

**MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF THE
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
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**STUDY SESSION – 6:00 PM
March 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The Study Session of the 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 and the Board of Library Trustees was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Gutierrez in the Council Chamber located at 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, California. Mayor Gutierrez announced that the City Council receives a separate stipend for CSD meetings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Wright.

ROLL CALL

Council:	Dr. Yxstian A. Gutierrez	Mayor
	Victoria Baca	Mayor Pro Tem
	David Marquez	Council Member
	Ulises Cabrera	Council Member
	Dr. Carla J. Thornton	Council Member

INTRODUCTIONS

Staff:	Pat Jacquez-Nares	City Clerk
	Marshall Eyerman	Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
	Martin Koczanowicz	City Attorney
	Tom DeSantis	City Manager
	Allen Brock	Assistant City Manager
	Mike Lee	Economic Development Director
	Rick Sandzimier	Community Development Director
	Abdul Ahmad	Fire Chief

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ONLY

Mayor Gutierrez opened the public comments portion of the meeting. There being no members of the public to come forward to speak, he closed the public comments.

A. BUSINESS

A.1. Promise Program at Moreno Valley College (Report of: Financial & Management Services)

Andrew Sanchez and Edward Alvarez of Moreno Valley College presented the report.

Mayor Gutierrez asked if the administrators have ever considered extending the program to other students.

Mr. Sanchez remarked that a hybrid and second year program would be ideal, if financing would allow.

Council Member Marquez inquired as to the condition of the books funded by the program.

Mr. Alvarez stated that the books are primarily new.

Council Member Thornton asked if an analysis would be conducted on the graduating cohort, regarding academic counselors, how funds are disbursed, about the probability of transitioning to free textbooks, and if it is Moreno Valley College's intention to eventually provide free college.

Mr. Alvarez confirmed an analysis would be conducted and that students have dedicated counselors. He also stated that the money is processed internally, and that the College is considering utilizing free textbooks.

Mr. Sanchez explained that Moreno Valley College would love to offer free college and are working towards that by identifying new funding opportunities.

Council Member Cabrera inquired as to the textbook purchasing process and to the viability of the program.

Mr. Sanchez stated that the money is distributed to the bookstore and not to the students, and that funding has not currently been secured to continue the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca inquired how the Promise Initiative works in conjunction with financial aid.

Mr. Alvarez stated that the Promise Initiative covers the gap when financial aid isn't adequate.

A.2. Homeless to Work Presentation (Report of: Financial & Management Services)

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman provided the report.

Mayor Gutierrez inquired as to the process for identifying those potentially in need, the number of homeless youth, and analysis of the individuals who have completed the program and are now gainfully employed.

City Manager DeSantis explained the process.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman discussed the Homeless Point in Time count and advised that feedback will be provided as data on the individuals is received.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca praised the program and thanked Mayor Gutierrez and City Manager DeSantis.

Council Member Thornton expressed her pride with the program and thanked Mayor Gutierrez, staff, Waste Management, and the Salvation Army.

City Manager DeSantis remarked that the program's success is due to the City's approach.

Council Member Cabrera conveyed his support of expanding the program to reach a wider population.

Council Member Marquez communicated his concern that the veteran homeless population was being under served. He inquired if the Point in Time Count included those who were living out of their automobiles and as to the work performed by the weekend workers.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman replied in the affirmative.

City Manager DeSantis explained that those are workers who are sentenced to community service via the courts.

Council Member Thornton pointed out the various programs available for homeless veterans.

A.3. Cannabis Land Use Locations (Report of: Community Development)

Planning Official Nevins provided the report.

Mayor Gutierrez requested confirmation regarding allowed locations.

Planning Official Nevins provided an explanation.

Council Member Cabrera inquired as to industrial zoning demand.

Community Development Director Sandzimier explained that some investigation is necessary to determine the interest level.

Assistant City Manager Brock provided that an industrial building could be split to allow for multiple uses.

Council Member Marquez asked regarding the number of businesses lawfully selling marijuana and should the answer be zero, why three dispensaries are currently in operation. Additionally, he asked about the process involved in shutting down illegal dispensaries.

Planning Official Nevins replied that no businesses are presently authorized to be in operation.

City Attorney Koczanowicz commented that they are in the process of closing the illegal dispensaries and outlined the procedures.

Council Member Thornton asked regarding the time allotted to the applicants and clarification of the cannabis application location map.

City Attorney Koczanowicz responded that the City requires applicants to initiate the process within sixty days of permit issue.

A.4. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(Items may be deferred by Council if time does not permit full review.)

Council Member Marquez

1. Requested that the City Council consider allocating more funds to the Promise Program.

Council Member Cabrera

1. Recognized his sister and father who were visiting from Texas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC & CERA, 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

Approved by:

Dr. Yxstian A. Gutierrez,
Mayor
City of Moreno Valley
President, Moreno Valley Community Services District
Chairperson, City as Successor Agency for the Community
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