

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Espitia called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Espitia led the flag salute.

Mayor Pro Tem Wegman asked to dedicate the meeting to Charles Adams, the father of an employee.

- 3) **INVOCATION:** Mayor Espitia asked for a moment of silence.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez, Hively, Martin and Wegman
Also Present: City Manager Paris, City Clerk Rodriguez, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Wren, and Sgt. Chandler

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

- a) Commendation presented to Melvin Ricketts for his years of service with the City of Wasco.
Mayor Espitia asked staff to mail commendation to Mr. Ricketts.
- b) City of Wasco Proclamation presented to Wasco/Shafter Relay For Life Committee for Wasco/Shafter 11th Annual Relay For Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society to be held April 25 and 26, 2015 at Wasco High School.

Mayor Espitia presented the Proclamation to Mrs. Yolanda Harrison and Mrs. Tina Newman.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Alex Garcia from Assembly Member Rudy Salas office presented a commendation to the City of Wasco in Memory of Former Council Member West years of service.

WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS:

- 7) Approval of the February 17, 2015 Special Wasco Public Finance Authority meeting minutes. Council Member Wegman made a motion to approve the Special WPFA minutes from February 17th, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 8) Receive and file department payments totaling \$1,103.45
Council Member Hively made a motion to approve the WPFA payments totaling \$1,103.45, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- 9) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The Consent Calendar consists of items that in staff's opinion are routine and non-controversial. These items are approved in one motion unless a Councilmember or member of the public removes a particular item.

- a) Approval of the March 11, 2015 Adjourned City Council meeting minutes and the March 17, 2015 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.
- b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$539,720.95
- c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WASCO AND THE COUNTY OF KERN TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF WASCO.
- d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT PUBLIC TRANSIT CLAIM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.
- e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT STREETS AND

ROADS CLAIM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND AUTHORIZING ITS FILING WITH THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

- f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement for a 2 Acre Former Redevelopment Agency Owned Industrial Lot on North F Street, APN 487-250-27, subject to City Manager and City Attorney finalization of purchase agreement terms.
- g) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- h) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Council Member Martin asked to pull item 9f for further discussion.

Council Member Cortez made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Item 9f, Council Member Martin had a question on who owned the mineral rights. Director Mobley and City Attorney Schroeter answered his question.

Without any further discussion, Council Member Martin made a motion to approve item 9f, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 10) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO TERMINATING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS. (Paris)
City Manager Paris gave report. Council Member Hively asked if it would affect current Council Members. City Manager Paris informed him that it would not affect current members.

Council Member Cortez feels it's an asset to have insurance benefits.
Council Member Martin believes it tempts residents to run for office.
There was some discussion on the cost to the city for elected officials to participate in the insurance benefits.
Mayor Pro Tem Wegman mentioned that only elected officials should have the insurance benefits and not their dependents.

Without any further discussion, Mayor Espitia made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Member Wegman. Motion failed 2-3-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Wegman
NOES: Cortez, Hively, Martin,
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 11) Report and Possible Direction, RE: Drinking Water Cost and Associated Items. (Sanchez)
Director Sanchez reported that by terminating water and coffee services the city would save between \$5,400 - \$6,400 per year, by removing water only the city would save between \$3,000-\$4,000 per year.

After some discussion on a filtration system, Council Member Hively made a motion to terminate water and coffee services and add a filtration system to 2 or 3 locations but water services would continue at Wastewater, Animal Control and Green Waste, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 12) Report and Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTIONS 13.22.050 OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE. (Paris)
City Manager Paris gave report.

Without any discussion, Council Member Wegman made a motion to approve the first reading and introduction of the ordinance, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

13) Discussion and Possible Direction, RE: Enacting Water Conservation Ordinance Setting Level of Mandatory Compliance Pursuant to Wasco Municipal Code Section 13.22.050 (J). (Wren)
Director Wren gave report. Recommended the City Council enact the Stage 3 Mandatory Compliance Water Conservation requirements as described in Wasco Municipal Code Section 13.22.050 (J). This level will include restricting watering days to Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday only.

Without any discussion, Council Member Wegman made a motion to approve enacting water conservation ordinance setting level of mandatory compliance pursuant to Wasco Municipal Code Section 13.22.050(J), 2nd by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

14) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Out of State Travel and Expenses exceeding \$500.00 per trip. (Paris)
City Manager Paris reported that in 2006 council adopted a resolution requesting approval of travel expenses exceeding \$500 per trip.

There was some discussion on the upcoming out of state conferences, ICSC and Sustainable Cities Design Academy.

Without any further discussion, Council Member Martin made a motion to approve the out of state travel and expenses for the two conferences, 2nd by Member Cortez. Motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman
NOES: Espitia
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

15) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report, gave an update on the body worn cameras and invited council to attend Thursday's media coverage on the body worn cameras.

Director Mobley informed council that washing of cars is permitted on designated days between 8am-6pm. He also reported that Self-Help is purchasing vacant lots.

Director Wren invited council to the grand opening at the animal shelter on April 18th.

16) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Paris informed council that the grand jury report was uploaded to their drop box and copies were also placed in their mailbox. There will be a High Speed Rail informational meeting on April 16th at 5pm in the Veteran's Hall. He also reported that the bridge on Hwy. 46 & Hwy. 99 is being rebuilt.

17) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Member Martin reported that he will not be at the next council meeting.

Member Hively asked for deputy presence around the high school during minimum days.

Member Cortez thanked Sgt. Chandler for his work on the body worn cameras and Rogelio for his work with the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Wegman asked staff to look into the tanks being stored north of Hwy. 43, behind the new tire shop.

Mayor Espitia adjourned to closed session at 7:19p.m.

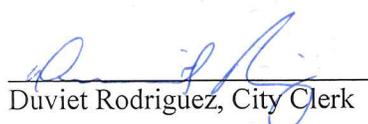
Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 7:38p.m.

18) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Conference with legal counsel regarding Superior Court judgment denying the Sierra Club's petition for writ of mandate in the case of Sierra Club v. Wasco per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

City Attorney Schroeter reported there was no reportable action.

19) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:39p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Danny Espitia, Mayor