

**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**

**SPECIAL MEETING (CEREMONIAL SWEARING-IN) – 6:00 PM  
December 6, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The 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 and the Board of Library Trustees was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor Gutierrez in the Council Chamber located at 14177 Frederick Street.

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

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Rancho Verde High School Color Guard

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom DeSantis.

**POSTING OF COLORS**

Rancho Verde High School Color Guard

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Moreno Valley Master Chorale

**INVOCATION**

Father Arnel Macabio, M.S., St. Christopher Catholic Church

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

## **ROLL CALL**

Council:	Dr. Yxstian A. Gutierrez	Mayor
	Jeffrey J. Giba	Mayor Pro Tem
	George E. Price	Council Member
	Jesse L. Molina	Council Member
	D. LaDonna Jempson	Council Member

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Staff:	Michelle Dawson	City Manager
	Martin Koczanowicz	City Attorney
	Ewa Lopez	Deputy City Clerk
	Marshall Eyerman	Chief Financial Officer
	Thomas M. DeSantis	Assistant City Manager
	Ahmad Ansari	Public Works Director/City Engineer
	Joel Ontiveros	Police Chief
	Abdul Ahmad	Fire Chief
	Terrie Stevens	Administrative Services Director
	Gabe Garcia	Parks & Community Services Director
	Mike Lee	Economic Development Director
	Allen Brock	Community Development Director
	Kathy Gross	Executive Assistant

Mayor Gutierrez acknowledged the VIPs in the audience and thanked them attending.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ONLY THOSE ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA AT THIS TIME**

Mayor Gutierrez opened the Special Meeting for public comments, which were received from the following individuals who congratulated our new directly elected Mayor, incoming Council Members and thanked the outgoing Council Members for their service:

Oscar Valdepena (Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce) and Board Member Jamil Dada, Dr. Judy White (Superintendent Moreno Valley Unified School District), Jesus Holguin (Moreno Valley Unified School District Governing Board), Daryl Terrell, Scott Heveran, Evan Morgan, Robert Harris, Rafael Brugueras, Sandra Murphy, Eduardo Gomez, Roy Bleckert, Jose Chavez, Louise Palomarez, Irving Hendrick, Jaime Moreno (Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce) and Princess Hester (Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency) who presented a plaque to outgoing Council Member George Price.

**A. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Section B was heard before Item A.1.

- A.1. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-76 RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, DECLARING THE OFFICIAL RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW (Report of: City Clerk)

**Recommendation: That the City Council:**

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-76, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2016, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeffrey J. Giba, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jesse L. Molina, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Gutierrez, Giba, Price, Molina, Jempson

- A.2. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 918 SETTING NEW TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX RATE (Report of: City Attorney)

**Recommendations: That the City Council:**

- 1. By motion, adopt Ordinance No. 918, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, amending Section 3.24.030 of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code changing the City's Transient Occupancy Tax Rate from 8% to13%.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	George E. Price, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeffrey J. Giba, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Gutierrez, Giba, Price, Molina, Jempson

## **B. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CITY OFFICIALS**

Section B: Recognition of the outgoing Council Members was heard before Item A.1 and A.2, until the Certification of Election results from the Registrar of Voters office was received.

### City Council Comments/Presentations

Mayor Gutierrez presented a plaque of recognition to Council Member Jempson for her outstanding service to the City.

#### D. LaDonna Jempson comments:

- Expressed it was an honor and pleasure to serve the community as a Council Member.
- Staff was thanked for their hard work and continued efforts in helping the City Council.
- Volunteers who served on the Boards & Commissions were thanked for their hard work and dedication.
- Encouraged future Council Members to attend their regional meetings and make that a priority.
- For incoming Council Members, Victoria Baca and David Marquez, she hoped they would make all constituents a priority with a response to an email or phone call.
- Thankful for all the relationships and partnerships formed.
- Planned to continue her work to open a Youth Opportunity Center and establish a museum in Moreno Valley to share the City's history.
- Merry Christmas and God bless you all.
- Thanked her husband Jackie for being by her side.

Mayor Gutierrez presented a plaque of recognition to Council Member Molina for his service to the City.

#### Jesse L. Molina comments:

- Moreno Valley citizens, keep looking ahead to the future.
- Streets are cleaner and change is happening.
- Thanked Iddo Benzeevi, expressed his hope to keep his promise and build the WLC.
- Victoria Baca was thanked for asking him eight years ago to run for City Council.
- Thanked his fellow Council Members, staff, firefighters, police officers and especially his constituents.
- Congratulated David Marquez, Victoria Baca and Yxstian Gutierrez.
- He leaves with his head held high, knowing he made a difference.
- Lidia, his wife, was thanked for her support and standing by his side.

Mayor Gutierrez presented a plaque of recognition to Council Member Price for his service to the City.

George E. Price comments:

- It's been a great honor to serve as Council Member.
- Hoped the City was a better place than when he arrived.
- Did his best to represent the City professionally and in a positive light.
- Pleased with getting the Strategic Plan in place and looked forward to the plan evolving through the years to come.
- Thanked all the staff for doing a great job and volunteers for their service.
- The Moreno Valley residents, especially those in District 3, were thanked for their support and encouragement.
- Thanked his family, especially his wife Vicki, for their support.
- Took great pride in the parks developed and the projects he'd been a part of over the years.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and God Bless Moreno Valley.

Mayor Gutierrez recessed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Gutierrez reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

## **C. PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Deputy City Clerk, Ewa Lopez asked Council Member Elect, Victoria Baca, to come forward to the microphone and invited Riverside Community College District Trustee, Mary Figueroa, to administer the Oath of Office.

### District 1 - Victoria Baca comments:

- Gave thanks to God for the blessings bestowed upon her and for all those who were in attendance.
- Thanked the business community for their support and encouragement over the last two years and campaign volunteers for their hard work.
- A special thanks was given to Louise Palomarez, her daughter Elena Santa Cruz, her Aunt the Matriarch of the family, three grandchildren, aunt, nephews, nieces, brothers, sisters, best friends, acquaintances, neighbors and Facebook friends.
- Campaign promises to bring jobs, public safety and education would be kept.
- District 1 voters welcomed her into their homes; they want the WLC to become a reality and to bring jobs for its residents of Moreno Valley. Unemployment causes many social problems, such as divorce, drug addictions, and foreclosures. It's her intention to help those in need as well as help prevent these from happening.
- Thanked everyone for attending.

Deputy City Clerk, Ewa Lopez asked Council Member Elect, David Marquez, to come forward to the microphone and invited Pastor Martin Finau, of Moreno Valley United Methodist Church, to administer the Oath of Office.

### District 3 - David Marquez comments:

- His vision for the City is progress from here forward and no going backwards.
- Plans to work with the staff and the citizens of Moreno Valley.
- Thanked his family for being by his side every step of the way and the volunteers for their hard work and dedication in keeping him on track: Lindsey Robinson, Brian Karn, Kathleen Dale, Lori Nickel and Reydene Hiers.
- Residents of Moreno Valley were thanked.

Deputy City Clerk, Ewa Lopez asked Mayor Elect, Dr. Yxstian A. Gutierrez, to join her at the microphone to administer the Oath of Office. Also joining Dr. Gutierrez were his parents, Elizabeth Gonzalez and Edgar Gutierrez.

Mayor - Dr. Yxstian A. Gutierrez comments:

- The Mayor was humbled with the response received during the election and thanked his fellow residents.
- The Mayor gave a special recognition to his parents; his mother for the help with phone calls, going to events, making food for fundraising events, and his father for driving his car around the City delivering the message.
- Being the first directly elected Mayor, he also grew up in Moreno Valley. He attended Armada Elementary, Landmark Middle School and Valley View High School.
- He championed Momentum MoVal, the City's first Strategic Plan, with the focus on jobs, public safety resources, beautification efforts, engagement efforts in community involvement and educating the public in local government.
- He shared that over the last three years 9,000 new jobs were brought to our City.
- The Hire MoVal program, a local initiative, was spearheaded and championed by the Mayor, which allows businesses to encourage residents to be hired in their business and in turn will receive utility discounts.
- The Mayor fought for the World Logistics Center project, which is expected to bring over 27,000 full time jobs and 3 ½ billion dollars of economic impact and a variety of other benefits to our City.
- Plans to continue to work on public safety and the citywide camera program, which has solved over 3,000 crimes in the City.
- Plans to replicate some of the District Attorney's programs by meeting regularly with the District Attorney, Police Chief and Fire Chief.
- Committed to fully fund public safety and targeted enforcement.
- Committed to positive community relations.
- Plans to build great relationships with VVUSD, MVUSD, and the new school board.
- Public Safety, the importance of the safe routes to school, crossing guard program and commitment to fully fund the afterschool programs.
- Supports the Emerging Leaders Council.
- Committed to the Summer at City Hall program, providing leadership, education, mentoring, stipends and five high school credits for the at risk youth throughout the summer.
- Plans to continue working on establishing a second library, which is part of the City's Strategic Plan.
- Fight to reduce the red tape for small businesses.
- He shared his plan to receive input through surveys, questionnaires, focus groups as well as Meet the Mayor Weekly and the Mayor's Minute.
- Residents were encouraged to contact him.
- Words of encouragement to those wanting to get involved in the community and supports all to come out and speak at the podium.

**D. RECOGNITION OF NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND/OR OTHER PUBLIC OFFICERS**

Mayor Gutierrez opened the item for public comments; there being none, public comments were closed.

Mayor Gutierrez thanked the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Cupcake & Espresso Bar for providing refreshments for the reception.

**ADJOURN TO RECEPTION IN THE MAIN LOBBY**

There being no further business the Special Meeting was adjourned to the Reception in the Main Lobby.

Submitted by:

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Marie Macias, MMC, Interim 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

Approved by:

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Dr. Yxstian Gutierrez, Mayor  
President, Moreno Valley Community Services District  
Chairperson, City as Successor Agency for the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley  
Chairperson, Moreno Valley Housing Authority  
Chairperson, Board of Library Trustees