



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL

July 26, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Hemet Public Library Upstairs
300 E. Latham Avenue

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Please silence all cell phones

Call to Order

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Council Member Krupa

Council Member Milne moved and Council Member Raver seconded a motion to excuse Council Member Krupa. Motion carried 4-0

Council Member Krupa arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Work Study

Discussion regarding this item, with possible direction to staff

1. Other Post Employment Benefit Trust - Jessica Hurst, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Service Director

Jessica Hurst, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation regarding options for funding Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). OPEB, are benefits other than pensions that the City offers retired employees. The City's OPEB plan includes medical, dental and vision benefits. The City of Hemet has what is referred to as a "closed" OPEB plan. This means that no new employees are offered the plan. Employees hired prior to January 1, 1998 are eligible for some level of retiree medical benefit that includes enrollment in a City-sponsored medical plan. There are currently approximately 225 retirees and 40 active employees that are eligible for the City's retiree medical program. The unfunded liability for OPEB as of the October 2015 actuarial report is \$87 million. This amount is likely to decrease slightly due to recent Council action that eliminated the highest costing medical plans, but not by much. The City is required to have an updated actuarial report prepared in January 2017. For fiscal year 2016-2017, GASB Statement 74 requires enhanced reporting of OPEB liabilities within the financial statements. This inclusion will greatly affect the City net position increasing total liabilities to approximately \$150 million. As medical insurance costs continue to rise, the impact on this City's future financial statements is unknown. The current "pay as you go" system of funding OPEB merely deals with the current year's costs and makes no provisions for future years, nearly ensuring an increasing unfunded liability and greater impact on the City's financial position. As it is currently the fourth highest expense to the General Fund, we can project that OPEB cost

increases will continue to impact service delivery as a greater share of financial resources is needed to provide the promised benefits. The City's current practice is pay-as-you-go which requires the City to budget an anticipated amount for OPEB obligations each fiscal year. With this current practice and the rising cost of medical insurance, the City finds itself paying an ever-increasing cost each year, reducing the amount of financial resources available for other Council priorities. The issuance of debt is another possible option; however, the option is not considered a best practice. The final option which staff is recommending is the establishment of a Section 115 Trust Fund, also known as an OPEB Trust. An OPEB Trust is an irrevocable account established for the purpose of saving and paying for OPEB liabilities. There are no funding requirements for an OPEB trust and investments can be actively or passively managed. Benefits of an OPEB trust are higher earnings than currently seen through the City's operating accounts and; due to the higher discount rate, a lower actuarial unfunded liability. Additionally, because the City has a closed plan which will come to an end sometime in the next 40-50 years; any remaining assets in the trust at that time will be returned to the City. With regular funding it is possible the future full annual cost of OPEB could be paid directly from the trust. Staff has looked at three OPEB trust providers: PARS, ICMA and CERBT. There are three main areas of focus when comparing an OPEB trust administrator: Administration fee; Rate of return; and Standard deviation. Plan comparisons were displayed. All three trust administrators offer comparable funds, depending on the level of risk tolerance. Recent CSMFO surveys have provided information that the actual rate of return for PARS and CERBT have been similar in recent years. The rate of return has significant effect on the unfunded liability for the City. The administrative fee varies between the privately run trust funds, PARS and ICMA, and the public run CERBT. Ms. Hurst explained in detail the administrative fee and the current rates for the trust funds.

The City Council and staff discussed the administrative fees and the investment strategies.

Council Member Youssef, expressed concern and asked for more information regarding fixed fees. Council Member Youssef recommended that the agency be paid on commission so there is an incentive to work harder and more aggressively at investments. Council Member Youssef also asked about investment trends, highs and lows.

The City Council and staff discussed funding options for the Trust. Gap plan funds as well as funds set aside per the Franchise Agreement with CR&R were discussed.

The City Council expressed concern with any Trust Fund associated with CalPERS.

Ms. Hurst, once a decision is made on the Trust Fund and the investment strategy, implementation will take about 90 days.

The City Council directed staff to bring back OPEB Trust provider comparisons that include fees and investment strategies.

Council Member Youssef left briefly at 6:27 p.m.

Council Member Youssef returned at 6:29 p.m.

Closed Session

Eric Vail, City Attorney, requested that the City Council add an additional matter of significant exposure to Closed Session. A letter was received by the City from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association subsequent to the preparation of the agenda and requires discussion prior the Regular Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Raver moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments presented at this time.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

2. **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 Officers Association

3. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**

Three (3) matters of Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) & (3)

4. **Review of Confidential State Audit and Proposed Corrective Action Plan**

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 61132 & 54956.75.

Representative: City Manager

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

Hemet Public Library Upstairs

300 E. Latham Avenue

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

Invocation

Invocation was given by Randy Jones, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Manager Meyerhoff.

City Attorney Closed Session Report

5. Conference with Labor Negotiators
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Hemet Police Officers Association

The City Council received a briefing on SEIU. The remaining bargaining units were not discussed at this time. There was no additional reportable action.

6. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Three (3) matters 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.

7. Review of Confidential State Audit and Proposed Corrective Action Plan
Pursuant to Government Code Sections 61132 & 54956.75.
Representative: City Manager

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

Presentation

8. 211 Program Overview – Marie Davis, Chief Executive Officer, Riverside County 211 Program

This item was continued to a future meeting.

9. City of Hemet Employee Service Awards - City Manager Meyerhoff
Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager, recognized the City of Hemet Employees for their years of service.

5 Years of Service:

Carmen Garcia, Administrative Assistant
Dominick Fiorenza, Fire Fighter
John Roeder, Fire Engineer/Paramedic
Michael Spitsnaugle, Fire Engineer
Deanna Robertson, Administrative Assistant
Deanna Elliano, Community Development Director
Timothy Stockton, Water Production Systems Operator II

10 Years of Service:

Bryan Anderson, Police Officer
Kathleen Aguilar, Executive Assistant
Corina Hernandez, Administrative Assistant
Leanora Ashworth, Literacy Coordinator
Steven Torres, Maintenance Worker II
Joshua Martinez, Maintenance Worker II
Kurt Mikolaycik, Lead Maintenance Worker
Brandon Harlacher, Lead Maintenance Worker
Jorge Miranda, Lead Maintenance Worker
Jaime Gonzalez, Police Corporal
Michael Anaya, Fire Fighter
Matavao Helsham, Administrative Assistant
Timothy McGinnis, Police Officer
Karen Johnson, Library Assistant II
Kathleen Snyder, Library Page
Sandra Ferrell, Accounting Technician III
Daniel Billington, Fire Fighter
Patrick Brown, Fire Engineer
Scott Durbin, Fire Fighter/Paramedic
Skip Irland, Fire Captain
Gregory Wilson, Fire Engineer
Denise Bartz, Engineering Technician II
Katherine Caines, Senior Librarian
Americo Giordano, Code Enforcement Officer II
Daniel Caballero, Police Officer

15 Years of Service:

Karl Bornemann, Facilities Technician
David Parkin, Fire Captain
Catherine Tipton, Public Safety Office Specialist
Scott Gibson, Acting Fire Captain
Nancy Tyacke, Community Services Officer
Richard Broos, Maintenance Worker II
Eleanor Goar, Cross Connection Specialist

20 Years of Service:

Crestino Esparza, Lead Maintenance Worker
Ernie Kluck, Waste Water Collection Systems Operator I
Cynthia Clausen, Public Safety Dispatcher

25 Years of Service:

Ralph Brownell, Lead Water Distribution Systems Operator
Nora Leyva, Administrative Assistant

10. Public Safety Update – Police Chief Brown and Fire Chief Brown

Police Chief Brown, had a great speech prepared and a powerpoint to go with it. After the 1:00 a.m. phone call from Deputy Chief Rob Webb on yet another violent incident, Chief Brown decided to play a portion of the unedited raw video taken by a local media outlet from the incident where Hemet Police and Firefighters were threatened and assaulted. This happened in Hemet, last night, while most residents slept. This is happening every day on the streets of Hemet. Innocent victims are being brutally assaulted, robbed and stabbed. Hemet police officers are being attacked and assaulted every day. Today, over 20% of Hemet's patrol force is off work recovering from injuries suffered on duty. Chief Brown gave a brief description of a few of the 3,000 calls the police department handled in the last 7 days. In every one of these events, innocent citizens were targeted and Hemet Police Officers were assaulted and injured. And yet, there are a few individuals declaring that crime is down in Hemet. Chief Brown briefly addressed the pay for the officers. Hemet Police Officers are doing this work for this community for a fraction of the pay earned by their colleagues throughout the region. A salary chart from the Police Department's comparable cities was displayed. Hemet Police Officers have accepted massive pay and benefit reductions during the recession for the benefit of this community. Chief Brown continues to be honored to serve this community alongside the amazing police officers, civilians and volunteers that make up the Hemet Police Department.

Fire Chief Brown thanked the community for taking the time to be here tonight. Chief Brown gave a brief overview of the situation that led to this presentation. This is time for bold decisive leadership and action now. Chief Brown expressed concern with the efforts of some to prevent the City's attempts to improve the quality of life for the residents. Mr. Buskirk has crossed all lines of ethical and professional standards. It's obvious that Mr. Buskirk has no interest in being objective and more importantly distracts from the very real discussions that are attempting to address the public safety needs in Hemet. The opportunity to serve the City of Hemet is truly a calling and an honor. Chief Brown was hired with a mission to help restore, rebuild and re-establish the Hemet Fire Department. When Chief Brown assumed the role as Interim Fire Chief the City Council approved outsourcing the Fire Department. The November 2014 election resulted in a change in the City Council and a vote to no longer outsource the Fire Department. First order of business was to develop a Comprehensive 90-120 day plan to assess the needs of the Department. It became clear during this process that there were structural and operational issues that required immediate attention. Hemet Fire Department is underfunded, understaffed and not prepared for its most important mission, saving lives and property. This was confirmed by a formal study to analyze both the internal structure and deployment of resources. Despite the deficiencies, direction from the former City Manager was to not to fill vacancies due to financial shortfalls. The Department does maintain minimum staffing levels. During my tenure, the Department has lost 5 Captains. The Department has filled some openings in the Firefighter Paramedic and Engineering ranks. When called upon the Department still helps neighboring agencies as part of the mutual aid commitment. On July 24th, the on-duty crew at Station 2 was deployed to the Sands Fire in Santa Clarita, it is anticipated the commitment will be for approximately 21 days. The number of hours the firefighters work, normal shifts, filling vacancies as well as responding to major incidents is staggering, and continues to be my number one safety concern. Employees have to backfill for vacancies, injuries, vacations and sick time. Police Chief Brown talked about the crime issues that need to be addressed. A majority of the crime related calls the Fire Department responds with the Police Department if there are injuries of any kind. The

Department's work closely together as evident by the video that Chief Brown showed. Hemet Fire Department continues to emerge from the difficult recent history. The leadership of the Department over the last ten years has changed seven times. Lack of consistency and stability has led to issues in the department and is weakened the Department's ability to serve the community. This is a moment in time for the community, the City, and the public safety professionals to come together to make the emergency response services stronger.

The City Council conducted the Public Hearings at this time.

City Council Business Consent Calendar

11. **Approval of Minutes** – July 12, 2016
12. **Approval of Minutes** – July 16, 2016
13. **Receive and File** – Warrant Registers
 - a. Warrant registers dated July 7, 2016 in the amount of \$2,966,305.24 and July 11, 2016 in the amount of \$2,653,776.97. Payroll for the period of June 6, 2016 and June 18, 2016 was \$608,726.03.
14. **Recommendation by Community Development** - Agreement for Services between the City of Hemet and First Carbon Solutions for preparation of the environmental analysis for the proposed Downtown Hemet Specific Plan Project
 - a. Approve the Agreement for Services between the City of Hemet and First Carbon Solutions to prepare the environmental studies and analysis for the Downtown Hemet Specific Plan project for a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$80,330.00; and
 - b. Authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the Agreement for Services with First Carbon Solutions and appropriate the funding from the Downtown Specific Plan (Account #120-1700-2706) authorized in the FY 15-16 Planning Division Budget; and
 - c. Authorize the City Manager to approve a contingency of up to 10% of the contract amount (\$8,000.00) for additional meetings or tasks that may be required to complete the CEQA documents, upon written request by the Community Development Director and provision of an itemized scope by the consultant.
15. **Recommendation by Administrative Services** – Renewal of Annual Support and Maintenance for West Covina Service Group Public Safety Dispatch/Records Software
 - a. Approve the annual support and maintenance for continued use of the West Covina Service Group CAD/RMS system in the amount of \$113,500; and
 - b. Authorize the City Manager to approve purchase orders in support of this purchase.

16. **Recommendation by Administrative Services** – Service Agreement with Time Warner Cable to provide Enhanced Internet Access at the Hemet Police Department
 - a. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a three-year service agreement with Time Warner Cable for enhanced fiber optic internet access at the Hemet Police Department.

17. **Recommendation by Human Resources** – Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) and the City Council of the City of Hemet
 - a. Adopt a resolution of intention, initiating the amendment process through CalPERS to allow cost sharing of the Employer Contribution to CalPERS with the ‘Classic’ CalPERS members of the Hemet City Fire Fighters Local No. 2342.
Resolution No. 4699

18. **Recommendation by Fire** – Donation of Surplused Vehicle to Ramona Bowl
 - a. Authorize the donation of (1) 1996 C-15 Pickup Truck, VIN #2GCEC19M6T115208 to the Ramona Bowl. The vehicle will be utilized in a wide variety of activities in support of the daily operations of the Ramona Bowl facility. The donated vehicle will replace an older small truck which is out of service and not repairable.

19. **Recommendation by Engineering** – Bucknam Infrastructure Group, Inc. Contract for Citywide Pavement Management Program (PMP)
 - a. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Bucknam Infrastructure Group, Inc. of Oceanside, CA to provide Professional Engineering and Data Collection Services for \$80,000.00; and
 - b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the two (2) year contract and to extend the agreement for up to three (3) additional one (1) year extensions at the City’s option consistent with future approved budgets.

20. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Award of Purchase Order for Automotive and Truck Parts and Supplies to Napa Auto Parts
 - a. Authorize award of purchase order to Napa Auto Parts for annual automotive and truck parts and supplies in the amount of \$80,000 for FY 16/17; and
 - b. Authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase order in support of this award.

21. **Recommendation by Administrative Services** – Formation of Hemet Landscape Maintenance District No. 103, Redline Express Car Wash
 - a. Adopt a resolution initiating proceedings and ordering the Report of the Engineering in connection with the annual levy of assessments for the Hemet Landscape Maintenance District No. 103, Redline Express Car Wash and the levy and collection of assessments within such district for the fiscal year 2017-2018, and designate Psomas as the Engineer for the purpose of these proceedings.
Resolution No. 4700

22. **Recommendation by Administrative Services** – Intent to Levy and Collect Assessments within the Landscape Maintenance District No. 103, Redline Express Car Wash
- a. Adopt a resolution of intention to order the annual levy of assessments for the formation of Landscape Maintenance District No. 103, Redline Express Car Wash for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, preliminarily approving the engineer’s report and appointing September 13, 2016 for hearing protests.
Resolution No. 4701

Item Nos 21 and 22 were removed from the Consent Calendar. **Council Member Krupa moved and Council Member Youssef seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

Item No 21

Council Member Milne, requested clarification on this district and asked if it was new or existing.

Jessica Hurst, this is a new district specifically for Redline Express Car Wash. The public hearing will be in September.

Council Member Milne moved and Council Member Youssef seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 22

Council Member Milne moved and Council Member Youssef seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Communications from the Public

Jeff Versluys, Hemet, expressed concern that the west side of Cawston Street does not have sidewalks and the shoulder is obstructed by tumbleweeds. Mr. Versluys recommended that something be done for the children walking or riding a bike to school.

Stacie Olson, Project Hope, given the time, will present her item at the next council meeting. Ms. Olson thanked the Chief’s for their presentation and the City Council for approving the placement of the Measure on the ballot.

Public Hearing

23. **Revenue Measure Ad Hoc Report and Recommendation** – Mayor Pro Tem Raver and Mayor Wright
- a. Receive the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee; and
 - b. Hold a Public Hearing to discussed the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations; and
 - c. Adopt a resolution placing a transactions and use tax ordinance and an advisory measure regarding the expenditure of tax proceeds on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot; **Resolution No. 4702** and

- d. Adopt a resolution committing to expend all proceeds of the transactions and use tax, if approved by voters, for the enhancement of public safety services within the City of Hemet. **Resolution Bill No. 16-065**

Alex Meyerhoff, City Manager, as you recall on July 12th, concerns were presented by the public and many speakers recommended that the City Council consider placing a ballot measure on the November 8th ballot. The City Council established an Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with staff and make a recommendation to the City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Raver and Mayor Wright were appointed to the Committee. Since 2006, a number of cost-saving measures and service reductions have been undertaken by the City Council. These measures include:

- ❖ Staffing cuts and service reductions; between FY 08/09 and FY 14/15, full-time equivalent city-wide staffing was reduced by 38% from 442 to 294, including a loss of 25 police officers and 10 firefighters. Hemet Public Library reduced operating hours by 50% and operation of the Simpson Center was contract to YMCA of Riverside and Valley Wide Parks and Recreation. City Hall implemented employee furloughs and reduced hours of operation by closing City Hall on Fridays.
- ❖ Employee compensation/benefit reforms: beginning 2008, employees agreed to a number of significant pay and benefit reductions. This included increased employee contributions to medical and retirement benefits.
- ❖ Retiree Medical Reforms: on September 8, 2015, the City Council approved a resolution reforming the City's retiree medical benefit. This effort is projected to save in excess of \$30 million over the next 10 years.
- ❖ Franchising of City-operated refuse services: on October 10, 2011, the City Council approved a Franchise Agreement for Comprehensive Refuse Services with CR&R, Inc. This action resulted in the elimination of 28 city jobs. The City received a lump sum payment of \$12.5 million and an annual franchise fee of \$12.5 million over 19 years.
- ❖ Contracting of City services: the City Council spent over 2 years exploring the possibility of contract Fire and EMS services to the State/County. Ultimately the City Council decided to retain local control of Fire Service on December 9, 2014. The City currently contracts over 40 functions city-wide.
- ❖ Enhanced grant funding: the City applied for over \$30 million in grant funding to offset general fund expenditures since 2008. Public Safety grant awards during this 7 year period total over \$20.5 million. Grant funding has been used extensively to offset general fund expenditures for the purchase of police, fire and public works vehicles and apparatus.
- ❖ External funding sources: the City continues to aggressively pursue outside funding sources to offset general fund expenditures.
- ❖ 5-Year Financial Management Plan: on October 13, 2015, the Five-Year Financial Management Plan was presented to the City Council which ends the City's practice of deficit spending by FY 19/20 while maintaining at least a 20% General Fund Reserve. The 5-year financial plan assumes "status quo" service and staffing levels in all general fund departments, including police and fire.
- ❖ Ongoing adherence to responsible financial practices: staff presented the FY 16/17 Annual Budget, with a deficit of \$350,000.

In conclusion: public safety remains the number one issue facing the City; Hemet's economy is moving in the right direction; in 2015, sales tax receipts finally returned to their pre-recession

levels; unemployment continues to decline from a high of 16% in 2013 to 8.3% in April 2016; and the City's Capital Improvement Program focuses on infrastructure investment. Hemet has many bright spots: an economically diversified local economy; great school, beautiful parks enhance the quality of life; agriculture, industrial, manufacturing, tourism, medical, technology and retail sectors are all growing; downtown arts and entertainment district serves as a small business, creative-class incubator; new businesses creating jobs arrive daily while existing businesses are expanding. The Revenue Ad-Hoc Committee met and determined that there are continued crime and safety concerns as a result the proposed measure was been drafted.

Eric Vail, City Attorney, the ad-hoc committee presented two separate measures. The first is a general tax measure, a 1% transaction and use tax. The proceeds may be used for any legal purposes of the City. The proceeds are General Fund revenues subject to an annual audit. The tax sunsets in 10 years unless renewed by the voters. This tax is separate and distinct from any advisory measure that the Council may decide to place on the ballot nor is the use tax conditioned on any advisory measure.

Police Chief Brown, the Police Department would recommend to the City Council to use the resources to fund the Police Department's 10 year plan. Overall crime is up 21% since 2010. The number of violent crimes has increased and is up over 50% since 2010. There are 25% fewer police officers on the street today than there were in 2006. Assaults on Hemet Police Officers have increased over 110% since 2013. Mental Health related calls have increased 94.8% since 2005. Public nuisance calls have increased from 1,173 in 2010 to 13,206 in 2015 a 1025% increase. A graph showing 10-year violent crime "clearance rates" for Hemet, San Jacinto and Riverside County was displayed. Chief Brown explained the 10-Year Plan.

- ❖ Year 1: Troop Surge: 16 Officers/2 Sergeants – Crime Suppression Unit – Nuisance Abatement Team – Gang Task Force
- ❖ Year 2: Patrol/Special Ops: 6 Officers/1 Lt – increase neighborhood patrols – establish Criminal Intelligence Unit – create Special Operations Bureau
- ❖ Year 3 & 4: Patrol Enhancement: 10 Officers – aggressive crime prevention effort – increase neighborhood and business patrols
- ❖ Year 5-10: Maintenance & Prevention – maintain staffing and ground gained – continue crime prevention effort as city grows

Fire Chief Brown, this plan is consistent with the report presented four months ago. A graph showing the number of calls for 2012, 2013 and 2014 was displayed. The Fire Department would recommend the following spending plan:

- ❖ Establish Credentialed Shift Battalion Chiefs to manage each of the three platoons: Assigned Program Management – EMS – Training – Special Operations/Community Risk Reduction
- ❖ Dedicated Staffing Truck 1: Implement Light Force; relocate Truck to Fire Station 1 – Year 1, partial staffing, FAE, FF – Year 2, Captains
- ❖ Dedicated staffing Engine 5 – convert Squad 5 to Engine – squad vehicle utilized for peak demand
- ❖ Dispatch Resources – Criteria Based Dispatch
- ❖ Data Analyst – dedicated IT support
- ❖ Emergency Services Coordinator: convert to FTE; Re-organize Fire Marshal into Community Risk Reduction programs – Fire/Life Safety Inspections – Weed Abatement mitigation program – CERT, Community Based Disaster Preparedness programs

Mayor Wright declared the Public Hearing opened at 8:07 p.m.

Eric Buskirk, Valley Chronicle, expressed disappointment that a powerpoint presentation cannot be submitted and played at the Council Meeting unless submitted 3 business days in advance. The Valley Chronicle is supportive of both Police and Fire. Mr. Buskirk is a resident of Hemet. Both Chiefs live out of the valley. The information published in the Valley Chronicle is factual the information is obtained from the FBI's website. I agree that crime is up and that something needs to be done. However, crime is down over 50% from its peak. Compared to San Jacinto, Hemet has more officers per 1,000. Hemet spends more money per capita than San Jacinto and has more crime. San Jacinto's crime is down 82%. Mr. Buskirk expressed concern with sex trafficking. Mr. Buskirk talked about a specific incident and expressed concern that the information requested was deemed exempt from disclosure. Mr. Buskirk spoke in opposition to the measure and feels that the City should live within its budget. Mr. Buskirk expressed concern with the salary and benefits of City employees noting that some make more than \$200,000 and many worked over 1,000 hours of OT a year. Mr. Buskirk compared Hemet's per capita cost for police and fire to surrounding agencies. Mr. Buskirk expressed concern with the City's unfunded liability. Several cities have been forced into bankruptcy because of CalPERS, their former CEO was just sentenced to prison.

Bracha Sarah Meyer Cortez, Hemet, spoke in opposition, doubting that the City Council can place a rational measure on the ballot. Measure E was crooked and the City Council defeated it not the voters. The members of the Oversight Committee would be appointed, that is not independent. Ms. Meyer Cortez would agree with a two year sunset period not 10 years.

Debbie Vena, Hemet, spoke in opposition and concurs with the previous speaker. Ms. Vena expressed concern with pensions and the government. Ms. Vena expressed concern with unions. I am terrified with organized crime turning the younger generation into a profit commodity. Ms. Vena is a survivor of human trafficking. Ms. Vena expressed concern that information regarding a death at a brothel is not public. Ms. Vena expressed concern with pension spiking this is exactly what happened in San Bernardino.

Tammy Radomski, Hemet, spoke in opposition. Ms. Radomski was in favor of Measure E because it was for public safety, not in favor of a general purpose tax. Ms. Radomski also expressed concern with the state audit and the salaries.

Ann Smith, Hemet, spoke in opposition expressing concern that the proposed measure is for general purpose. Ms. Smith asked what will happen after 10 years.

John Gifford, Hemet, spoke in favor. We all know there is a huge upswing in crime and understand the Police Department is doing everything they can. The departments are understaffed and most of their time is spent responding to calls. The good residents are leaving because they don't see things changing. This measure will not solve everything but it will help provide the necessary resources.

Howard Rosenthal, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. Measure E lost by 606 votes which is good given that the opposition provided the public with bad information. A general tax is not what we wanted. As a business man that is greeted by transients, homeless and panhandlers daily we need the resources. Rosenthal and Excell have a 30 year history of bringing retail and jobs to the valley. Crime has increased 31% in the last year and Hemet is now the #1 murder city in Riverside County for 2015. Mr. Rosenthal encouraged a 5-0 vote to place the measure on the November ballot and let the public decide. The community will have to remain vigilant to make sure the money is used for the purpose and intent. The crime stats are amazing, I'm sure there are a number of people in this room that

have been a victim or know someone that has. Seniors have been beaten up and lives changed forever. This bad reputation invades our schools and our valley, diminishing the great culture here. Doctor's won't move here because of this reputation. The next generation will not stay here with this reputation and the crime problems. Mr. Rosenthal expressed disappointment that Mr. Buskirk does not support the community and will no longer spend money advertising with Valley Chronicle. San Jacinto does not compare, they can't afford the coverage they want and do not have the call volume that Hemet does. Mr. Rosenthal expressed concern with inadequate Sheriff staffing in the unincorporated area, when called, Sheriff's just don't respond.

Stacy Bailey, Hemet, spoke in favor. Ms. Bailey retired from HUSD after 35 years of teaching. There have been a lot of changes here, I raised my daughter here. I live in Sierra Dawn and it breaks my heart when people saying that they are leaving. Ms. Bailey expressed concern with the vagrants and homeless sleeping near the businesses downtown. I love Hemet always have and want the old Hemet back.

Karlee Meyer, Hemet, spoke in favor. Ms. Meyer is a lifetime resident of Hemet. There have been ups and downs over my lifetime. But Hemet is at an all time low and we need to focus on crime and crime prevention. Ms. Meyer expressed concern with the homeless and the increase in crime. Residents and business owners need to stand together to help make our businesses and homes safe.

Larry Graves, Hemet West, spoke in favor and previously supported Hemet ROCS, Save our Fire and Measure E. Mr. Graves expressed concern that his grown son will not ride is motorcycle to work at 3:00 a.m. because of the element on Florida Avenue. His son has said that he definitely would not be a police officer in Hemet. Mr. Graves recommended that the City Council consider increasing the proposed Measure from 1% to 2% or more.

Gary Fowler, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed Measure. We get a lot of information and stats from both sides, making it hard to decide what to believe. Mr. Fowler firsts decides who he believes. Mr. Fowler trusts the City Council that voted for Measure E. Mr. Fowler trusts Eric Vail, Alex Meyerhoff, Police Chief Brown and Fire Chief Brown and support their efforts.

Marie McDonald, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. Ms. McDonald asked what the goal of the opposition is and what they expect to gain.

Judy Rice, Hemet, spoke in favor. Ms. Rice expressed concern that a newspaper would support an issue that might reduce readership if the residents move. Transparent California is libertarian organization that is against government. The opposition wants to destabilize a 100 year old city.

Kimara Pyatt, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. Ms. Pyatt asked where the Valley Chronical gets their information. The overtime is high but the departments do not have enough employees. Ms. Pyatt voted for Measure E and was very disappointed that it didn't pass by such a small margin.

Melissa Diaz Hernandez, Hemet, spoke in favor of the measure and expressed concern that the "us" against "them" mud-slinging is putting the public safety departments and the community at risk.

Ed Formica, Hemet-San Jacinto Action Group, the Action Group unanimously supports the proposed measure. Concern has been expressed about the salaries but we understand you can't change that. When making cuts to police and fire salaries, a former council member asked "where will the employees go?". A number of good employees found jobs elsewhere, we need to keep them here.

Michael Carle, Golden Village Palms and Tourism San Jacinto Valley, spoke in favor of the measure. Tourism plays a vital part in the community. After Measure E failed, Golden Village received 10 cancellations. Mr. Carle talked about tourism the money the visitors spend in the valley. The Canadian snowbirds have expressed concern with the increase in crime.

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Reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Joe Kozma, Hemet, as a former Police Chief in San Jacinto, Chief Brown's 10 year program will give the residents a safe community to live in. Proactive Law Enforcement requires man power. With the current staffing all the officers have time to do is respond. Mr. Kozma has lived in the valley since 1965. Mr. Kozma encouraged the residents opposed to the measure to strap on a vest and get in a black and white. What is the incentive to do what they do if you don't pay them well.

Joe Wojcik, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. The residents of Hemet know the sun rises in the east and also know the crime is up because they see it, they experience it and they feel it. Mr. Wojcik recommended a 5-0 vote to place the measure on the ballot.

Lori VanArsdale, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. The issues that people brought here tonight are real. We are not numbers or statistics we are the residents that see and feel the difference. A lifetime of experience here tells us that it is different. Shortly after Measure E failed, a young man came to visit family was stabbed to death in the parking lot on Harvard St. Ms. VanArsdale begged the residents to stand up for themselves and support this measure.

Guy Excel, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. Wealthier cities are doing the same thing. That video is concerning. Mr. Excel recommended a 5-0 vote to place the measure on the ballot.

Eric Gosch, Hemet, three years ago a former city official asked me to support a sales tax and I was absolutely opposed. The time has changed and the valley has changed. I am 100% in support of this measure. It is sad that the next generation is moving to surrounding communities. Council Member Milne you are a Hemet resident and you are running for County Supervisor, show us that you will support the valley. As a former investor of the Valley Chronicle, I'm disappointed with what the paper is today.

Andy Anderson, Hemet-San Jacinto, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. Businesses are still struggling in this valley. They are fighting to retain employees and shoppers. This will result in businesses and sales tax leaving. Criminals go to the point of least resistance. Temecula is considering a sales tax measure to increase their public safety resources. Murrieta is also discussing one. If they are successful that will just increase the crime in this valley. The number of officers Hemet has today is insufficient.

Mandie Shoemaker, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. Less than three weeks after I opened my store, it was broken into. Hemet Police Department's response was wonderful. Ms. Shoemaker expressed concern with the incident that was shown, it should not have taken that many officers and firefighter to help one women. This is what the next generation is seeing. We need community programs to combat the mentality of those children. Proactive policing, the kids need to know they are there for their safety.

William Whalen, Hemet Valley Incidents, we volunteer our time to bring the news to the residents of Hemet. The things the police department deals with nightly are wrong, they don't get paid enough for what they do. No one likes taxes. I'm the youngest person in the building expressing a desire to change the City. The kids growing up in these neighborhoods are at risk.

Joy Ward, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. Ms. Ward expressed concern that she no longer feels safe leaving her windows open at night.

Nicole Tamez, Hemet, spoke in favor of the proposed measure. Temecula approved 5-0 to place a 1% general sales tax measure on the November ballot. If it is approved and we do not have a measure, Temecula will get more money, more cops and Hemet will get more crime. We have to believe in the City Council to do what's right with the money.

Mayor Wright declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:51 p.m.

Police Chief Brown, overtime is not reportable to CalPERS and does not apply to an employee's pension. Overtime is forced on our officers. They have to stay to complete their reports. The department has never gone over its overtime budget. Savings from vacant budgeted positions pay for the overtime used to fill the shifts. Chief Brown is concerned about prostitution and human trafficking, the Department's Human Trafficking Task Force rescued a 15 year old and arrested her pimp. A press release was sent to the paper and never printed.

Mayor Pro Tem Raver, asked that the chart of comparable salaries be displayed again. The highest salaried officers are the Riverside County Sheriff's that work in San Jacinto and the surrounding unincorporated area. Hemet's officers are next to the lowest paid. Hemet's officers are paid less and are still dedicated. The unions worked with the City Council, reduced their salary and benefits. Former councils have worked hard to keep this City afloat, cut jobs, closed fire stations, reduced salaries and benefits and reduce hours of operation at the Library. The information you are getting from the newspaper is only half of the truth. They don't compare salaries of other jurisdictions. Hemet can bring down their per capita cost if the residents want to reduce their public safety services. There isn't anyone here that will say that public safety services don't need to be enhanced. Mayor Pro Tem Raver briefly explained why the City Council will not consider the companion advisory measure. 63% of the residents were in favor of Measure E. Mayor Pro Tem Raver recommended that the public participate in budget hearings to make sure future Council's do the right thing with the proceeds. Become active and support the passage of this measure. With your help we will make this a better community.

The City Council and staff discussed the sunset clause. After a period of 10 years, the City would keep the money received, but would no longer receive the additional 1%.

Council Member Youssef, recommended that the Oversight Committee be convened by application and selection by the City Council as a whole. The Howard Jarvis Group is stating that the Advisory Measure would circumvent Proposition 218's requirement for a two-thirds vote. Economic development fuels and funds the community.

Council Member Krupa, concurs that in light of the letter received the City Council should not consider the companion measure. The measure isn't perfect, but necessary. Taxes are something that everyone pays begrudgingly. The City of Hemet is at its tipping point and can recover with the necessary resources. When I ran for City Council in 2010, I did not support Measure O because Utility Taxes are not fair. Council Member Krupa recommended that the City Attorney make the necessary changes so the City Council can approve placing the measure on the November ballot.

Council Member Milne, will stick to campaign promises made. The City needs strict conservative, prioritized spending, not more revenue. Ms. Hurst and the City Manager has done a great job. No one is saying that we don't want more police officers, we have to deliver services differently. There are a number of other options other than a sales tax. Council Member Milne expressed concern that it will become harder to recruit and retain officers. The City is always in competition to pay what other agencies pay.

Mayor Wright, the City has done its job at being fiscally responsible. It took a while to get here and it will take some time to get back up. We as Council Members were voted into this position to do a job, let us do that. This measure isn't about compensation as alluded to. This is the will of the people, almost 64% of the voters supported Measure E because this community means a lot to them. We all live here, raised our kids here and want to see you have that same opportunity. Mayor Wright concurred that the companion advisory measure is not worth the risk of litigation.

Council Member Youssef, requested clarification on compensation that is included in the term "total compensation".

Police Chief Brown, the term Total Compensation as used by Transparent CA. This is not a mandatory report and some cities have the notation "failed to report". Transparent CA is not a good source because compensation is reported differently by each agency. Hemet is hyper transparent with Transparent CA and report everything. This includes the cost of all of the benefits, health insurance, vision, dental, worker compensation and retirement.

Eric Vail, City Attorney, describe in detail the amendments that will be made to Resolution No. 4702, removing and/or amending references to an advisory measure. Ordinance No. 1917 will be amended removing references to an advisory measure and amending the oversight committee appointment process.

Mayor Pro Tem Raver moved and Council Member Youssef seconded a motion to approve Item No. 23.c adopting Resolution No. 4702 as amended. Motion carried 4-1. Council Member Milne voted No.

No action was taken on Item No. 23.d.

**The City Council recessed briefly at 10:38 p.m.
Reconvened at 10:43 pm.**

24. **Appeal 16-001 of Conditional Use Permit No. 16-003 (Green Education Foundation)** – Community Development Director Elliano
- a. Remand the decision back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration of CUP 16-003 in light of the proposed changes to the project location as requested by the applicant.
- OR
- b. Continue the public hearing for the Appeal regarding the denial of CUP 16-003 to the August 23, 2016 meeting of the City Council and direct staff to provide the full record of the Planning Commission proceedings and findings for review and discussion.

Deanna Elliano, Community Development Director, the applicant Green Education placed a 160 square foot container in the shopping center located on the southwest corner of State and Stetson for the purposes of collecting donations without any approvals or permits. When Green Education was advised to remove the bin and application for a Condition Use Permit was submitted. The application was denied by the Planning Commission based on public comments and the findings provided. That decision is final unless appealed to the City Council. The applicant is working with the property owner and tenants to look for an alternative location. The applicant is requesting that the decision be remand back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration of an alternative location within the property owners CC&R's. Staff is recommending that the City Council either remand the decision back to the

Planning Commission or reschedule the Appeal to August 23rd at the request of the applicant. Staff is recommending that you open the public hearing to take comments from the public that is present.

Mayor Wright declared the Public Hearing opened at 10:55 p.m.

Charlene Nijmeh, Green Education, our efforts support local schools with environmental education. We do understand that some business owners don't want our donation station in Diamond Valley shopping center. It is everyone's job to support neighborhood recycling and clean environment. We are requesting that the City Council remand the decision back to the Planning Commission to consider a new location.

Council Member Youssef, asked why the organization did not go through the application process.

Ms. Nijmeh, stated that staff from Green Education reached out to the City and was told there was no application process and the property owner gave them permission. The organization applied, after they were notified by Mr. Kang.

Council Member Milne, confirmed that the property owner gave Green Education permission to place the container on the property and asked if Green Education is paying rent.

Ms. Nijmeh, confirmed that the location was approved by the property owner and Green Education is paying rent.

The City Council asked Ms. Nijmeh about the program and what area schools benefit. The Green Education is partnered with the Green Group and all donations are given to thrift stores in Guatemala. Unusable items are turned into installation padding.

Merrill Brinton, Hemet, owns the pharmacy that is located in the center for 38 years and is within 25 yards of the large container. The container and the items that are dumped there is an eye sore. Mr. Brinton spoke in opposition.

Mandie Shoemaker, Hemet, spoke in opposition. Ms. Shoemaker was surprised to hear that Green Education received permission from the landlord. Ms. Shoemaker had to sign a contract not to compete with other tenants. Ms. Shoemaker owns a children's resale store. When high chairs, strollers, car seats and baby clothes are left there that is in competition with her business. I would suggest that Green Education work with the other existing donation centers in the community and send their unsellable items to Guatemala. Ms. Shoemaker asked if the appeal can be denied tonight.

Osunga Okello, Green Education, feels that the recycling center improves the community. Items are being dumped in the vacant center north of Diamond Valley shopping center. Residents are doing the responsible thing and placing their items in the container because they have the opportunity. This is an opportunity to make an effort to teach people and keep useable items out of the landfills.

Mayor Wright declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:11 p.m.

Ms. Elliano, confirmed that there is sufficient information in the staff report for the City Council to uphold the Planning Commission's denial tonight. If the City Council remands the decision back to the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission can still deny the proposed location.

Council Member Krupa moved and Council Member Youssef seconded a motion to 24.a. Motion carried 5-0.

The City Council returned to the Consent Calendar at this time.

City Council Reports

25. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. Council Member Krupa

1. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
2. Ramona Bowl Association
3. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
4. Watermaster Board
5. Library Board
6. League of California Cities
7. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
8. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
9. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

B. Council Member Milne

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

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
5. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
6. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

F. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

1. Diamond Valley Lake Recreation Ad-Hoc Committee (January 27, 2015)
2. Homeless Ad-Hoc Committee (February 9, 2016)
3. Business/Industry Ad-Hoc Committee (April 15, 2016)
4. Skate Plaza Ad-Hoc Committee (June 28, 2016)

G. City Manager Meyerhoff

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

Future Agenda Items

Homeless Ad-Hoc Committee Report

Continued Closed Session

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 11:15 p.m.

4. Review of Confidential State Audit and Proposed Corrective Action Plan Pursuant to Government Code Sections 61132 & 54956.75.
Representative: City Manager
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Reconvened at 11:33 p.m.

City Attorney Continued Closed Session Report

7. Review of Confidential State Audit and Proposed Corrective Action Plan Pursuant to Government Code Sections 61132 & 54956.75.
Representative: City Manager

The City Attorney reported that there was no reportable action.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:36 p.m. to Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.