MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEMET CITY COUNCIL
October 13, 2015

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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call
PRESENT: Council Members Milne, Raver and Youssef, Mayor Pro Tem Wright and Mayor Krupa
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Interim City Manager Thornhill, Assistant City Attorney Vega and City Clerk McComas

Invocation
Invocation was given by Kevin Goodwin, Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council

Pledge of Allegiance
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Thornhill

Presentations
1. **Proclamation for Border’s Cleaners 55th year Anniversary**
   **Mayor Krupa,** read and presented Wynn Border’s with a proclamation for 55 years of service and volunteerism to the community.

2. **City of Hemet Employee Service Awards**
   **Mayor Krupa,** presented City employee’s with service awards for the following:
   10 years:
   - Greg Holyoak
   - Billy Koller
   - Joaquin Ramirez
   15 years:
   - Kristen Jensen
   20 years:
   - Syd Woods
   25 years:
   - Patrick Eggering
   - Sarah McComas
Mayor Krupa, October 12th at the League of California Cities Golf Tournament, Eric Vail, Tom Jex, Steve Latino and Ben Benoit were awarded “The Most Honest Golfer” award. Mayor Krupa presented it to Steve. Other participants in the tournament were Gary Thornhill and Shawn Nelson.

City Council Business
Consent Calendar

3. Approval of Minutes – September 22, 2015

4. Receive and File – Investment Portfolio as of August 2015

5. Receive and File – Warrant Register
   a. Warrant register dated September 17, 2015 in the amount of $1,718,951.03. Payroll for the period of August 31, 2015 to September 13, 2015 was $604,587.79 and September 14, 2015 to September 27, 2015 was $632,368.35.

      Ordinance No. 1906

7. Recommendation by Finance - User Fee Schedule
   a. Adopt a resolution adopting User Fee Schedule establishing new and/or increased services fees for certain City services provided to person for private benefit. Resolution No. 4647

   a. Authorize the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director to record turf replacement reimbursement revenues in the amount of $64,890 to account No. 110-0790; and
   b. Authorize the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director to record a one-time supplemental appropriation in the amount of $52,640 in Account No. 110-4250-2450 (Parks) to establish budget for turf removal project expenses.

   a. Approve the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Engineering Services of Southern California Inc. of Hemet, California for On-Call Plan Check Services in the amount of $100,000; and
   b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute said agreement; and
   c. Authorize the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director to enter a supplemental appropriation of $100,000 from the Professional/Specialized Services fund for the project.
10. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Rehabilitation of Well #2A located at 475 W. Kimball Avenue City Project No. 5617
   a. Authorize award of purchase bid to Fain Drilling and Pump of Valley Center, in the amount of $76,628.35 to perform rehabilitation maintenance work at Well #2A; and
   b. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Public Works Maintenance Contract with Fain Drilling and Pump, and execute purchase orders necessary to support the contract; and
   c. Approve the project costs in the amount of $95,000.00

11. **Recommendation by Public Works** - First Amendment to Landscape Maintenance Services between the City of Hemet and Marina Landscape, Inc.
   a. Approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Landscape Maintenance Services with Marina Landscape, Inc., updating the Scope of Services, revising “Extra Work” contract language, and adjusting the “not to exceed” compensation amount to $1,232,924 (one million, two hundred thirty-two thousand nine hundred twenty-four dollars) for the full three year Agreement term; and
   b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the First Amendment to Agreement for Landscape Maintenance Services with Marina Landscape, Inc.

12. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Supplemental Appropriations in Water Fund No. 571 for One (1) Accounting Technician II and One (1) Customer Service Representative
   a. Approve the restatement of one Accounting Technician III position in the Utility Billing Division; and
   b. Approve the addition of one Customer Service Representative position in Water Division; and
   c. Authorize the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director to record a supplemental appropriation in Water Fund No. 571 in the amount of $111,037 (prorated FY 15/16 amount) to support both positions.

13. **Recommendation by Public Works** – Approve Modification of the Water Distribution System Operator I/II Job Description
   a. Approve modifications to the Water Distribution Systems Operator I/II job description and direct staff to amend the City’s Classification Manual.

   a. Accept the Proposition 84 IRWMP 2014 Drought Solicitation Implementation Grant Funding in the amount of $215,030; and
   b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Proposition IRWMP 2014 Drought Solicitation Implementation Grant Funding Contract between the Santa Ana Watershed Protection Authority and City of Hemet; and
   c. Authorize the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director to establish an appropriation in Water Fund No. 571 in the amount of the grant award.
15. **Recommendation by IT** - Agreement for Purchase of ESRI Small Government Enterprise Licensing
   a. Approve a Software Licensing Agreement by and between the City of Hemet and Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) for the purchase of a three year ESRS Small Government Enterprise Licensing Agreement; and
   b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

Item Nos. 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14 were removed from the Consent Calendar. **Council Member Youssef** moved and **Mayor Pro Tem Wright** seconded a motion to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Item No. 7**
**Clint Lorimore, BIA,** thanked staff for taking the time to help with concerns expressed by BIA. BIA is in support of staff’s recommendation. Mr. Lorimore introduced Michael Garrison, BIA’s new Government Affairs Representative.

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

**Item No. 9**
**Council Member Milne,** recused herself due to her past employment with Engineering Resources of Southern California.

**Council Member Youssef** moved and **Mayor Pro Tem Wright** seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

**Item No. 10**
**Kristen Jensen,** **Public Works Director,** requested to amend the recommendation to further clarify that the amount of the project is $95,000.00. $76,628.35 is the contract amount for Fain Drilling and Pump of Valley Center.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wright,** expressed concern that the bid was considerably lower than the other bidders and asked if Fain Drilling has done work for the City in the past.

**Ms. Jensen,** Fain Drilling has not previously done work for the City. They have been a consistent bidder but until this time has not been the lowest. Research was done to confirm that they are the lowest responsible bidder for this project.

The City Council and staff discussed the process and amount for change orders on City projects.

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

**Item No. 12**
**Mayor Pro Tem Wright,** confirmed that the two recommended positions are based on the State’s mandate.

**Ms. Jensen,** the Customer Service Representative will be a field person dedicated to enforcement and education. The other position is accounting staff to support the transition to monthly billing. Funding for these positions is included in the approved water rates and paid by the Water Fund. Both the monthly bill and the City’s conservation efforts will be ongoing.
Mayor Pro Tem Wright, recommended that temporary employees be considered at this time based on the City’s financial situation.
Ms. Jensen, one of the challenges for the Customer Service Representative will be the licensing and certification requirements for the position.
Mayor Krupa, concurred and recommended that the item be amended to require that temporary employees be considered.
Council Member Youssef moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approving this item amending the recommendation to require that temporary employees be hired if possible. Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 14
Mayor Pro Tem Wright, thanked staff for going after these grants.
Mayor Pro Tem Wright moved and Council Member Youssef seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Communications from the Public
CW Cecchi, Hemet, spoke in opposition to Agenda 20-30 a follow-up to Agenda 21. Mr. Cecchi announced that as of October 28th he will be a Hemet Police Volunteer.
Howard Rosenthal, Hemet, expressed concern with the increase in crime and decrease in safety in the valley. Mr. Rosenthal suggested that the Police Chief report exactly what is happening in Hemet to the City Council monthly, it’s not good. Mr. Rosenthal told the City Council about a situation that recently happened to him in the highest real estate area in town. It is not safe to be out at night and this is a concern to the businesses and restaurant owners. Residents want to move. Thanks to AB 109 and Prop 47 we are the recipient of the un-desirables looking for lower rent. Until we are fully staffed and put the pressure on the criminals and homeless it won’t get better. We hear at ICSC that the businesses that are here are doing great, but the businesses that aren’t yet here are concerned with the conditions.
MSJC’s Eagle, flew in to invite the City Council to attend the homecoming event this weekend. Homecoming Game will be Saturday, October 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Public Hearing
16. Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-010 (Signage for Outdoor Vehicle Sales) – Community Development Director Elliano
   a. Introduce, read by title only and waive further reading on an ordinance amending Section 90-1275 (Temporary Signs) of Chapter 90 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Hemet Municipal Code to allow pennants and streamers for outdoor automotive, motorcycle, and marine vehicle sales display areas with issuance of a sign permit as recommended by the Planning Commission.
Ordinance Bill No. 15-048
Deanna Elliano, Community Development Director, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation regarding ZOA 15-010 signage for outdoor auto sales. At its July 2, 2015 meeting, the Planning Commission considered a letter request from Family Auto Sales to amend the temporary sign regulations regarding pennants and streamers. The Planning
Commission directed staff to propose an amendment to the temporary sign ordinance permitting the on-going display of pennants and streamers for auto and vehicle sales lots. The public hearing before the Planning Commission was held on September 15, 2015. The Planning Commission recommended approval of ZOA 15-010. Currently, pennants and streamers are only allowed in conjunction with an event that has a valid Temporary Use Permit (TUP) up to a maximum of 15 days. Hemet AutoMall Specific Plan allows streamers, banners, pennants, bunting, etc. for a consecutive 10-day period in any 30 day period without a permit. However, there are no provisions in the municipal code that allow for the use of pennants and streamers for outdoor car sales lots outside the AutoMall. ZOA 15-010 will allow the ongoing use of pennants and streamers for auto sales lots with outdoor displays. A sign permit will be required for number and location. This would be limited to outdoor sales area. Pennants and streamers shall not encroach public right-of-way or areas required for utility or emergency access. The owner will be responsible for maintenance of pennants and streamers, permit can be revoked. Staff researched neighboring cities and found that regulations differ. Pennants and streamers used as industry standard for outdoor display and are already in use at the Auto Mall. Car sales lots are only allowed in C-M, C-2 and D-2 zones by the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit. There are 6 resale car lots in town that are not in the Auto Mall. This limited regulation is proposed to assist businesses. There was no public comment to date on the proposed ordinance. Pictures of the existing resale car lots were displayed. Staff recommends introduction of Ordinance Bill No. 15-048, approving ZOA 15-010.

The City Council and staff discussed the definition of pennants and streamers. The City Council confirmed that this amendment does not include swiffers. Other cities have expiration periods attached to their permits mostly due to the aesthetics. Permits can be revoked the pennants or streamers are torn, ripped, faced, etc. A Chamber of Commerce representative attended the PC meeting but did not speak in favor or opposition.

**Mayor Krupa declared the Public Hearing opened at 7:55 p.m.**

There were no public comments at this time.

**Mayor Krupa declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.**

**Council Member Milne**, this amendment levels the playing field and I hope it helps the 6 effected businesses sell more cars.

**Council Member Raver**, there are residents that are complaining about Hemet’s curb appeal and this will make it worse. Business owners don’t clean up their business or store fronts I don’t think they will maintain them. I would recommend against this amendment.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wright**, concurred with Council Member Raver. We are trying to make this town look better. Mayor Por Tem Wright expressed concern that there could be several rows of pennants or streamers. I don’t think allowing them will make a difference. They can be permitted for a special event but not all of the time.

**Mayor Krupa**, Family Auto Sales currently has them and the City has not received a negative comment about the pennants. They do take really good care of their property and because we changed the rules and/or never enforced them they will have to remove their existing pennants.

**Ms. Elliano**, if adopted, the permit would specify the location and the number of pennants or streamers. The ordinance can be amended to dictate that. Once a permit is issued, staff will do a site inspection to confirm compliance. If this is not approved, Family Auto Sales will be required to remove their pennants.

This ordinance does not affect the businesses located in the auto mall.
Council Member Raver, spoke in opposition and again expressed his concern with the appearance of the pennants and streamers. Mayor Krupa, feels that the pennants do attract people driving down the street to the businesses. Our businesses are struggling to make it and we have a chance to help them. There have not been any previous complaints about the existing pennants at Family Auto Sales.

Council Member Milne moved and Council Member Youssef seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 3-2. Council Member Raver and Mayor Pro Tem Wright voted No.

Ordinance was read by title only.

Discussion/Action Item

17. Alternate 911 Response Pilot Study - Fire Chief Brown

Discussion regarding this item, with possible direction to staff

Fire Chief Brown, gave the City Council a powerpoint presentation on the Alternate 9-1-1 Response Pilot Program in cooperation with AMR. Currently, when you activate the 911 system you receive the closest Paramedic Fire Engine or Squad and a Paramedic staffed Ambulance from American Medical Response. All services come out “Code 3” which means lights and sirens and may come from a great distance. Resources are released or kept as deemed fit by the First Paramedic team on-scene. Depending on the type of call you may receive an additional Fire Engine resulting in possibly 8 medical responders for one patient. Emergency Responders are highly trained in driving “Code 3” but it still comes with inherent dangers. Traveling even at posted speed limits is the most dangerous thing we do. Other drivers may panic and pull in front of us and stop, and other drivers may pull in front of other cars creating a hazard to the other drivers as well as us. Some pieces of apparatus, fire engine or squad are pulled off other calls to respond. If the resources are misused for non-emergent calls, they cannot be utilized for true emergencies. Residents are encouraged to call 911 for the following: chest pain of any kind; unresponsive or cardiac arrest; abnormal altered mental status; seizure/convulsions that do not subside; severe difficulty breathing; severe bleeding not controlled; and not breathing. Determine that the person met the criteria for a 911 emergency response. Valuable resources can be tied up and not available if 911 is used for the wrong reason. Skilled Nursing Facilities can present a different challenge for Emergency Responders. We need to reduce the call load (impact) for the Fire Department when only transportation is needed. Hemet Fire/EMS response to over 15,000 calls for service each year. The Department is considered an All-Risk Fire Department, responding to a wide variety of emergency calls, Emergency Medical (EMS), Fires, Traffic Accidents, Rescues, calls for services. EMS calls for service account for nearly 10,000 calls annually, of which 25-30% are considered non-emergent in nature. This represents an opportunity to develop an alternate strategy with a focus on getting patients in this category the right care, as well as reducing the “impact” of these call types on our 911 system. Reducing this impact will result in returning capacity back to HFD to handle more acute calls. The primary objectives for this pilot program are: identify challenges faced at Skilled Nursing Facilities for nurses, AMR and HFD; clarify the use of the 911 system to selected end-users; define each agencies role in the 911 system; and develop alternatives for patient transport. Non-emergent transport calls are: chronic conditions; patient request; abnormal labs; headache
with normal vitals; controlled bleeding; simple extremity pain; wound care; doctor request/appointment; and nausea/vomiting no blood. There are 16 skilled nursing/care facilities in the City of Hemet. These facilities generated nearly 900 calls for service thru the 911 system (June 2014-June 2015). The Pilot program will place focus on providing an alternative for these facilities to access for non-emergent calls. The Pilot program goal is to reduce the operational impact on non-emergent calls for service, thus increasing HFD availability to be available for true 911 emergencies such as heart attacks, traffic accidents etc. This program will have no cost, no impact to the budget, just a more efficient way of addressing our resource needs. Chief Brown distributed a quick overview of the program.

**Jack Hanson, Riverside County Central County Operations Manager for AMR,** this is not a new concept and will work for the concerns addressed. We have been discussing ways to reduce the number of calls for Hemet Fire to skilled nursing facilities that have RN’s at the facility. The facilities need to start the triage with their RN’s. We think this can be accomplished with education. Not all of these patients need a 911 response. The response includes too much staff and equipment most of the time. The Pilot program will include three facilities that have RN’s on staff and have a high call volume for non-emergent services. The facility will contact AMR directly. Non-emergent calls will be responded to with just a paramedic/ambulance. If necessary, additional equipment will be requested. That will take the necessity to have a tiered 911/call screening system for now. There are a couple of similar start-up programs in the County.

**Council Member Youssef,** thanked both Chief Brown and Mr. Hanson. The call volume to these facilities has been a concern for a long time. Council Member Youssef asked how this program will impact the City’s dispatchers.

**Fire Chief Brown,** currently the call would via the 911 directly to the PD dispatch, at which time Fire and AMR would be dispatched out. Under this program with calls will go directly to AMR for call screening and only calls needing more resources will be forwarded to dispatch. We are educating staff at skilled care facilities and our facilities. All calls where a first responder was not dispatched but requested after arrival will go through an audit by Art Durbin to determine why. The goal is to improve our system within our budget and increase efficiency.

**Council Member Youssef,** asked if the audit will include the facility or just the City’s response.

**Fire Chief Brown,** we’ve been working with the senior staff from Manor Care, Chateau Battiste and Devonshire to educate the providers if they do not call the correct number. The audit will be reviewing AMR’s response and our response in each case for errors and ways to improve. This will be a six month study beginning November 1. We hope to have an optimistic report for you in May 2016.

**Council Member Youssef,** asked if there is a penalty for the facility and or staff if the process is not followed.

**Fire Chief Brown,** this Pilot program will provide us with a platform for other analogies. After the skilled nursing facilities we might consider physician offices and urgent care facilities including one located in Hemet Valley Hospital’s parking lot that we respond to. There is an opportunity to identify additional facilities that we can apply this to in the future. We are hoping to approach this in a way to affect a positive outcome.

**Council Member Youssef,** the concept is great. Council Member Youssef asked who the financially responsible party in when AMR or the Fire Department responds to a call at a for profit facility.
Mr. Hansen, in most situations it is the patient that is responsible. Council Member Youssef, expressed concern that there is no incentive for the for-profit facility to use the process and call the 7 digit number instead of 911. Fire Chief Brown, confirmed that the City does have a fee structure in place, however, the facilities are willing to participate in the Pilot program and I believe this is the best approach. The City Council and staff discussed the current call volume and anticipated reduction. The City Council gave direction to staff to move forward with the pilot program.

18. Updated 5-year Projection – Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director
Hurst

a. Receive and File the Updated 5-Year Projection

Gary Thornhill, Interim City Manager, this is a momentous time for Hemet. The City is in a good fiscal situation. In April, when I started I thought we had a $2.9 million shortfall. Then it got worse soon we were over $5 million upside down. I started looking at places where we could make a significant difference in the budget. The City would have been facing bankruptcy in a couple of years without significant impacts to staff. We aggressively targeted retiree medical and encouraged retirees to move off Aetna MC and TC plans that would have been subject to the Cadillac Tax under Obamacare. We now have an opportunity to pull ourselves out of this. Mr. Thornhill thanked Shawn Nelson for digging in and helping us and both Chiefs for their participation. Jessica Hurst and Shawn Nelson did the bulk of the work on the 5 year projections. The City Council will feel good about where this City will be in 5 years.

Jessica Hurst, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director, gave the City Council a powerpoint presented on the FY 2016 – 2020 5-Year Projection. A graph was displayed that showed the City’s revenue and expenditure projection from FY13 to FY20. In FY13 the sale of the Refuse Division and the close-out of RDA increased the City’s revenues without them revenues would have been $34 million and would have resulted in a $3 million deficit. In FY15 the final close-out of the refuse fund increased revenues, otherwise revenues would have been $37.4 million and the deficit would have been $1.9 million. The City’s expenditures continue to outpace revenues until FY20 but not at the current rate. Fund balance projection shows the City will maintain more than its 20% reserve through FY2020. Former projections saw depletion of reserves by 2018. The City’s previous five-year plan assumed no changes to expenditures and didn’t account for actual revenues collected in FY15. The proposed savings are over $34 million using the previous five-year plan as a baseline.

The 5-Year Projections has been a team approach focused on creating a planning document for future development of annual budgets and capital improvement plans. The objectives are to gain fiscal stability and maintain current service levels. The team looked at reducing costs as the most reasonable approach giving the City more control over expenditures. Actual revenues collected in FY15 were used to develop conservative yet realistic projection of revenues. The recession saw a 25% drop in the City’s largest tax bases, sales and property taxes. We expect to see a return to pre-recession levels of sales tax receipts by 2017. Property taxes will take longer but should return to pre-recession levels by 2025. The loss of RDA meant over $2 million in additional costs to the General Fund to continue economic development and housing programs to fulfill mandates. The City was hit with rising health care costs with increases of over 20% for some plans. The Affordable Care Act brought about some cost increases and the Cadillac Tax penalty was on the horizon. The City Council agreed to stop retiree medical programs in 1998 and negotiated contribution caps for active
employees. Recently the City Council approved an incentive program to move retirees from the highest costing plans that would be subject to the penalty. With the loss of revenue and increasing costs the City would have depleted its General Fund by 2018. We began the 5-year projections with known information and no changes. Revenue estimates were based on the most current information, FY15 revenues were up slightly over projections. Expenditure estimates were developed by focusing on controlling costs. Some costs, such as PERS and medical plan increases are outside of the City’s control. An evaluation of every line item throughout departmental budgets was completed. Major areas of change in the 5-year projection include retiree medical and update revenue estimates. The assumptions are based on available information. The assumptions include steady but rising revenues. Modest growth factors were used for sales tax and property tax increases and were based on recent receipts and property transaction data. Development activity is increasing as the City continues to pull out of the recession. Staff will continue to identify new and expanding sources of revenue, especially grants. Most of the efforts were focused on the expenditures. Thanks for the help and understanding of the retirees, the costs of retiree medical plans are expected to save the City over $13 million through FY20. Savings will be achieved by the consolidation of the Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director position. Staff will continue to maximize use of grants and other funding sources for CIP’s. Currently, workers compensation premiums are holding steady. The 5-year projections assume no changes in staff, staff salaries or benefits. Significant increase in PERS is included in the assumptions. All departments continue to look at ways to reduce costs or offset costs through alternative funding sources. Based on the 5-year projections the City will reduce its deficit by $34.1 million through the next 5 years as compared to the “do nothing” budget. The City will maintain a reserve of at least 20% through the next 5 years closing out FY2020 with a nearly 30% reserve of $11,890,862.00. The great news is we see the City achieving fiscal stability and a balanced budget by FY2020.

Mr. Thornhill, we have been very conservative in our projections, cautiously optimistic. The budgets for the next 5-years will be bare bones and status quo. I would highly recommend that the City Council adheres to this 5-year plan. We are hoping for higher increase in revenues. We are on the path to prosperity. Shawn Nelson feels that this has been one of the most rewarding things that he has worked on.

Council Member Youssef, complimented Gary Thornhill. You took this assignment in a flurry of City Manager’s and we appreciate that. Past City Manager’s didn’t have the drive to see this through.

Mr. Thornhill, we aren’t done. We’ll continue to look for more ways to find savings.

Council Member Raver, complimented Mr. Thornhill for pulling together a great team to accomplish this task.

Council Member Milne, Mr. Thornhill and Ms. Hurst explained this to the City Council Members one at a time to help us understand. City Councils have taken credit for things they shouldn’t and this is one of them. Council Member Milne thanked the staff and the retirees that work with us. Lori VanArsdale, thank you for stepping up and being a shining example.

19. Amendment to Solid Waste Management Code Provisions – Public Works Director Jensen

a. Introduce, read by title only and waive further reading an ordinance amending Chapter 62 (Solid Waste Management) of the Hemet Municipal Code to ensure consistency with Assembly Bill 1826 regarding organic waste recycling.
Ordinance Bill No. 15-055

Kristen Jensen, Public Works Director, this ordinance will amend Chapter 62 to include the language necessary to allow participation in the CR&R’s organic waste processor. In addition the ordinance adds and amends definitions to be consistent with AB 1826. Council Member Youssef moved and Council Member Milne seconded a motion to approve this item as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance was read by title only.

City Council Reports

20. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

Council Member Milne attended the Border’s Committee meeting. The Committee discussed ways to make trade easier between California and Mexico. Council Member Milne and her family worked at the Ramona Bowl on Saturday painting benches as part of an LDS Youth Service Project.

B. Council Member Raver
   1. Planning Commission
   2. Traffic and Parking Commission
   3. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
   4. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
   5. Watermaster Board

C. Council Member Youssef

D. Mayor Pro Tem 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)

WRCOG’s meeting included a presented by SCAG on the Regional Transportation Plan.

Attended the Annual Conference in San Jose. Great workshops including digital economic development, fire, e-commerce and even one on skate board parks.

Downtown Specific Plan Steering Committee meeting which will be broken into sub-committees and Mayor Pro Tem Wright will sit on the Parks Sub-Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Wright attended the Hemet Fire Department Open House, the Hemet West Open House and the Hemet Public Library Book Sale.
E. Mayor Krupa
1. Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
2. Ramona Bowl Association
“Boo at the Bowl”, October 29, 30 and 31 from 6 to 9 p.m.
3. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
4. Watermaster Board
5. Library Board
6. League of California Cities

Attended the Annual Conference in San Jose. The main subject in the fire workshops is the changes in service deliveries for Fire/EMS and the struggles that communities are dealing with for affordable service levels. Attended a police workshop on body cameras that discussed the challenges agencies are facing.

Mayor Krupa was re-elected to the League’s Executive Board for Riverside County Division
7. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
8. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

A well attended Town Hall meeting was conducted at Four Seasons, great dialogue and interaction.

F. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports
1. Diamond Valley Lake Recreation Ad-Hoc Committee (January 27, 2015)
Met last week, the Committee is coming up with great ideas for activities near the lake. Mayor Krupa will provide a more detailed report on October 27th.
2. Public Safety Ballot Measure Ad-Hoc Committee (January 27, 2015)
3. Ad-Hoc Committee to Explore Revenue Options (May 26, 2015)
4. Grant Ad-Hoc Committee (June 23, 2015)

Council Member Milne will continue to watch for strings attached to grants, but thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Wright’s knowledge and staff’s help we are getting some great leads.

G. Interim City Manager Thornhill
1. Manager’s Reports
2. Follow-up on previous Communications from the Public

Gary Thornhill, Interim City Manager, gave the City Council an update on the Mr. Nagel’s concern with the street lights in Sierra Dawn. The lighting is very old and has been damaged. The current lighting can’t be repaired. Staff is looking into some funding for a retrofit system through WRCOG. There is no quick fix and it will be costly.

3. Downtown Specific Plan Workshop

Gary Thornhill, Interim City Manager, reminded the Council and the public about the workshop tomorrow night at the Library. The Consultant is requesting an opportunity to meet with the City Council to get direction. Staff is recommending a special meeting or an early workstudy soon to keep the project moving forward.

The City Council gave direction to staff to schedule a special meeting.

The City Council recessed to the Housing Authority Meeting at 9:22 p.m.
Reconvened at 9:30 p.m.
Erica Vega, Assistant City Attorney, the listed Closed Session item is not necessary at this time. Staff does not have an update on Item No. 21.

Closed Session

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

City Attorney Closed Session Report

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

Future Agenda Items
Riverside County Flood Control’s presentation regarding preparation for the impacts of El Nino Great Shake-Out Drill is Thursday, October 15th at 10:15 a.m.

Adjournment
The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. to Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.