

**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  
February 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 6:03 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
	Allen Brock	Assistant City Manager
	Mike Lee	Economic Development Director
	Patty Nevins	Planning Official
	Abdul Ahmad	Fire Chief
	Kathleen Sanchez	Human Resources Director

Patti Solano  
Michael Wolfe

Parks and Community Services 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 was received from Rafael Brugueras (supports Item No. A.2)

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

### **A. BUSINESS**

#### A.1. FY19/20 & 20/21 Budget Presentation (Report of: Financial & Management Services)

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman provided the report.

Mayor Gutierrez asked whether revenues were back to pre-recession levels.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman reported the revenue status.

Council Member Marquez asked about the sales tax proceeds and their funds.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman replied that although the total revenue is retained by the City the type of tax determines whether its proceeds are intended for the General Fund or a particular purpose.

Council Member Marquez remarked that this revenue generating option would be ideal to fund roadway improvements. He further inquired as to the expected increase to Public Safety costs and if commercial properties provide any revenue in the way of property taxes.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman responded that expenditures have increased by 8% and affirmed commercial properties contribute property tax funds.

Council Member Cabrera posed a question regarding the ratio of types of new development, the revenue decrease in the utility users' tax reported by Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman as well as the effect of the hotel tax.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman provided the breakdown, identified the cause of the decrease and explained the economics of the hotel tax.

Council Member Thornton asked about Measure M's impact.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Eyerman provided the estimated increase.

## A.2. Overview of Shopping Cart Collection Program (Report of: Community Development)

Code and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Alvarado provided the presentation.

City Manager DeSantis explained the rationale for the recommended changes to the shopping cart ordinance.

Mayor Gutierrez inquired if option two includes weekend coverage and a payment per cart recovered.

City Manager DeSantis replied in the affirmative and communicated that the projected costs are based on the number of carts recovered and therefore may vary.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca requested clarification on the current one-mile radius patrol requirement and for an elaboration of option one.

Code and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Alvarado explained the requirement and supplied the details of option one.

Assistant City Manager Brock identified the constraint State Law imposes on the shopping cart ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Baca reiterated Mr. Brugueras' question regarding the protocol for carts, which contain items and asked about the proposed weekend coverage.

Code and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Alvarado explained the process for carts containing items and described the suggested weekend staffing change.

Council Member Marquez asked if grocery store unions govern shopping carts and expressed concern that any changes to the ordinance may subject the City to litigation. He also questioned why carts containing items could not be immediately retrieved. Additionally, he asked about the PERS component of the proposed budget for option one.

City Manager DeSantis replied that the grocery industry lobby has worked to limit cities' options and provided an explanation regarding PERS.

City Attorney Koczanowicz assured the City Council that all of the proposed options are supported legally and explained the limitation imposed by State Law.

Council Member Thornton inquired as to the businesses exempt from the ordinance, the origin of the amount paid per cart retrieved, and detail involving the process for carts containing personal items.

Code and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Alvarado furnished the details.

Council Member Marquez inquired as to the average cost of a new cart.

Code and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Alvarado provided the prices.

Council Member Cabrera asked for detail regarding the annual fee mentioned in the presentation as well as the recycled carts and expressed his support of the recommendations. He suggested that the ordinance amendment include grandfathered businesses. He also mentioned he would like to see if the cart retrieval program could include the Homeless to Work participants.

Assistant City Manager Brock discussed the fee's features and the recycled carts.

Mayor Gutierrez, with consensus from the City Council, directed staff to agendaize option two with the ordinance amendment.

### A.3. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### Council Member Cabrera

1. Inquired as to the Study Session scheduling for the Promise Initiative and the Homeless to Work program.

City Manager DeSantis reported that the March 12th Study Session includes both items as well as cannabis zoning.

#### Council Member Marquez

1. Requested a future discussion to include the addition of another rescue squad unit.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

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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:

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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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