smart Policing – Identify, develop, and implement innovative and strategic technology, partnerships and funding to carry out HPD's mission efficiently and effectively

- Objective 3.1: Deploy sworn officers, civilian employees, and volunteers to fulfill HPD's mission efficiently
 - 3.1.1: Realign beat structure to ensure equity of workload and quality of service (workload to have less than 10% variance of calls)
 - 3.1.2: Explore the increased use of civilian staff or volunteers to respond to calls for service in the field and reduce calls for sworn personnel
 - 3.1.3: Advocate to City Council for an increase in Community Service Officer staffing to improve response times and free up sworn officers to address and prevent serious crime
 - 3.1.4: Purchase, train, and deploy one additional K9 unit to improve officer safety and officer resources
- Objective 3.2: Deploy cutting-edge technology and equipment to increase efficiencies throughout the Department
- Objective 3.3: Provide leadership to strengthen interagency relationships and partnerships
- Objective 3.4: Continue to employ existing funds strategically and identify additional revenue stream to support the Department's initiatives and growth
- Objective 3.5: Enhance the Police Department's physical space in order to maximize operational efficiency, professionalism, and employee safety
- Priority 4: Expand partnerships – Expand partnerships with the Hemet Community and its leaders to strengthen the public's role in community safety and create long-term, collaborative solutions
 - Objective 4.1: Strengthen engagement with community groups and schools
 - 4.1.1: Formalize, train, and promote HPD expert speakers and make them available to the community in order to increase interaction and trust
 - 4.1.2: Go live with City Program Nextdoor.com to directly communicate with neighbors (Nextdoor.com is a private online community for Hemet neighborhoods)
 - 4.1.3: Grow HPD employee participation in local civic organizations in order to increase interaction and trust
 - Objective 4.2: Lead the development of a Safe Communities Plan by 2018
 - Objective 4.3: Establish a multi-faith Police Chaplain Program to assist the Department and community members during times of crisis

The Department will begin to implement the first year action plan. The implementation plan will continue from 2016 to 2019. The strategic priorities outlined in this plan were greatly influenced by community input. As we move through the implementation of this plan over the next five years, your concerns, priorities, and feedback will continue to motivate and inform our team. We will continually ask you, the community, for your input via websites, community meetings, and follow-up survey research. Let's work together to make Hemet an even better place to live, work, shop, and play.

The City Council acknowledged the community members and the PD's leadership team for their time and effort. The City Council complimented and report and encourage residents to see the entire plan which is available on the City's website.

City Council Business Consent Calendar

12. **Receive and File** – City Council Committee Appointments
13. **Receive and File** – Warrant Registers
 - a. Warrant registers dated December 2, 2014 in the amount of \$3,198,881.02 and December 11, 2014 in the amount of \$1,408,297.09. Payroll for the period of November 24, 2014 to December 7, 2014 was \$685,005.84 and December 8, 2014 to December 21, 2014 was \$584,098.48.
14. **Receive and File** – Investment Portfolio as of October 2014
15. **Receive and File** – FY 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
16. **Recommendation by Finance** – Amendment of Certain User Fees
 - a. Adopt a resolution to amend certain fees for service adopted by Resolution No. 4603. **Resolution No. 4612**
17. **Recommendation by Finance** - Comprehensive Fee Schedule
 - a. Adopt an ordinance amending Sections 2-379 and 2-380 of the Hemet Municipal Code regarding user fees. **Ordinance No. 1893**
18. **Recommendation from Traffic and Parking Commission** – Speed Limits
 - a. Adopt a resolution adopting speed limits on various streets in the city. **Resolution No. 4613**
19. **Recommendation by Economic Development** – Real Property Advisory, Marketing and Sales Services
 - a. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for services with RSG, Inc. to provide real property advisory services to the City for certain City-owned real property; and
 - b. Authorize the City Manager execute customary and standard California real estate industry documents and contracts per property, (brokerage, disclosure and listing agreements) with HomeStar Real Estate Services to market and sell certain City-owned real property; and
 - c. Appropriate \$144,770 from the General Fund uncommitted fund balance to FY14-15 Economic Development Department Account, #120-8500-2710 to fund the cost of the real estate advisory services.
20. **Approval of Minutes** – December 9, 2014

Item Nos. 17, 18 and 19 and 20 were removed from the Consent Calendar. **Mayor Pro Tem Wright moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

Item No. 17

Council Member Raver, distributed a letter to the City Council and expressed concern with the fees that will automatically adjust with the budget without a public hearing.

Council Member Milne, these adjustments are long overdue. A number of the fees went down. Thank you for moving forward.

Mr. Hill, explained that these fees are based on a % of recovery and will only adjust if the departmental budget changes, the fee can increase or decrease based on the budget approved by the City Council in a public hearing.

Council Member Youssef moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve this item as presented and that a schedule of fees be maintained and available. Motion carried 4-1. Council Member Raver voted No.

Item No. 18

Wally Hill, City Manager, periodically traffic speed studies are conducted on streets to determine the prevailing speed traveled on that roadway. This allows the City to post and enforced the speed limits by radar. If the speed limits are not posted at the rate determined by the speed studies, the State of California will not allow the use of radar to enforce speed limits. The proposal is to increase the speed limit to 30 mph on Seven Hills Drive is due to the fact that 85% of the traffic is at 33 mph. We do understand that the golf cart traffic is of great interest and there are some restrictions on unregistered golf carts. We understand the concern is that you cannot travel on a road that is posted over 25 mph with unregistered golf carts, however, you can cross it. If we keep the speed limit at 25 mph we can't enforce it by radar.

Eric Vail, City Attorney, golf carts have a unique definition in the vehicle code. To be classified as a golf cart the vehicle must have at least 3 wheels and can have 4. A golf cart can have no more than 2 seats and cannot be over 1,300 lbs. A golf cart may not exceed 15 mph. Golf carts as defined by the vehicle code can travel on a city street with speed limits of 25 mph and less with an ordinance adopted by the City Council. Mr. Vail did check the City's MC and was unable to determine if an ordinance has been adopted. Low Speed Vehicles with 4 wheels can drive up to 20-25 mph on paved roads with a gross vehicle weight of 3,000 lbs. These vehicles can drive on streets posted up to 35 mph and are required to be registered with the DMV. If the residents drive "golf carts", the City Council can adopt an ordinance or resolution allowing "golf cart" crossing on Seven Hills Drive.

Council Member Youssef, confirmed for the public that if the speed limit remains at 25 mph, vehicles traveling at excessive speed can be pulled over but citations for speeding will not be enforced by the court. If we increase the speed limit to 30 mph we can enforce it.

Mr. Vail, cities are required to do periodic speed review, monitored by what is being driven on the street. If the warrants require the speed limit to be raised you either raise the limit or you are unable to use radar or other electronic gauges to enforce the speed limit.

Council Member Milne, what does that mean when an accident occurs?

Mr. Vail, wreckless driving, DUI and other traffic violations can still be enforced.

Frank Bruno, General Manager Seven Hills Golf Club, expressed concerned that this will affect the golf cart rentals and the use of the golf course. For 40 years the golf carts have been crossing Seven Hills Drive. Registering all of my carts will require me to increase rental fees. I have never seen a speeding ticket issued on Seven Hills Drive. Mr. Bruno expressed concern for the safety of the golfers is the speed limit is increased.

Mr. Vail, according to Vehicle Code section 21115.1, a resolution or ordinance can be adopted by the City Council allowing residents to cross city streets in golf carts. This will require some secondary action as long as the speed limit is below 45 mph.

Joy Ward, Hemet, Seven Hills Drive is not a thru street and has 4 golf cart crossings. Ms. Ward expressed concern with increasing the speed on a road where vehicles already drive to fast.

Council Member Youssef, Ms. Ward you expressed concern with vehicles driving too fast. If we increase the speed limit we can enforce it. If we do not increase the speed limit we cannot enforce it according to the California Vehicle Code.

Don Kritzer, President Seven Hills Property Association, Mr. Kritzer read the email that was submitted recommending reconsideration of the speed limit increase on Seven Hills Drive. Some time ago the speed limit was increased on Kirby Street to 40 mph and vehicles traveling south on Kirby cross Stetson and continue on Seven Hills Drive at 40 mph. Seven Hills Drive makes two gentle curves south of Stetson, immediate followed by a golfers crossing. Vehicles parked in driveways block the view of the golf path and drivers cannot see golf carts or pedestrians. For many years I have asked for traffic control. The speed limit sign was placed on Seven Hills Drive one time for 4 hours. The property owners association paid for the current speed limit signs. Mr. Kritzer asked if the association will be expected to pay for the speed signs that they are opposed to. California Code 1957 indicates that a speed limit of 25 is reasonable for communities with golf traffic. I recommend that you come to Seven Hills and take a ride with me to see the dangers that this increase in the speed limits poses. Mr. Kritzer asked why Seven Hills Drive was picked for a speed survey over Stetson Avenue, the vehicles drive at high speeds on that street. There are a number of accidents at Stetson and Seven Hills Drive. Mr. Kritzer expressed concern with the financial impact this decision will have on the residents with golf carts. I made my golf cart street legal at a cost of \$300.00 and I had most of the equipment. Mr. Bruno cannot afford to make the club's carts street legal.

Brian Rubin, Hemet, expressed concern with the recommendation for Mustang Way. The section between Fisher and Cawston is currently posted at 45 mph I'm glad to see that being lowered to 40 mph. However between Fisher and Warren that is not posted and it should be posted and remain at 40 mph.

CW Cecchi, Hemet, recommended that this item be tabled and sent back to the Traffic and Parking Commission allowing for more public comment.

Mr. Hill, emails in opposition to the speed increase on Seven Hills Drive were received from Ted Isham, Ken Graff, David Cramer and Don Kritzer as well as two phone calls.

Mayor Krupa, recommended that the speed adjustment on Seven Hills Drive be removed and the rest of the recommended adjustments per approved. Mayor Krupa asked about a resolution or ordinance that will allow for golf cart travel in the community.

Mr. Vail, if the speed limit on Seven Hills Drive is increased to 30 mph an ordinance can be considered to allow for golf cart crossing.

Frank Bruno, the golfers only cross Seven Hills Drive. The residents that golf need to be able to travel on Seven Hills Drive to get to the golf course.

Council Member Youssef, Seven Hills Drive can remain at 25 mph but the residents need to understand that the speed limits will not be enforceable. Council Member Youssef recommended that the residents contact Governor Brown if you want the California Vehicle Code changed.

Mayor Krupa, there are a number of issues that need to be considered. Mayor Krupa recommended that Seven Hills Drive speed limit adjustment be removed and the remaining speed adjustments be approved. Mayor Krupa also recommended that additional research be done to see how we can solve the issue for Seven Hills.

Council Member Milne, recommended that the City Council do a town hall meeting in Seven Hills Community to hear their concerns.

Mary Owens, Hemet, expressed concern with the pedestrian traffic on Seven Hills Drive and recommended that speed bumps be considered instead of increasing the speed limit.

Council Member Raver, expressed concern with the speeding that happens on that street. The City is required to do the speed testing that resulted in an average speed travel of 33 mph. According to existing law the City cannot enforce the 25 mph because it constitutes a speed trap. The only way to resolve the matter is to attempt to get legislation changed. Even if the City has a town hall meeting with your community the results of the meeting will be the same message.

Council Member Youssef moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve Item No. 18 excluding Seven Hills Drive and requested that additional research be conducted on options for Seven Hills Drive. Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 19

Gene Hikel, Hemet, expressed concerned with the City's consideration of selling 18 pieces of property especially a portion of Gibbel Park. The City's reserves should be critically low before you consider selling property. The City owned property should be used for new parks, new roads or new buildings. Mr. Hikel asked what the money would be used for. Concern was expressed with the Gibbel Park property on the corner of Kirby and Florida. Mr. Hikel recommended that this item be removed.

Marie McDonald, Hemet, recommended that the City Council ask the residents how they feel about this prior to you getting a real estate experts price. A park is the joy of living in a City.

Lori VanArsdale, Hemet, Olive Garden offered to come here many years ago if we gave them that corner. I truly believe that park is more valuable to the community as a park and a war memorial than what you would get for a commercial piece of property. \$144,000 for someone to tell you what to do with these properties seems high. Ms. VanArsdale recommended broader discussions and additional input from the community before this is considered. At the least remove Gibbel Park from the list and request more information.

Seth Weinger, Hemet, expressed opposition to taking part of the history for more potential commercial space. Mr. Weinger recommended that the City rehab the commercial property that exists instead of creating more.

Mr. Hill, explained the services that will be provided for the \$144,000. Mr. Hill also explained that if the property sells the 2% commission will be credited against the \$144,000.

Council Member Youssef left at 9:00 p.m.

Council Member Milne, \$144,000 does seem like a lot of money. I am in favor of removing the park property from the list.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright, concurs with removing the park property from the list and recommended that external funding sources be considered to improve the park and use the back of it. The park is underutilized with a lot of the area not used and safety issues due to the mound.

Council Member Raver, expressed opposition to the proposal to consider developing the frontage of the park. There has been more community outcry in San Jacinto regarding the closure of their parks than the cutting back of public safety services. There is significant vacant land north of the mall and along Florida Avenue for commercial development.

Eric Vail, City Attorney, the City has a number of large vacant parcels that have sat empty and have not generated revenue for a long period of time. The City's continuing fiscal problem has led to discussion regarding better use of these parcels. At the City's current budget expenditures the big reserve will be gone in 3 to 5 years if the City doesn't solve the problem. What dollar amount the City Council would consider selling the properties for is up to them. The City is considering hiring a consultant because of the complexity of the commercial real estate process. The City spent a number of years with Stetson Crossing and that didn't work out. City staff is great, but none of us are commercial developers. An expert in the field is necessary to tell the City Council what a buyer of that property wants. We need to obtain the highest value for that property, a market plan and a process. The property might need to be zoned differently to accomplish that. Many people have said that the City needs more economic development and needs to try new things. The residents don't want to pay for taxes. This action is part of a pro-active economic development program.

Mr. Hill, if the City Council chooses to remove Gibbel Park from the list staff will need to renegotiate the contract. The City Council can still move forward with Item No. 19.b at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve Item No. 19.b. Motion carried 4-0.

Item No. 20

Mayor Krupa moved and Mayor Pro Tem Wright seconded a motion to approve Item No. 20 as presented. Motion carried 3-1. Council Member Milne Abstained.

Communications from the Public

Dee Cozart, Soroptimist, told the City Council about the upcoming "Girls Empowerment Conference" to be held on January 24th, Upstairs Hemet Public Library.

Laura Anderson, Hemet Teacher's Association, updated the City Council on the negotiations and asked the City Council for support and assistance. Next HUSD Board Meeting will be held on January 20th.

Richard Wind, Hemet, expressed concern with drag racing that occurs on Fisher Street on the weekends, mostly in the summer months, at approximately 11:00 p.m. Mr. Wind asked about speed bumps.

Mayor Krupa asked City Manager Hill to follow-up with Mr. Wind.

Brian Rubin, Hemet, expressed concern that Warren Road is not repaired. Mr. Rubin expressed concern with the light at Thornton and Sanderson. Mr. Rubin expressed concern with grass being allowed in the Landscape district on Warren Rd. and suggested more drought tolerant landscaping.

Don Kritzer, Hemet, expressed concern with the potential safety problems at Lake Maybe and asked about the ownership of the property.

Mayor Krupa asked City Manager Hill to follow-up with Mr. Kritzer.

Discussion/Action Item

21. **City Council Town Hall Meetings** – City Manager Hill
- a. Provide direction to staff as to the Council’s interest in holding town hall meetings and the nature, timing, and location of them.

Wally Hill, City Manager, presented options in conducting town hall meetings. Mr. Hill explained that any options that require staff to set up audio/recording equipment, take and transcribe minutes or the set up City facilities will increase the cost to conduct the meetings. The City Council would be limited to no more than two council members in attendance in order to avoid having the meeting agendized and memorialized that would defeat the purpose and intent of the town hall meeting.

Mayor Krupa, in the past the City Council conducted town hall meetings at varies locations, completely hosted by the communities. City Manager attended and management staff that wanted to attend was welcome, council members would sign up to participate. Mayor Krupa recommended that type of forum again.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright, concurred and recommended that the first one be scheduled in the next four months.

Council Member Milne, it is a great way to get the correct information to the residents.

The City Council directed staff to move forward on scheduling town hall meetings to be hosted by the communities and attended by no more than two rotational volunteer council members.

City Council Reports

22. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- A. Council Member 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

Council Member Milne announced that Deputy Chief Webb was invited to speak at the Inland Regional Center about the PD’s Special Needs Registry.

- B. Council Member Raver
- C. Council Member Youssef
 1. Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG)
 2. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- D. Mayor Pro Tem Wright
 1. Park Commission
 2. Planning Commission
 3. Indian Gaming Distribution Fund
 4. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
 5. Ramona Bowl Association

Mayor Pro Tem Wright attended the Voice of the Valley.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright attended that League of Cities meeting. An enlightening and positive presentation was given by Gene Wunderlich regarding the trends in the housing market and the median income.

E. Mayor Krupa

1. Traffic and Parking Commission
2. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
3. Ramona Bowl Association

The President's Gala will be held on Friday, January 23rd at Soboba Country Club.

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

Mayor Krupa attended the Hometown Christmas and the Tree lighting, great event.

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

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 9:44 p.m.

Continued Closed Session

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

Hemet Fire Fighters Association

3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of cases: *Hemet Firefighters Association, et al. v. City of Hemet, et al.*
RSC Case No. RIC 1400175

Reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

City Attorney Continued Closed Session Report

6. Conference with Labor Negotiators

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The City Council received an update. There was no additional reportable action.

7. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of cases: *Hemet Firefighters Association, et al. v. City of Hemet, et al.*
RSC Case No. RIC 1400175

The City Council received a briefing from the City Attorney and gave direction. There was no additional reportable action.

Future Agenda Items

Joint Hemet and San Jacinto City Council Committee to look at alternative organizational and funding options for Public Safety.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:13 p.m. to Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.