



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF BANNING, CALIFORNIA

September 7, 2021
5:00 PM

In Chamber and via Video/Teleconference
Council Chambers
99 E. Ramsey Street

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Roll Call
Council Members Hamlin, Happe, Pingree, Sanchez, and Mayor Wallace

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3.1. **Discussion of Homeless Emergency Shelter Village..... 4**
(Staff Report: Doug Schulze, City Manager)

4. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Douglas Schulze, City Manager
MEETING DATE: September 7, 2021
SUBJECT: Discussion of Homeless Emergency Shelter Village

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion item – no action required.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council discussed options for a homeless emergency shelter village at the August 24, 2021 meeting. At that meeting, the City Council requested a special meeting to continue the discussion. Based on community input and City Council conversation during the August 24th meeting, the 22nd Street site will no longer be considered as an option unless directed otherwise by the City Council.

As explained during the August 24, 2021 meeting, City Staff considered all City-owned property as potential sites for the homeless emergency shelter. The only site that met size requirements and could be served by utilities was the 22nd Street site, which is adjacent to residential properties to the south and in close proximity to residential properties to the west.

It is estimated that there are 80 – 100 homeless individuals living in various encampments in Banning. The majority of the homeless individuals are not interested in accepting a shelter bed because they do not want to live within the rules and regulations established for shelters. A shelter facility with 40 beds will initially be filled with individuals who wish to be assisted and moved into more permanent housing options. As the initial residents are placed into more permanent housing, beds will be offered to other local homeless individuals. Those who refuse to accept shelter bed offers will be trespass from private property and consistently removed from public property.

The shelter village is not intended to serve the shelter needs of other communities and, with strict enforcement of trespassing and illegal encampments, it is an effective way to make Banning an unattractive option for homeless individuals who do not wish to comply with shelter rules and regulations.

The attached study provides data regarding crime rate and home value impacts when homeless shelters were located in or near residential neighborhoods in Los Angeles

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County. The data shows that crime rates fell when shelters were established and home values did not decline.

JUSTIFICATION:

Martin v. Boise requires cities to offer shelter beds prior to enforcing anti-camping and disorderly conduct ordinances involving homeless individuals. Without shelter beds, encampments on public property cannot be removed. Availability of shelter beds is a necessary tool for reducing the impacts of homelessness in Banning.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City has been awarded grant funding to re-establish an emergency shelter village.

ALTERNATIVES:

Discussion item – no action required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Combatting Homelessness: A Data Driven Approach
<https://banningca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9292/Combatting-Homelessness>
2. Maps of City-Owned Property
(Large-scale maps will be available at the Special Meeting)
<https://banningca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9293/City-of-Banning---City-owned-Parcel-Map>

Approved by:



Douglas Schulze
City Manager