

**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
April 10, 2018**

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 6:00 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

Absent:	Jeffrey J. Giba	Council Member
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INTRODUCTIONS

Staff:	Pat Jacquez-Nares	City Clerk
	Marshall Eyerman	Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
	Paul Early	Assistant City Attorney
	Tom DeSantis	City Manager
	Allen Brock	Assistant City Manager
	Mike Lee	Economic Development Director

Richard Sandzimier
Michael Wolfe

Acting Community Development Director
Public Works Director/City Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ONLY

Mayor Gutierrez opened the public comments portion of the meeting for items listed on the agenda only, which were received from Rafael Brugueras (Supports Item Nos. A.1 and A.2) and Ken Iglesias (Supports Item No. A.1).

There being no further public comments in opposition or support, Mayor Gutierrez closed the public comments.

A. BUSINESS

- A.1. 3066: Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) Update: Infrastructure to Support Development in the City's East End (Report of: Public Works)

Joe Mouawad, Assistant General Manager of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), provided a presentation on their Capital Improvement Plan and Developer Driven Projects located on the East end of the city.

Mayor Gutierrez asked if developers have two different options for funding water infrastructure.

Mr. Mouawad, Assistant General Manager of EMWD responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Gutierrez inquired as to the approximate cost to a developer for the water related infrastructure construction on the East end of the city.

Mr. Mouawad, Assistant General Manager of EMWD stated that a recent study revealed the total cost for phase one is \$16.4 million.

Council Member Cabrera queried as to an approximate completion date for phase one, the magnitude of the construction impacts on residents, and desalination plants.

Mr. Mouawad, Assistant General Manager of EMWD provided the anticipated completion dates, the influence on residents, and desalination plant information.

Council Member Marquez inquired as to the water availability on Heacock and Cactus, the benefits realized from the new station, currently in construction, on Perris and Elder, and the supply of recycled water.

Mr. Mouawad, Assistant General Manager of EMWD discussed the resources available on the East end of the city, the advantages of the new station, and the source of the city's recycled water.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca communicated her satisfaction with EMWD's plan to facilitate the needs of developers with increasing infrastructure improvements.

A.2. Discussion on Commercial Cannabis (Report of: Financial & Management Services)

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman provided the report on local funding initiatives.

Mayor Gutierrez queried what the approval rate from the survey provided to residents regarding cannabis taxation.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman stated that the initial results are currently at 64%.

Mayor Gutierrez expressed his desire for the tax rate to start out at 5% and then gradually increase to 8%.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca asked for confirmation that the cultivation across the multiple land use codes is dissimilar.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Baca questioned the different tax options available to the city and when the ballot language would be available for the City Council to review.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman responded with the tax alternatives at their disposal and explained that the wording would be available by June.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca inquired as to the additional social outreach being employed by the city.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman communicated that mediums utilized would include social media, Chambers of Commerce and other business organizations, and mailings.

Council Member Cabrera asked what tax rate the cities of Perris and San Jacinto are currently imposing.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman answered that the tax rate for Perris is near 10% and San Jacinto is not known.

Council Member Cabrera asked what the process entailed for subsequently increasing the tax rate after its establishment.

City Manager DeSantis explained that an increase would be accomplished with a Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca clarified that only those who transact business at these establishments will be levied this proposed tax.

Mayor Gutierrez, with consensus from the City Council, directed staff to move forward with drafting the ballot language with the understanding that the City Council will vote in July to determine whether or not it will be placed on the ballot, with a maximum tax rate of 8% and an initial tax rate of 5%.

A.3. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Marquez asked how the varying tax rate would be worded on the ballot statement.

City Manager DeSantis assured the City Council that staff, in collaboration with the consultant, would prepare language that not only meets the legal requirement, but also presents the information in an accessible manner.

Council Member Cabrera requested an announcement of future Study Session topics.

City Manager DeSantis declared that upcoming Study Sessions include discussions on shopping carts, the Promise Initiative Program, and the Homeless to Work Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 7:01 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
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