

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2014 – 6:00p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cortez called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Cortez led the flag salute.
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Scott Hight with Westside Fellowship offered the invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Members: Espitia and Martin

Absent: Members Wegman and West

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Allen, City Clerk Rodriguez, Finance Director Foltz, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Paris, and Sgt. Chandler

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

- a) City of Wasco Proclamation presented to Wasco/Shafter Relay For Life Committee for Wasco/Shafter 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Relay For Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society to be held April 26 and 27, 2014 at Wasco High School.

Mayor Cortez presented the Proclamation to Yolanda Harrison, Tina Newman, and Donna Ward, Relay Representatives.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Vickie Hight, asked City Council if they would donate funds towards the fireworks this year again.

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

- 7) **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 April 1, 2014 Joint Budget Workshop/Study Sessions and the April 1, 2014 Regular City Council, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency and Wasco Public Finance Authority meeting minutes.
  - b) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$247,064.80
  - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF WASCO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY AND CITY OF WASCO BICYCLE MASTER PLAN AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT "A"
  - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO INCREASING THE CITY CLERK STIPEND TO SIXTY DOLLARS PER MONTH AND AFFIRMING THE CITY TREASURERS STIPEND OF SIXTY DOLLARS PER MONTH.
  - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADOPTING THE KERN COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.
  - f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Acceptance of the Barker Park Walking Pathway Project awarded to Cen-Cal Construction, and subsequent filing of the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.
  - g) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Awarding of the Barker Park Restroom Project contract to ROMTEC.
  - h) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
  - i) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances

Member Espitia asked to pull item 7g for discussion.

Member Martin made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Mayor Cortez announced that vote was unanimous:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman, West

Member Espitia asked about the cost/status of the project when Manager Danny Brown was there. Director Paris reported that some changes to the plans were made, by direction of Mr. Brown. The Park District understands that they city will be in charge of the project and no services will be interrupted while the project is being completed.

Member Espitia made a motion to approve item 7g, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Mayor Cortez announced that vote was unanimous:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman, West

- 8) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE:
- a) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 1.20.020, 1.20.040, 1.20.060, 1.20.070, 1.20.080, 1.20.100, 1.20.110, AND 1.20.120, AMENDING THE MANNER IN WHICH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS MAY BE ISSUED AND ENFORCED.
  - b) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 13.14.030, 13.22.070, AND 8.12.1300, SAID AMENDMENTS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT FOR WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS. (Mobley)

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:19p.m.

Director Mobley gave report. He reported that item 8a reduces the time frame, fines and the time to pay fines, and item 8b amends water wasting and conservation. Allows violations to be processed as administrative citations and added to utility bill.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 6:21p.m

Member Espitia made a motion to adopt both ordinances, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman, West

- 9) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TABLE 17-3 OF TITLE 17 ENTITLED "PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES RESIDENTIAL ZONES" AND EXHIBIT "A" OF ORDINANCE NO. 600. (Allen)

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:22p.m.

City Manager Allen gave report. The ordinance will restrict the growing of domestic crops in backyards only.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 6:23p.m.

Member Espitia made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia

NOES: Martin

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman, West

Ordinance was not adopted due to lack of approval by majority of the board.

- 10) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT CAN REASONABLY BE MET WITHIN THE CITY OF WASCO. (Foltz)

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:25p.m.

Director Foltz gave report.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 6:27p.m.

Member Espitia made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 3-0-0-2. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wegman, West

## 11) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Sgt. Chandler informed council about a bike rodeo and gave activity report.

Director Foltz reported that at a previous meeting a resident addressed council about his utility bill not being credited or refunded for double payment; staff researched and found that no credit or refund was needed. Staff spoke with resident and issue was resolved.

Director Mobley reported that he had a discussion with someone who is interested on the Fresh & Easy building, O'Reilly Auto Parts has submitted an application and it has been approved, planning hasn't heard back from CVS pharmacy and staff has received the plans from Wal-Mart.

Director Paris reported that the traffic study on Scofield hasn't been completed due to some software issues.

**12) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**


Manager Allen informed council that the budget powerpoint has been provided and any comments they have should be forwarded to him. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in May might need to be adjusted because Mayor Cortez and he will be at an ICSC Conference.


**13) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Member Martin informed those present that he will not be present at the first meeting in May. Member Espitia asked about the City Manager evaluation and why the questions change every year. Mayor Cortez informed council that he had requested a more thorough evaluation and that is why it was changed this year. Manager Allen reported that the evaluation is from the League of California Cities. Mayor Cortez thanked Sgt. Chandler for his help.

**14) CLOSED SESSION:** None

**15) ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 6:37p.m.

  
Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor