



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

May 10, 2016

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5:00 p.m.

City of Hemet Council Chambers  
450 E. Latham Avenue

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### Call to Order

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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### Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Council Member Youssef

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

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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 5:03 p.m.

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: *City Manager Meyerhoff*

Employee organization:

*Service Employees International Union (SEIU) General Employees*

*Hemet Non-Sworn Police Employees Association*

*Hemet Mid-Manager's Association*

*Hemet Police Management Association*

*Hemet Police Officers Association*

2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

One (1) matter of significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) & (3)

3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

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

Name of case: *Salvador Gonzaga v. Linda Ann Olsen, et al. MCC 1301784*

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## REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

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### Call to Order

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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### Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Krupa, Milne and Mayor Wright

ABSENT: Council Member Youssef and Mayor Pro Tem Raver

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

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### Invocation

Invocation was given by Merrill Brinton, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council.

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### Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marie McDonald.

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### City Attorney Closed Session Report

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**The City Council was given an update by the City's Negotiator. There was no additional reportable action.**

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)

**The City Council discussed one matter of anticipated litigation. This matter will come back for additional discussion. There was no additional reportable action.**

6. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Name of case: *Salvador Gonzaga v. Linda Ann Olsen, et al. MCC 1301784*  
**The City Council gave directions to staff regarding the listed case. There was no additional reportable action.**
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## Presentation

7. Hemet CAN PLUS Student's Tobacco Waste Clean-up at Weston and Oltman Parks  
**Michael Ramirez, Hemet CAN,** gave the City Council an update on the PLUS Students efforts to reduce tobacco use. Students from the local schools gave presentations to the City Council's and participated in clean-up efforts that led to the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting smoking in public parks.  
PLUS Students in attendance from Hemet High were Angle Ruiz and Madalynn Daniels.  
PLUS Students in attendance from West Valley were Melissa Acosta, Issa Martinez, Emily Montanez, Lizbet Toledo, Paola Chavez, Sabrina Foster and Andrew Mozqueda.  
The PLUS Students gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation on how the parks look 11 months later. A survey was completed to help measure the effects of the ordinance. The City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting smoking in public parks. Survey's were conducted 5 months prior to the adoption of the ordinance and again 5 months after. There was a visual decrease in smoking and a decrease in patrons seeing trash from tobacco use. Even though the ordinance is in place there is still smoking and trash from tobacco use in both Weston and Oltman Parks. Graphs were displayed showing the survey results. Pictures of the trash collected prior to the ordinance and trash collected after the ordinance were displayed. The students suggested larger signs for more awareness of the prohibition by patrons, more enforcement and/or greater fines.  
**Valerie Valez, HUSD,** PLUS stands for Pure Leaders Uniting Students. With their efforts the use of tobacco amongst the students is declining. The one trend locally, State and Nationally that is declining is the use of E-tobacco products. In general we are making great progress. These students are making presentations at their schools and the middle schools.  
**Mayor Wright,** impressive efforts. The City will be undertaking a Park Master Plan and will consider your recommendations at that time. The PLUS Students are great mentors for the other students.
8. Proclamation proclaiming May 6-12<sup>th</sup> as Public Service Recognition Week  
**Mayor Wright,** read and presented the proclamation to Tim Burke, SEIU Representative.  
**Tim Burke,** thanked the City Council for recognizing the Public Employees and appreciating the work they do.
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## City Council Business Consent Calendar

9. **Approval of Minutes** – April 26, 2016
10. **Receive and File** – Warrant Register
  - a. Warrant register dated April 14, 2016 in the amount of \$635,759.98. Payroll for the period of March 28, 2016 to April 10, 2016 was \$594,408.05.
11. **Recommendation by Public Works** – First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc.
  - a. Approve the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. for environmental and regulatory services to update the city-wide Long-Term Routine Maintenance Permitting Program in an amount not to exceed \$83,500; and
  - b. Authorize the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director to record a supplemental appropriation of \$17,200 in Storm Drain Fund 254-4650-2710; and
  - c. Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment to the agreement.
12. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Whittier Avenue Storm Drain
  - a. Authorize the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director to establish budget in the amount of \$339,451.87 plus a 10% contingency of \$33,945.19 for a total expenditure in the amount of \$373,397.06 in Fund No. 222-5618-5500; and
  - b. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a future amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to include the additional \$373,397.06 in addition to the previously authorized amendment of \$90,041 for street paving.
13. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Authorizing the Submittal of Application for Payment Programs through CalRecycle
  - a. Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of application for payment programs through the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and establishing the City Manager, or his designee, as the signatory authority for those submissions. **Resolution No. 4671**

Item No. 13 was removed from the Consent Calendar. **Council Member Milne moved and Council Member Krupa seconded a motion to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

### Item No. 13

**Mayor Wright**, asked what the funding has been used for in the past and what it will be used for in the future.

**Kris Jensen, Public Works Director**, these funds have been used for a number of small projects. This is a non-competitive grant that is given on a per capita basis. The funding is based on the amount of beverage container recycling received by the State from the area. The funding is generally between \$20,000 and \$24,000 a year. The use of the funding is very

specific. A portion of the funding is used for litter abatement. Volunteer projects are supported with this money. A number of trash and recycle containers have been purchased with this money for city facilities and parks. Some of the plastic park equipment has been purchased with the money. A portion of the funds can be used for staffing for special events like the air show and used oil events. Future use of the funds is getting more difficult. It is harder to find products that are made just with recycled beverage containers.

**Council Member Krupa moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 3-0.**

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## **Communications from the Public**

**Cindy Wilson, U-Haul**, distributed a booklet to the City Council and gave an overview of the way U-Haul benefits the community. Ms. Wilson expressed concern with the zoning at some of the locations in Hemet that are currently U-Haul Dealerships. A number of established businesses in Hemet have become dealerships to supplement their income. There is one company owned store on State Street the others are independent locations throughout the City. Some of the businesses that were previously operating have been told to stop and to remove the U-Haul's because of the zoning.

**Mayor Wright**, recommended that Ms. Wilson meet with the City Manager and the Community Development Director.

**Stacy Olsen and Melissa Diaz Hernandez, Hemet-San Jacinto United for Change**, invited the City Council to attend the Forum on Homelessness to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church. Flyers were distributed.

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## **Discussion/Action Item**

14. **Discussion of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposed Budget** – Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Hurst

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

**Jessica Hurst, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director**, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation on the proposed 2016-17 annual budget. Staff will bring back the budget for an additional discussion on May 24<sup>th</sup> and proposed adoption on June 14, 2016. Conservative revenue projections were used in the preparation of the budget, as well as, a reasonable level of expenditures to provide necessary services to the community. The proposed budget is consistent with the 5-year plan. Ms. Hurst noted errors in dates on pages S1 and S2 that will be corrected. The FY 2016/2017 General Fund deficit is \$348,518. General Fund Salary and benefits decreased by \$1,406,500. The major factors are a decrease of \$400,000 for overtime, a decrease of \$171,700 for PERS and a decrease of \$620,100 for Retiree Medical. The following proposed position changes resulted in a decrease of \$456,889: eliminate the Assistant City Manager/Economic Development; add an Executive Analyst; eliminate a Limited Term Sergeant; eliminate a Limited Term Investigator; add a Library Assistant II; and eliminate the City's Housing Program including a Housing Specialist. The proposed budget has an overall General Fund decrease of \$104,540 in Maintenance and Operations. The major factors are: \$10,000 decrease in Council travel; \$44,000 net decrease in Contract Services; \$13,000 increase for an online recruitment/application system; \$12,000 decrease in tourism program; and various decreases for one-time projects, including CIP. The proposed budget has an overall General Fund decrease of \$160,300 for the Internal Service Funds. The major factors are: \$271,900 decrease in City Attorney; \$254,900 decrease in

IT/Telephone; \$298,100 increase in Liability Insurance; and \$68,400 increase in Equipment, Vehicle and Facility costs. The proposed budget includes an overall increase in General Fund Revenue of \$2,146,807. The major categories are: Sales Tax - \$390,000 (3.2%) increase; Property Tax - \$1,683,466 (16.4%) increase; and Development Fees - \$186,000 (8.2%) decrease. The proposed revenue for the Water Fund is \$11,133,300 with proposed expenditures of \$9,559,990 (not including CIP). Proposed positions changes are: eliminate Management Assistant and add an Executive Analyst. This budget will include an Emergency Services Fund, previously Emergency Services was allocated with IT, it is proposed for better tracking of reimbursable cost to separate the two functions. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was approved by Council on April 26, 2016. All projects are to be funded through special revenue funds, grants, impact fees, internal services funds, etc. No projects are funded by the General Fund.

**Mayor Wright**, during the recession bids were coming in about 30 – 35% lower than anticipated. What percentage is the decrease in actual bid versus projected costs at this time? **Steve Latino, Engineering Director/City Engineer**, we haven't been tracking that. There has been an overall increase almost back to pre-recession costs. Material costs have actually increased. A lot of lower costs bids were due to companies bidding low to keep work coming and employees employed.

**Mayor Wright**, great overview, even with conservative estimates it looks like the City's budget is going in the right direction.

**Edna LeBron, Housing Specialist**, I want to clarify a few things. The City's Housing Program is not declining. The Housing Department has many programs to administer not just the housing program. I do many programs...not just the housing program. There are two current CalHome Programs, an NSP Project on Mobley Lane that has to be monitored for 55 years or the City will have to return the \$2.8 million to HUD, and current grants and past grants that have to be monitored. The Department had 3.5 people until 2012, now it has one. The Senior Home Repair Program that the City has administered for years has a budget of \$200,000 for the next FY and waiting list of seniors in need of home repairs. No additional applications are being accepted due to the long waiting list, but calls are received daily requesting applications. Some of these programs are funded by CDBG. Code Enforcement gets an allocation from CDBG with Housing Funds. These programs require site visits and historical preservation of records. I've been told the City does not have funding or enough money to keep me employed, but who will do this job. I have been without a supervisor for years and no one to advocate for my job. Ms. LeBron invited the Council Members to come by her office and see what she does.

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## City Council Reports

### 15. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

#### A. Council Member Krupa

##### 1. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)

RCA is taking into consideration the recommendations on the fee credits and will be bringing the item back in June or July.

##### 2. Ramona Bowl Association

Pageant is over for the season. The final numbers for the season should be available soon. It was a great cohesive cast. The largest crowd was on the last Sunday.

**Mayor Wright**, it was a good season with great attendance.

3. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

RTA approved a balanced budget, the Department of Labor is still concerned with the PEPRA changes but allowed the transportation funding anyway.

4. Watermaster Board
5. Library Board

The Victorian Tea and Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

6. League of California Cities

Council Member Krupa attended the General meeting, updates from the April Policy Committee meetings and the legislation.

7. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
8. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

B. Council Member Milne

1. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
2. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
3. Disaster Planning Commission

Council Member Milne attended LEAC with Council Member Krupa, Mayor Pro Tem Raver and Mayor Wright. There were over 30 people from Hemet there to support two Police employees that received recognition.

C. Council Member Youssef

1. Planning Commission

D. Mayor Pro Tem Raver

1. Traffic and Parking Commission
2. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
3. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
4. Watermaster Board

E. Mayor Wright

1. Park Commission
2. Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)
3. Ramona Bowl Association
4. League of California Cities

Mayor Wright attended the League General meeting, after the Policy committee updates the topic was redistricting. The last Policy Committee meeting the League passed a resolution requesting that the Governor work with the League to enact legislation requiring Edison to compensate customers affected by prolonged power outage under specific circumstances that is AB 1800. AB 2709 is to eliminate mylar balloons.

5. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

Mayor Wright attended ROTC's Pass and Review at Hemet High School.

Mayor Wright attended the Healthy Valley Foundation Gala.

Mayor Wright attended the SCAG Conference in Palm Springs.

F. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

1. Diamond Valley Lake Recreation Ad-Hoc Committee (January 27, 2015)  
Next meeting, May 17, 2016
2. Grant Ad-Hoc Committee (June 23, 2015)  
Mayor Wright requested that a meeting be scheduled.
3. Homeless Ad-Hoc Committee (February 9, 2016)  
Mayor Wright requested that a meeting be scheduled.
4. Special Events Ad-Hoc Committee (March 22, 2016)  
Met last week, recommendations will be on a future agenda.

G. City Manager Meyerhoff

1. Manager's Reports
2. Staff Spotlight
3. Update on Future Agenda Items

**Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager,** gave the City Council an update on previously requested future agenda items.

Youth Council/Parks/Skateparks: Citizens Visionary Workshop for Parks, Park Master Plan RFP to be prepared in FY 16/17 and released in July or August. There is \$3 million in Parks DIF available. Staff will continue to research skateparks.

**Mayor Wright,** recommended an Ad-Hoc Committee that includes public and staff.

Energy Efficiency upgrades: Through WRCOG Energy Leadership Partnership Programs and SCE, City completed internal audits through LINCUS of specific City facilities, including City Hall, Library, PD, Covell, Corporation Yard. Audit provided a series of specific recommendations. City Participated in Direct Install program to retrofit City buildings. Additional energy efficiency improvements to be included as future CIP projects.

City as an MSHCP Mitigation Bank: Staff will work with RCA to conduct a Work Study.

Stetson Crossing: At the Strategic Planning Session the Council expressed interest in a mixed use including education at this site. There has been some renewed interest in this location.

WRCOG – TUMF Update: WRCOG has initiated the TUMF program update and schedule.

Boarded-up Buildings - Staff will meet with Mayor Pro Tem Raver and Mayor Wright and report back.

Battalion Chiefs: Chief Brown has begun the process of updating the Job Descriptions.

SunEdison Improvements: On April 21<sup>st</sup>, City issued a Notice of Default to the Developer to complete all Public Improvements under Solar Fee and Improvement Agreement. A Demand letter was sent to KeyBank National Association.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency: City is meeting with EMWD later this week and will come back with a Work Study at a later date.

Future Work Study Sessions will include: Riverside County EDA – Section 8 Program; RCTC State Route 79 By-Pass; TUMF Revision; Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and RCA's MSHCP Update.

4. Update from Strategic Planning

**Mr. Meyerhoff,** the Economic Development Strategies that were discussed at the April 15th meeting are already in the City's General Plan. A workstudy session will be scheduled on these policies at a later date.

**The City Council directed staff to schedule the next Strategic Planning Session.**

**Police Chief Brown**, announced that this is National Police Week. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which the date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Hemet Police Department has never had an officer killed in the line of duty. However, in 2006, two Hemet officers were shot by a suspect high on methamphetamine. In 2015, 25 Hemet officers were violently assaulted on the job. In the first two months of 2016, Hemet police officers were involved in 2 separate officer involved shootings. The officers performed decisively and with honor to protect innocent citizens and their fellow officers. At the annual Employee Appreciation Dinner, 8 officers will be honored with the "Life-saving Medal" and 4 officers with the "Police Cross" for exceptional performance in the face of violence.

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## **Future Agenda Items**

Drone Issues  
Skatepark Ad-Hoc Committee

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## **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:31 p.m. to Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.