

**MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY
MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

**SPECIAL MEETING – 4:00 P.M.
AUGUST 5, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER - A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, Moreno Valley Community Services District and the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Batey in the Council Chamber located at 14177 Frederick Street.

ROLL CALL

Council:

William H. Batey, II	Mayor
Frank West	Mayor Pro Tem
Bonnie Flickinger	Council Member
Richard A. Stewart	Council Member (arrived at 4:25 p.m.)
Charles R. White	Council Member

Staff:

Jane Halstead	City Clerk
Natasha Burdine	Administrative Assistant
Robert Herrick	City Attorney
Robert Gutierrez	City Manager
Rick Hartmann	Deputy City Manager
Joe Cleary	Lieutenant
John Clark	Fire Chief
Chris Vogt	Public Works Director/City Engineer
Kyle Kollar	Community Development Director
Angela Rushen	Assistant to the City Manager
Steve Elam	Administrative Services Director
Chris Paxton	Human Resources Director
Becky Guillan	Interim Director of Library Services
Mike McCarty	Parks & Community Services Director

Mayor Batey opened the agenda items for public comments, which were received by Michael Geller (Item G1) and Pete Bleckert (Items G1 and G2).

G. REPORTS

AGENDA ORDER

- G2. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE BUDGET PROPOSALS TO BORROW OR SEIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS (Report of: Financial & Administrative Services Department)

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2008-98 opposing any state budget proposals to borrow or seize local government funds.

Resolution No. 2008-98

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, opposing State Budget proposals to “borrow” local government property taxes, redevelopment funds, or transportation funds.

Approved by a 4-0-1 vote. m/Flickinger, s/West, Stewart absent.

AGENDA ORDER

- G1. INITIATIVE BALLOT MEASURE – UTILITY USER’S TAX MODERNIZATION ORDINANCE (Report of: City Attorney)

Recommendation:

1. That the City Council consider whether to place on the ballot for the November 4, 2008, election the proposed Initiative Ordinance, “An Initiative Ordinance of the voters of the City of Moreno Valley amending chapter 3.26 to reduce the rate of Moreno Valley’s existing Utility Users Tax from 6% to 5.75% on all utility services (electricity, gas, telecommunication, video, water, and sewer) and modernize the telecommunications services provisions to respond to changes in technology and federal law so that all telecommunications and video users are treated equally regardless of technology used.”

2. That, if the Council decides to place such initiative on the ballot, the City Council adopt the following resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 2008-95, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, ordering the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Moreno Valley at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, of an initiative measure to reduce the rate of the City's Utility User's Tax from 6% to 5.75% and modernize the definitions of telecommunications services to treat taxpayers equally regardless of technology used."

Resolution No. 2008-95

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, ordering the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Moreno Valley at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, of an initiative measure to reduce the rate of the City's Utility User's Tax from 6% to 5.75% and modernize the definitions of telecommunications services to treat taxpayers equally regardless of technology used.

Approved Resolution No. 2008-95, as amended, amending the language of the ballot measure to read as follows: Shall the proposed ordinance be adopted to reduce the rate of Moreno Valley's existing utility users tax from 6% to 5.75% on all utility services (electricity, gas, telecommunication, video, water and sewer) and modernize the telecommunications services definitions so that all telecommunications and video users are treated equally regardless of technology used while retaining existing exemptions for low-income residents? Approved by 5-0 vote. m/Flickinger, s/White.

- B. Resolution No. 2008-96, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis regarding the initiative ballot measure to reduce the rate of the City's Utility User's Tax from 6% to 5.75% and modernize the definitions of telecommunications services to treat taxpayers equally regardless of technology used for the General Municipal Election to be held on November 4, 2008."

Resolution No. 2008-96

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis regarding the initiative ballot measure to reduce the rate of the City's Utility User's Tax from 6% to 5.75% and modernize the definitions of telecommunications services to treat taxpayers equally regardless of technology used for the General Municipal Election to be held on November 4, 2008.

Approved Resolution No. 2008-96, as amended, by a 5-0 vote. m/Flickinger, s/White.

- C. Resolution No. 2008-97, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for ballot measures submitted at the November 4, 2008 Municipal Election."

Resolution No. 2008-97

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for ballot measures submitted at the November 4, 2008 Municipal Election.

Approved Resolution No. 2008-97 by a 5-0 vote. m/Flickinger, s/White.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m. by unanimous informal consent.

Submitted by:

Jane Halstead, City Clerk, CMC
Secretary, Moreno Valley Community Services District
Secretary, Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley

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