



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**March 25, 2019 9:00 AM  
625 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354  
300 S. Morton Blvd. & S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto, CA 95354**

**CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION:**

Vice Mayor Draxler called the Special Meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

**ROLL CALL BY THE CITY MANAGER:**

| Attendee Name     | Title          | Status  | Arrived |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| John Draxler      | Vice Mayor     | Present | 9:15 AM |
| Martin Devine     | Council Member | Present | 9:15 AM |
| Sue Sorensen      | Mayor          | Absent  |         |
| Art Brieno        | Council Member | Present | 9:15 AM |
| Francisco Ramirez | Council Member | Present | 9:15 AM |

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

No comments.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**A. Tour of Modesto Emergency Shelter**

The City of Hanford group was hosted by Modesto Assistant Police Chief Rick Armendariz and Stanislaus Deputy Executive Officer Ruben Imperial. These two gentlemen described the Modesto Outdoor Emergency Shelter (MOES), its development, and its operations. Discussions ranged from intake procedures, funding, staffing, maintenance, rules of engagement, and transitional plans. There was unanimous recognition that this program is not intended to end homelessness, but a plan to manage homelessness in conformance with the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals's recent ruling.

In this program, it has been determined that the City of Modesto is responsible for the facilities and the County is responsible for the people. This clear delineation of duties and

responsibilities was recognized by both City and County staff. The City of Modesto has a current population of 216,000. Stanislaus County has a homeless population of approximately 1,600, with approximately 400 inhabiting the MOES.

The goal is to manage the population and bring both meal and case management programs to the MOES in an effort to reduce the homeless population over the next nine months, before transition to a permanent indoor homeless shelter. It was recognized that the current MOES location would have to be vacated by the end of December 2019, based on other commitments designated for this site. A site for a replacement OES for initial triage of a growing homeless population has not been identified as of this date.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

After touring the entire facility, Vice Mayor Draxler adjourned the Special meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Martinez  
City Clerk