

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, August 2, 2016 – 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wegman called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m

2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Wegman led the flag salute.

Mayor Wegman asked to dedicate the meeting to Marcie Maldonado.

Mayor Pro Tem Hively asked to dedicate the meeting to Melvin McLaughlin.

3) **INVOCATION:** Griffith Avenue Baptist Church offered the Invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Wegman, Members: Espitia, Hively, and Reyna

Absent: Member Cortez

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

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

a) Commendation presented to Areyal Hernandez of Tigers Taekwondo.

b) Commendation presented to Gema Rubio of Tigers Taekwondo.

c) Commendation presented to Alexander Solorio of Tigers Taekwondo.

d) Commendation presented to Brian Solorio of Tigers Taekwondo.

e) Commendation presented to Alfonso Zavala of Tigers Taekwondo.

Mayor Wegman presented the commendations to Tigers Taekwondo participants.

f) A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Wasco Declaring August 2016 as Valley Fever Awareness Month.

Mayor Wegman presented the proclamation to a representative that was present.

g) A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Wasco Declaring October 16th – 22nd, 2016 as Freedom From Workplace Bullies Week.

No one was present. Proclamation will be mailed.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Emilio Huerta was present and introduced himself, a Democratic candidate for the 21st Congressional District. He is looking forward to working with the city and helping the community.

Sam Patel, owner of the Best Western, reported that there have been lots of break-ins and thefts at the hotel. He also mentioned that his water bill has increased and is classified as industrial. He has decreased his water usage and would like to see a classification for hotels.

Joe Martinez, resident, thanked staff for fixing a stop sign that was knocked down. He commented on the specs companies look for when looking into coming to a city and the center divider on Palm Avenue.

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 July 19, 2016 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.

b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$1,283,416.24

c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: An Agreement for Special Legal Services with Richards Watson and Gershon.

d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel and Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (ICSC).

e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Setting the Public Hearing for the Traffic Impact Fees Rate Schedule Amendment.

- f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Replacement of existing Card Reader System for the CNG Station Pumps from EJ Ward system to a Fuel Master 2550 system.
- g) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Authorizing the purchase, installation, programming and startup of the new panels, MDS radios and PLC's at all Water Well Sites from Electrical Systems and Instrumentation Inc. for \$171,170.00.
- h) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Purchase of a new Blower Motor for Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- i) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FOR THE CYCLE 8 HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.
- j) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SEWER LIFT STATION DISTRICT 2008-01 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17.
- k) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- l) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Espitia made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

Mayor Wegman asked to move item #13 first. Member Espitia made a motion to move to item 13 first, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

- 13) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF WASCO ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND ORDERING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE ORDINANCE TO THE VOTERS FOR THE ELECTION. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report and informed Council the Lew Edwards Group conducted a survey and received feedback from the community. Council has three choices; adopt the resolution and put it on the ballot, revise the resolution, or reject the resolution and not place it on the ballot.

Carlos Penilla with Lew Edwards Group addressed Council and discussed the survey results. It included 2009 and 2016 results. Groceries and prescriptions are exempt from the tax measure.

Resident John Pallares informed Council that he feels uneasy with the survey and increase.

Member Reyna asked if there should be an expiration date on the tax and then bring it back to residents again once the expiration date has passed.

City Attorney Schroeter informed Council that they couldn't promote this and have to be impartial.

Member Hively asked if the title could be changed to "Enhance Services For the Betterment of Wasco". There was some discussion on the title change.

City Manager Paris asked Council to adding section 3.14.160 Wasco Sales Tax Oversight Committee to the ordinance. He informed Council that the committee will consist of tax payers and residents.

Member Hively made a motion to approve the resolution, add section 3.14.160 Wasco Sales Tax Oversight Committee to the ordinance and change the measure title to read "Wasco Enhanced City Services Tax", 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

Mayor Wegman made a motion to break at 7:20p.m.

Mayor Wegman reconvened the meeting at 7:25p.m.

8) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: Housing Program Options. (Mobley)

Director Mobley gave report. There are four options: cease program and terminate self-help agreement, apply to CDBG for a 2 year extension and extend the Self-Help agreement, let grant expire and keep agreement with Self-Help, and go under the County and have them administer everything.

City Manager Paris recommended option one or four or a combination of both

Member Hively made a motion to move with a combination of option one and four, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 3-1-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Espitia, Hively

NOES: Reyna

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

9) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions for Retirement Purposes and Consideration Regarding CalPERS Preliminary Termination Valuation. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report. No direction given.

10) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS 192, 445.5, AND 621 AND SECTION 2.08.030 OF THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING CHAPTER 2.14 TO THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report.

Member Reyna believes this discourages people from running for office.

Member Espitia made a motion to introduce the ordinance, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-1-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Espitia, Hively

NOES: Reyna

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO TO DELETE CELL PHONE CALL COST REIMBURSEMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report.

Member Reyna mentioned he has never requested cell phone and internet reimbursement.

Member Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

12) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING AND MODIFYING TITLE 2, SECTION 2.08.030 OF THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report.

Member Reyna is okay with removing the stipend.

Member Hively mentioned that all cities, except Shafter, receive a stipend and would like to keep it. Member Espitia would like to keep the stipend. Member Reyna made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Motion died due to lack of 2nd.

- 13) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF WASCO ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND ORDERING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE ORDINANCE TO THE VOTERS FOR THE ELECTION. (Paris)
Item 13 was moved and heard before item 8.

14) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Clerk Rodriguez asked Council if anyone would be attending the League of California Cities October 5th – 7th in Long Beach.

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report and introduced Sharon Sharp with the Wasco Tribune.

Director Mobley gave an update on the Kern School ATM kiosk being placed on 7th Street.

Director Wren reported that the light that was out on 9th/Birch was fixed by PG&E. He informed Council that there was a 38.3% water conservation in the month of July.

15) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Paris reminded Council of the Business Breakfast scheduled for tomorrow at the prison.

16) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Member Reyna thanked Director Wren for getting the light fixed. He reported that there are people living at 636 & 634½ D Street and the houses are boarded up. A resident informed him they had received a fine for water wasting and the resident wasn't the person who turned on the water.

Director Mobley informed Council people still continue to break in if houses are boarded up and red tagged.

City Manager Paris informed Council residents are being cited for water wasting without a warning because they've been aware for the past few years not to waste water or watering on the wrong days.

Member Hively is happy to see the progress on Griffith Avenue. He thanked Sharon Sharp for Wasco coverage in the Tribune.

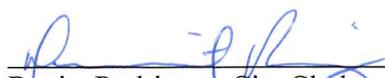
Mayor Wegman adjourned to closed session at 8:15p.m.

Mayor Wegman reconvened from closed session at 8:26p.m.

17) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Approval of Closed Session minutes held on July 19, 2016.
Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Espitia made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Mayor Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Cortez absent).
- b) Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation--City Manager, per Government Code Section 54957.
No report.
- c) Conference with legal counsel regarding application for permission to present late claim from Angel Cabrera per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Reyna made a motion to approve petition for the late claim, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Cortez absent).
- d) Conference with legal counsel regarding claim filed by Angel Cabrera per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Attorney Schroeter reported that Mayor Wegman made a motion to deny the claim, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Cortez absent).
- e) Conference with real property negotiator (city manager) re price and terms of payment for real property described as APN 072-240-04,05,06,07 per Government Code Section 54956.8
No action.

18) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Wegman adjourned the meeting at 8:28p.m.



Daviet Rodriguez, City Clerk



Cheryllee Wegman, Mayor