

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING (STUDY SESSION) OF THE CITY OF MORENO
VALLEY
February 15, 2023**

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY
MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
CITY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY
MORENO VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY
MORENO VALLEY PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

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CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Meeting of the City Council, Community Services District, City as Successor Agency for the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley, Moreno Valley Housing Authority, Moreno Valley Public Financing Authority and the Board of Library Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cabrera in the Council Chamber located at 14177 Frederick Street.

Mayor Cabrera announced that the City Council receives a separate stipend for CSD meetings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Cabrera.

ROLL CALL

Council:	Ulises Cabrera	Mayor
	Edward A. Delgado	Mayor Pro Tem
	Elena Baca-Santa Cruz	Council Member
	David Marquez	Council Member
	Cheylynda Barnard	Council Member

INTRODUCTIONS

Staff:	Jane Halstead	Manager of the Office of the Mayor and City Council/City Clerk
	Patty Rodriguez	Senior Deputy City Clerk
	Paul Bradvica	Deputy City Clerk

Steven Quintanilla
Mike Lee
Brian Mohan

Michael Lloyd
Manuel Mancha
Melissa Walker
Jeremy Bubnick
Ken Reichle
Mike Martinez

Interim City Attorney
City Manager
Assistant City Manager, Chief Financial
Officer, City Treasurer
Assistant City Manager
Community Development Director
Public Works Director/City Engineer
Parks and Community Services Director
Chief of Police
Battalion Chief

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ONLY

Public Comments on A.1

Benny Nunez

1. Hopeful for City.

James Armour

1. Community needs assessment.

Daryl T

1. Framework to end functional homelessness.

Brandon Carn

1. Utilization of air force structure.

Rosa Bravo

1. Supports change.

Sammie Luna

1. Gratitude.

Rhonda Hodges

1. Bread and Water Ministry.

Fred Banuelos

1. Concerns.

Genevieve Aleman

1. Supports change.

Hyako Utsumi

1. Community housing.

2. Assembly Bill No. 682

Julie Ann Pedroza

1. Shelters vs. Placement.

Martin Cabrera Sr.

1. Supports youth.

Bob Palomarez

1. Collaboration with organizations.

Tom Jerele Sr.

1. City history.

Sarah Lytle

1. Supports those experiencing homelessness.

Roy Bleckert

1. Elected officials.

Maribel Nunez

1. Housing and tenants' rights.

Christopher Baca

1. City, State, and Federal Government.

Louise Palomarez

1. Collaboration.

Jesus Aleman

1. Supports change.

Public Comments on A.2

Bob Palomarez

1. Child assessments.

Roy Bleckert

1. Learning from the past.

Tom Jerele Sr.

1. Setting objectives.

James Armour

1. Core issues and preventative measure.

Christopher Baca

1. Temporary support.

Julie Ann Pedroza

1. Building housing.

Louise Palomarez

1. Potential solutions.

A. BUSINESS

A.1. HOMELESS PROGRAMS (Report of: Financial & Management Services)

A.2. HOMELESS TASK FORCE (Report of: Financial & Management Services)

Assistant City Manager Brian Mohan provided the staff report.

Homeless to Work Program presentation provided by Captain David Cain and Captain Kelly Cain of the Salvation Army.

Mayor Cabrera noted his desire to create a homeless action plan that puts all of the City's goals and resources all in one document and allow the City to evaluate and measure the success of their plan, ensuring all of the goals are met. Mayor Cabrera also expressed his interest in partnering with the local non-profits to help address homelessness. Additionally, Mayor Cabrera stated his interest in finalizing and creating the Homeless Task Force.

Council Member Marquez stated money will not solve the homeless issue and encouraged residents to not provide money to pan handlers. Council Member Marquez also stressed the importance of adding more social workers to the City's CBAT team.

Council Member Barnard noted it is difficult to hire more social workers due to the current burn out rate in the profession. Council Member Barnard also challenged the idea of what a "homeless person looks like". Council Member Barnard expressed her interest into looking at more affordable housing projects in the City.

Assistant City Manager Brian Mohan responded to Council Member's Barnard's inquiry regarding affordable housing projects.

Council Member Barnard also stated she would like to revisit the idea of building homeless shelters in the City. Council Member Barnard expressed her interest in diving deeper into the idea of the creation of a Homeless Task Force.

Mayor Pro Tem Delgado stated he would like to continue to utilize the City's current partnerships with the local non-profits to help address homelessness. Mayor Pro Tem Delgado agreed with Mayor Cabrera and Council Member Barnard, stating he would like the City to create a Homeless Task Force, but the Council will have to spend more time detailing the potential strategies of the Task Force. Mayor Pro Tem Delgado stated he is not in favor of homeless shelters being built in the City.

Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz asked Brian to elaborate on the "Big 13".

Assistant City Manager Brian Mohan provided additional information.

Mayor Cabrera stated he agrees with Council Member Barnard's idea of looking to in the creation of the Homeless Task Force in more detail. Mayor Cabrera also expressed interest in providing more funding to the local non-profits. Mayor Cabrera also echoed Mayor Pro Tem Delgado's concern with homeless shelters being built in the City.

Council Member Barnard stated she did not agree with the statements other members of the Council made stating they are worried if a homeless shelter is built in the City, it would attract more of the homeless population to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Delgado stated he is in favor of helping people and providing resources, but also must keep the entire City in mind when making these decisions.

Mayor Cabrera clarified he was not saying the City shouldn't help people who come from outside of the City looking for help, but must focus on helping the people here in the City now.

Council Member Barnard stated if there are services being offered, people will come. Council Member Barnard stated if the Council is not trying to attract more people coming to the City for resources, that the City Council/City should continue to provide the current resources that are offered through the non-profits and help those non-profits acquire more funding through grants.

Mayor Pro Tem Delgado agreed that the City Council should try to provide more resources and assistance to the current non-profits operating in the City that are helping the homeless population.

Mayor Cabrera stated people have already begun to come to the City, even though there are currently no shelters being operated within the City limits. Mayor Cabrera stated the City has programs and services in place, but would like additional steps to be taken to provide more resources and funding to the local non-profits. Mayor Cabrera expressed his interest in having a non-profit incubator, similar to the City's BERC (Business and Employment Resource Center), where non-profits could go to get assistance with their paperwork or any other filings which will assist them in getting more funding.

City Manager Mike Lee provided additional clarification on what services can be offered to local non-profits at the BERC and also indicated potential additional funding is coming to the City.

Mayor Cabrera stated staff now has the details provided by the City Council on how to move forward and would like to come back to this issue at a future time with something tangible and concrete to have potential programs put in place.

Mayor Cabrera asked Council if they had any additional questions of staff.

Assistant City Manager Brian Mohan thanked the Mayor and City Council.

With no additional Council questions, Mayor Cabrera adjourned the meeting.

(ITEMS MAY BE DEFERRED BY COUNCIL IF TIME DOES NOT PERMIT FULL REVIEW.)

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cabrera adjourned the meeting at 10:00pm.

Submitted by:

Jane Halstead, CMC
City Clerk
Secretary, Moreno Valley Community Services District
Secretary, City as Successor Agency for the Community
Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley
Secretary, Moreno Valley Housing Authority
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees
Secretary, Public Financing Authority

Approved by:

Ulises Cabrera
Mayor
City of Moreno Valley
President, Moreno Valley Community Services District
Chairperson, City as Successor Agency for the Community
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