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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BANNING, CALIFORNIA

04/16/2021
SPECIAL MEETING – WORKSHOP

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Wallace
Mayor Pro Tem Happe
Council member Hamlin, via Zoom
Council member Pingree
Council member Sanchez, via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Douglas Schulze, City Manager
Kevin Ennis, City Attorney via Zoom
Caroline Patton, Deputy City Clerk
Matthew Hamner, Chief of Police
Jennifer Christensen, Administrative Services Director via Zoom
Jeff Horn, Police Captain
Laurie Sampson, Executive Assistant via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Banning City Council was called to order by Mayor Wallace on April 16, 2021 at 2:35 P.M.

II. WORKSHOP

Authorization of additional police officers for the Banning Police Department.

Matthew Hamner, Chief of Police, briefed the City Council on department needs. He requested that five additional police officer positions be authorized in the current fiscal year.

Jennifer Christensen, Administrative Services Manager, shared financial projections for budget increases already requested from the Police Department and not including the addition of any police officer positions. She said that the department was already facing a more than \$1 million deficit in the current fiscal year.

There was discussion regarding the total cost of hiring each additional officer, potential savings from eliminating overtime, as well as potential funding sources.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Wallace opened the agenda item for public comment.

John Hagen said that the City cannot eliminate overtime in policing. He said that he was against defunding the police and stated the funds for these additional officers should come from other areas in the City's budget.

Laure Leindecker said she felt there was a homeless problem in the City but that she feels safe in the community.

Mayor Wallace closed Public comment.

City Council discussed potential intermediate options, such as authorizing two or three additional police officer positions.

Direct staff to prepare a proposal to fund additional police officer positions at the April 27th Regular Meeting of the City Council.

VOTING

Motion by: Council Member Sanchez

Second by: Council Member Pingree

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Hamlin, Mary	X				
Happe, David	X				
Pingree, Kyle	X				
Sanchez, Alberto	X				
Wallace, Colleen	X				

Motion Approved 5-0

II. ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:



Caroline Patton, Deputy City Clerk

The entire discussion of this meeting may be viewed here:
<https://banninglive.viebit.com/player.php?hash=weSf6Z38u4xo>.

A CD or DVD may be purchased for \$7.00 each at Banning City Hall, located at 99
E. Ramsey Street, Banning, CA 92220.

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<https://banningqca.gov/Archive.aspx?ADID=2453>