

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY
February 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. International Mother Language Day Proclamation**

**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
MORENO VALLEY PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM
February 20, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Meeting of the City Council, Community Services District, City as Successor Agency for the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley, Moreno Valley Housing Authority, Moreno Valley Public Financing Authority and the Board of Library Trustees was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Cabrera in the Council Chamber located at 14177 Frederick Street.

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Delgado.

C. INVOCATION - PASTOR FESTUS ANWULI FROM CHRIST DOMINION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

The invocation was given by Pastor Festus Anwuli from Christ Dominion Ministries International.

D. ROLL CALL

Council:	Ulises Cabrera	Mayor
	Cheylynda Barnard	Mayor Pro Tem
	Elena Baca-Santa Cruz	Council Member
	Ed Delgado	Council Member
	David Marquez	Council Member

E. MOTIONS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES

None.

F. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Staff:	Jane Halstead	Manager of the Office of the Mayor and City Council/City Clerk
	Patty Rodriguez	Senior Deputy City Clerk
	Steven Quintanilla	City Attorney
	Mike Lee	City Manager
	Brian Mohan	Assistant City Manager, City Treasurer
	Sean Kelleher	Acting Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director
	Launa Jimenez	Chief Financial Officer
	Melissa Walker	Public Works Director/City Engineer
	Jeremy Bubnick	Parks and Community Services Director
	Robert Cardenas	Human Resources Director
	Cruz Esparza	Economic Development Director
	Tim Brause	Lieutenant
	Jesse Park	Fire Chief

G. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Barnard and seconded by Council Member Delgado to approve the order of the agenda.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0, with Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member Delgado, Council Member Marquez, Mayor Pro Tem Barnard, and Mayor Cabrera voting yes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cheylynda Barnard, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Ed Delgado, Council Member
AYES:	Cabrera, Delgado, Marquez, Barnard, Baca-Santa Cruz

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Russell Shafer

1. Critical of Mayor Cabrera and Council Member Marquez.

Fred Banuelos

1. Taxes.

Edgar Toole III

1. Personal Issue, Law Enforcement Assistance.

Christopher Baca

1. Community Event Concerns.

Seth Cox

1. Stater Brothers Debris.

Bob Palomarez

1. Council Concerns.

Pete Bleckert

1. Community Concerns.

Louise Palomarez

1. Critical of Mayor Cabrera.

Roy Bleckert

1. Council Cooperation.

I. JOINT CONSENT CALENDARS

Mayor Cabrera asked the City Council if they would like any items pulled for separate action or discussion.

Council Member Delgado stated he would like to pull item I.9 for discussion and questions.

Council Member Delgado and Mayor Cabrera provided comments on item I.9.

With no further comments from the City Council, Mayor Cabrera called for public comments to be heard.

Roy Bleckert (I.5)

1. Critical of SCAG and RCTC.

Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz asked questions regarding item I.4.

Assistant City Manager Brian Mohan responded to Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz's inquiry.

With no further comments and questions, Mayor Cabrera entertained a motion.

Motion made by Council Member Marquez and seconded by Council Member Delgado to approve the consent calendar.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0, with Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member Delgado, Council Member Marquez, Mayor Pro Tem Barnard, and Mayor Cabrera voting yes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Marquez, Council Member
SECONDER:	Ed Delgado, Council Member
AYES:	Cabrera, Delgado, Marquez, Barnard, Baca-Santa Cruz

I.1. City Council - Closed Session - Feb 6, 2024 4:30 PM

Recommendation: Approved as submitted.

I.2. City Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 6, 2024 6:00 PM

Recommendation: Approved as submitted.

I.3. COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024. (Report of: City Clerk)

Recommendation:

1. Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Council Discretionary Expenditure Report for July 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.

I.4. COUNCIL TRAINING & TRAVEL EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 (Report of: City Clerk)

Recommendation:

1. Received and filed the Training & Travel Authorization Forms for the month of January 2024.

I.5. APPOINT A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Mayor Ulises Cabrera - Delegate, Mayor Pro Tem Cheylynda Barnard - Alternate) (Report of: City Clerk)

Recommendations:

That the City Council:

1. Appointed a Delegate, Mayor Ulises Cabrera, and an Alternate, Mayor Pro Tem Cheylynda Barnard, to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Annual General Assembly on May 2, 2024.
2. Directed staff to submit the names to SCAG.

I.6. LIST OF PERSONNEL CHANGES (Report of: City Manager)

Recommendation:

1. Ratified the list of personnel changes as described.

I.7. RECEIPT OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT - QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 (Report of: Financial & Management Services)

Recommendation:

1. Received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ended December 31, 2023, in compliance with the City's Investment Policy.

I.8. AUTHORIZE PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE & CITY OF MORENO VALLEY (Report of: Parks & Community Services)

Recommendation: That the City Council and CSD:

1. Authorized the Partnership Certification Agreement between the National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior and the of City of Moreno Valley.

I.9. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT TO TKE ENGINEERING INC. FOR THE REDLANDS BOULEVARD AND LOCUST AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL (PROJECT NO 808 0040) (Report of: Public Works)

Recommendations:

1. Awarded an Agreement for Professional Consultant Services to TKE Engineering, Inc. to provide traffic engineering services for the Redlands Boulevard and Locust Avenue Traffic Signal Project; and
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Professional Consultant Services with TKE Engineering, Inc. in the

amount of \$117,800, subject to the approval of the City Attorney; and

3. Authorized the issuance of a Purchase Order for TKE Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$117,800 when the Agreement has been signed by all parties using the Development Impact Fees (DIF) Traffic Signals Fund (Fund 3302); and
 4. Authorized the City Manager to execute any subsequent Amendments to the Agreement with TKE Engineering, Inc., subject to the approval of the City Attorney.
- I.10. PEN20-0075 (TR 31590) – EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TRANSFERRING THE CITY’S TITLE INTEREST IN A STORM DRAIN EASEMENT TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT; DEVELOPER – D.R. HORTON, LOS ANGELES HOLDING COMPANY, INC. (Report of: Public Works)

Recommendations:

1. Authorized the City Manager to execute a Quitclaim Deed transferring all rights, title, and interest in and to the storm drain easement recorded on Tract Map 31590, recorded in Map Book 478, Pages 81 through 88 inclusive, in the Official Records of Riverside County, California, to the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
 2. Directed the City Clerk to forward the signed Quitclaim Deed to the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for further processing and recordation.
- I.11. ACCEPT CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT (Report of: Public Works)

Recommendations:

1. Accepted and approved the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Awards between California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Moreno Valley (City) for the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan in the amount of \$120,000 (Fund 2301) with a city local match of \$15,547; and
2. Authorized the Public Works Director/City Engineer to execute the Restricted Grant Agreement and any subsequent amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney; and
3. Authorized a budget adjustment as set forth in the Fiscal Impact section of this report.

I.12. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT TO WILLDAN ENGINEERING FOR THE MORENO VALLEY ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN THREE AREAS (PROJECT NO 810 0022) (Report of: Public Works)

Recommendations:

1. Awarded an Agreement for Professional Consultant Services to Willdan Engineering to provide traffic engineering services for the Moreno Valley Roadway Safety Improvements in Three Areas Project; and
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Professional Consultant Services with Willdan Engineering in the amount of \$481,700, subject to the approval of the City Attorney; and
3. Authorized the issuance of a Purchase Order for Willdan Engineering in the amount of \$481,700 when the Agreement has been signed by all parties using SS4A Grant funding and the State Gas Tax Fund (Funds 2301 and 2000); and
4. Authorized the City Manager to execute any subsequent Amendments to the Agreement with Willdan Engineering, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO DESIGNATE FUTURE ANNEXATION AREA FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2023-01 (PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES) (ORDINANCE NO. 1007) (Report of: Financial & Management Services)

Recommendations: That the City Council:

1. Conducted the Public Hearing for the designation of the Future Annexation Area for City of Moreno Valley Community Facilities District No. 2023-01 (Public Safety Services).
2. Approved Ordinance No. 1007, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, Providing for Future Annexation of Territory for the City of Moreno Valley Community Facilities District No. 2023-01 (Public Safety Services).

Staff report provided by Chief Financial Officer, Launa Jimenez.

With the conclusion of the staff report, Mayor Cabrera called for

Council questions of staff.

With no Council questions of staff, Mayor Cabrera opened the public hearing.

With no request to speak, Mayor Cabrera closed the public hearing and called for Council deliberation.

With no Council deliberation, Mayor Cabrera entertained a motion.

Motion made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz to approve the public hearing to designate future annexation for Community Facilities District 2023-01.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0, with Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member Delgado, Council Member Marquez, Mayor Pro Tem Barnard, and Mayor Cabrera voting yes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Delgado, Council Member
SECONDER:	Elena Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member
AYES:	Cabrera, Delgado, Marquez, Barnard, Baca-Santa Cruz

K. GENERAL BUSINESS

K.1. PROPOSED COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING ON EUCALYPTUS AVENUE (Report of: Public Works)

Traffic Safety Commission Recommendation:

1. The Traffic Safety Commission recommended approval of the addition of the designated commercial vehicle parking on the northside of Eucalyptus Avenue, west of Aldi Place, for Commercial Vehicle Parking.

Staff report provided by Public Works Director Melissa Walker.

With the conclusion of the staff report, Mayor Cabrera called for Council questions of staff.

Council Member Marquez and Council Member Delgado asked questions of staff.

Public Works Director Melissa Walker responded to Council's inquiries.

With the conclusion of Council questions, Mayor Cabrera called for public comments to be heard.

Seth Cox

1. Concerns.

Roy Bleckert

1. Concerns.

Bob Palomarez

1. Concerns.

Louise Palomarez

1. Concerns

Mayor Cabrera called for Council deliberation.

The Council deliberated on the item.

With the conclusion of Council deliberation, Mayor Cabrera entertained a motion.

Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz left the dais at 7:03pm and returned at 7:04pm.

Motion made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barnard to approve the proposed commercial vehicle parking on Eucalyptus Avenue.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0, with Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member Delgado, Council Member Marquez, Mayor Pro Tem Barnard, and Mayor Cabrera voting yes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Delgado, Council Member
SECONDER:	Cheylynda Barnard, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Cabrera, Delgado, Marquez, Barnard, Baca-Santa Cruz

K.2. COMPANION ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION CHANGING THE SCOPE OF THE MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' ROLES, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Report of: City Attorney)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the City Council:

1. Introduced and subsequently adopted Ordinance 1008 approving changes to the Mayor's Role, Duties and Responsibilities; and
2. Adopted the companion Resolution 2024-07 approving changes to the various policies affecting the role, duties and responsibilities of the City Council, which includes the Mayor, and the administration of certain City activities and business matters.

Staff report provided by City Attorney Steven Quintanilla.

With the conclusion of the staff report, Mayor Cabrera called for Council questions of staff.

Council Member Delgado, Mayor Cabrera, Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz asked questions of staff.

City Attorney Steven Quintanilla and Assistant City Manager Brian Mohan responded to Council's inquiries.

With the conclusion of Council questions, Mayor Cabrera called for public comments to be heard.

Pete Bleckert

1. City History.

Roy Bleckert

1. Concerns.

Bob Palomarez

1. Concerns.

David Zeitz

1. Potential Violations.

Christopher Baca

1. Proclamation.

Louise Palomarez

1. Critical of Mayor Cabrera.

Mayor Cabrera called for Council deliberation.

Council deliberated on the item.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Delgado and seconded by Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz to accept all changes on the current proposed Mayor's duties and companion Ordinance and Resolution changes to scope of Mayor's and Council Member's roles, duties, and responsibilities, that the City Attorney proposed, with the addition to having the majority of Council approval to place an item on the regular agenda, special meeting, and study session.

Motion failed by a vote of 2-2-1, with Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member Delgado voting yes, Mayor Cabrera, Mayor Pro Tem Barnard voting no, and Council Member Marquez abstaining.

RESULT: FAILED [2 TO 2]
MOVER: Ed Delgado, Council Member
SECONDER: Elena Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member
AYES: Ed Delgado, Elena Baca-Santa Cruz
NAYS: Ulises Cabrera, Cheylynda Barnard
ABSTAIN: David Marquez

With the motion not passing, a subsequent motion was entertained.

Motion made by Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz and seconded by Council Member Delgado to accept the companion Ordinance and Resolution changing the scope of the Mayor's and Council Members' roles, duties, and responsibilities.

Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2, with Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member Delgado, Mayor Pro Tem Barnard voting yes, with Mayor Cabrera and Council Member Marquez abstaining.

RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER: Elena Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member
SECONDER: Ed Delgado, Council Member
AYES: Ed Delgado, Cheylynda Barnard, Elena Baca-Santa Cruz
ABSTAIN: Ulises Cabrera, David Marquez

K.3. CITY CLERK'S ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT (Report of: City Clerk)

Recommendation:

1. The City Council approved a 5 percent increase to the City Clerk's annual salary, commencing July 1, 2023 as offered by the City Council and accepted by the City Clerk.

Staff report provided by City Attorney Steven Quintanilla.

With the conclusion of the staff report, Mayor Cabrera called for Council questions of staff.

With no Council questions of staff, Mayor Cabrera called for public comments to be heard.

With no public comments, Mayor Cabrera called for Council deliberation.

Council Member Marquez stated his support for the City Clerk.

With the conclusion of Council deliberation, Mayor Cabrera entertained a motion.

Motion made by Council Member Marquez and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barnard to approve the City Clerk's annual salary adjustment.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0, with Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz, Council Member Delgado, Council Member Marquez, Mayor Pro Tem Barnard, and Mayor Cabrera voting yes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Marquez, Council Member
SECONDER:	Cheylynda Barnard, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Cabrera, Delgado, Marquez, Barnard, Baca-Santa Cruz

L. REGIONAL COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

L.1. REGIONAL COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD

(Informational Oral Presentation - not for Council action)

March Joint Powers Commission (JPC)

Council Member Delgado reported the following:

It was a very busy meeting:

- We heard an update by the Commander of March Air Reserve Base's 452nd Operations Support Squadron.
- We approved the 2024 Legislative Platform and authorized advocacy trips to Washington DC to meet with critical Congress and Agency representatives.
- We granted March LifeCare a 5th Amendment to the Disposition & Development Agreement, to allow them to complete a new SCE Substation by this September.
- Finally, we approved an amendment to the US Vets program, authorizing the development of individual comfort homes on the remaining 3 acres.

Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board of Directors (RCHCA)

Mayor Pro Tem Barnard reported the following:

Items covered at the RCHCA Board of Directors meeting on February 8, 2024, included a report of Stephens Kangaroo Rat Mitigation fee collection. As of December 31, 2023, the City of Moreno Valley collected a total of \$25,145 in Mitigation fees.

Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

Council Member Delgado reported the following:

The Commission heard a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Mid-Year Revenue Projection Report and approved the FY 2023/24 mid-year budget expenditure adjustments for a net increase of \$1,434,900.

The Commission also awarded an agreement to HDR Engineering Inc. for plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for the interstate 15 Franklin Street Interchange Project.

Riverside Transit Agency Board of Directors (RTA)

Council Member Marquez reported the following:

The Committee heard an update on the GoMicro Microtransit Pilot Program. Since the start of GoMicro, the average “ride rating” each month has been above 4.7 out of 5 stars, consistently exceeding the goal of 4.5-star rating. RTA will continue to monitor ridership, travel patterns, and make adjustments as needed to further improve efficiencies and meet the growing demand.

Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee (WRCOG)

None.

Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority Board of Directors (RCA)

None.

School District/City Joint Task Force

Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz reported the following:

The Joint Task Force met earlier today. In addition to City representatives, representatives from the Moreno Valley Unified School District, California State Parks at Lake Perris, Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 5th District, and Rising Stars Business Academy attended the meeting. Highlights include:

- Moreno Valley Unified School District invited partners in education the chance to spend an hour at one of the schools on February 28, 10 am-1 pm as well as to attend the STEAM Unity Expo on March 2, 9 am-1 pm.

- California State Park - Lake Perris encourages local schools and other youth organizations to participate in the summer programs offered. Funds for transportation are available.
- Riverside County Supervisor's Office, 5th District, is accepting applications for the Community Improvement Designation grant program and will soon be accepting applications for employment opportunities for youth.
- Rising Stars Business Academy is a key partner for providing outreach, counseling, crisis intervention, tutoring, and violence intervention through the Moreno Valley Youth and Family Preservation Project.

M. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

None.

N. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Job Fair.
2. Multicultural Art Festival

O. CITY COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS

Council Member Baca-Santa Cruz

1. Thanked Community.

Council Member Marquez

1. Conference Attendance.
2. Personal Anecdote.
3. Praised Staff.

Council Member Delgado

1. Community Events.

2. Council Debates.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnard

1. Council Discussion.

2. Community Events.

Mayor Cabrera

1. Community Events

2. Entrepreneurship.

3. Praised Staff.

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Cabrera adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by:

Jane Halstead, CMC
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
Secretary, Public Financing Authority

Approved by:

Ulises Cabrera
Mayor
City of Moreno Valley
President, Moreno Valley Community Services District
Chairperson, City as Successor Agency for the Community
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