

# Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 8, 2017

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

### Attendees:

#### Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman; Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman; Jimmy Sheldrake; Jeff Logan.

Absent: James Horecka, Secretary (Minutes taken by Dirk Meredith).

#### Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Third District Supervisor

Members of the Public

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:30 PM.

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Motion by Sheldrake; second by Logan. Approved unanimously.

### Approval of April Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Motion by Sheldrake; second by Meredith. Approved unanimously.

### Approval of May Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Motion by Meredith; second by Sheldrake. Approved unanimously.

Guest: CAL FIRE / Riverside County Fire Dept. HAZ-MAT 34; Fire Captain Andrew Kirby, Fire Prevention Southern, Tech. Bokkes.

Cal-Fire LA 100 Home Inspections. Weed abatement, etc. Everyone. If issues found, the occupants have 30 days to correct. Fail again, another 30 days to correct. Fail third time: Citation. Possible forced abatement, and a lien on the property. The Fire Department has been really cracking down over the past three years.

Legal "Notice to Abate" (overgrowth, trash, other fire hazards): Postcard via US Mail.

The floor was opened for questions & comments:

- C: It seems the Fire Dept doesn't know what a crop is; they should not be requesting that a land-owner cut firebreaks in actual crops.
- C: There have been increasing fire problems, including kids lighting fires.

### Old Business:

#### A. General County update, by Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant:

- Manuel Perez was appointed to County Supervisor, to fill the vacant position.
- County officials across the state criticized Governor Jerry Brown's move to cancel a program that attempted to streamline health services for seniors and low-income families, a decision that will hit locals with a \$623-million price tag beginning this summer.
- All departments in the County will take a 6.5% budget cut.
- Code Enforcement hit with a big cut in funding as well.
- A Neighborhood Cleanup Event in Homeland is scheduled for October.

#### B. Sheriff Department update, by Lt. Chavez reporting:

- Updates on crime stats: May: 267 calls, 3 arrests. Theft of appliances in the Winchester Trails tract. An increase in AC thefts. In Homeland, a man was arrested in a car-buying scam. Be wary of Internet sales.

- All County departments are being hit with big budget constraints. Chavez reinforced that we are all in this together, partners in helping keep our communities safe.
  - The local National Night Out is slated for August 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Perris Airport.
- C. EMWD Updates, by Director Phil Paule:
- Most water meters will be converted to the new “smart” type by 2018. EMWD currently reads and analyzes all meters monthly, but is changing over 140,000 meters to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology, a “smart” two-way communication water meter that transmits real-time water-use information. With AMI, the water district will be able to look at data more frequently and act more preemptively. A software package will come with billing; “What We Do at Easter” in the fall, the second one in five years. We are now at Stage 1: OK to fill a swimming pool. Note: For specific details, always check directly with EMWD.
- D. Highway 79 Realignment update:
- No new news.
- E. Land Use update, by Cindy Domenigoni):
1. Winchester/Homeland Planning: Jerry Jolliffe loved the attendance at the Winchester/Homeland Planning Meeting at the Winchester/Homeland Planning Meeting. The Planning Consultant will likely be coming to the MAC in August or September.
  2. Two Tract Maps are going into the Planning Dept:
    - 160 acres, 527 homes, across from the Winchester Trails tract.
    - 199 homes & 18 condominiums at Leon & Grand.
  3. The next meeting of the Land Use Committee will be June 20<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Proposed K-1 Speed (go carts) CUP 03733: Land Use Committee meeting scheduled 06/20.
- F. City of Hemet update; Jeff Logan reporting:
- The City manager is willing to attend one of our MAC meetings.
- G. City of Menifee update:
- No news.
- H. Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez’ Office, by Samantha Blake (student at Brown University):
- Mentioned the Gas Tax. Mentioned a few interesting proposals: SB 562, proposing to tax 10% on paychecks for health care. AB 841, proposin to ban pizza parties from schools.
- I. Other Old Business:
1. None.

#### Open Forum:

1. There will be dinner fundraising events at the Hemet Moose Lodge, Fridays. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Winchester Town Association.
2. Valley Wide Parks and Recreation director Dean Wetter visited. He noted that there is a coyote problem in some parks. Update on the proposed Detachment under consideration in the City of Menifee. Valley Wide and the City are talking. The next LAFCO meeting is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wetter is hoping that the community will not lose the level of service they presently enjoy. Valley Wide employs 18 in Menifee.
3. Mary Plum announced a fundraising event for Joey’s Pals.
4. Don Shackelford: Romoland, Grade 5, Step-Up Program. List of 24 things needed. The Valley Resource Center donated 50 backpacks; supplies and help needed, for back-to-school soon! Gregg Cowdery is handling Grade 1 at Winchester School; Mary Plum is handling Grade 5.

#### Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WHMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2017, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center. **There will be no WHMAC meeting in July.**

Adjournment: The WHMAC adjourned at 7:55 PM.