

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, August 19, 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 6:08p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Cortez led the flag salute.
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Jeff Wallace with New Day Church offered the invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Member: Espitia, Wegman, West

Absent: Member Martin

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

- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Ms. Schmidt addressed council regarding John L. Pruiett School. She mentioned that the school doesn't have a safe pathway and sidewalk on Strawberry Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Director Wren informed the council and Ms. Schmidt that the city has a grant and they are working on the issue.

**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 following minutes:
    - August 5, 2014 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.
    - August 5, 2014 Special City Council meeting minutes.
  - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$528,113.88
  - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Award of the Palm Avenue ADA Improvement Project on Palm Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> Place to Hwy 43.
  - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: An agreement with Palmetto Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to conduct Street Sign Retro-reflectivity Survey.
  - e) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
  - f) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Wegman made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Member Martin absent). Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Wegman, West

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Martin

- 8) Report, Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO MODIFYING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.22 ENTITLED WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES.

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:16p.m.

Interim City Manager Paris gave report and went over the PowerPoint. Member Espitia asked if it would affect water pressure, Manager Paris informed him that it would not be affected based on the City Engineer and Water Supervisor's information provided.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 6:30p.m.

Without any further discussion, Member Espitia made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Member Martin absent). Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Wegman, West

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Martin

- 9) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Recyclables Discarded by Residential & Commercial Customers in Carts and Bins.

Interim City Manager Paris gave report and informed council that staff's intent is to have an RFP out by August 30<sup>th</sup> and service would begin in January 2015.

Jeff Martin addressed Council.

Member West would like to have a discussion on the next agenda regarding a dirty MRF.

Member West made a motion to approve the RFP with the condition to contact CalRecycle and delay and/or amend with the new information regarding a dirty MRF, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Cortez. All in favor motion carried 3-1-0-1 (Member Martin absent). Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, West

NOES: Wegman

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Martin

**10) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:**

Clerk Rodriguez informed Council that nomination period had closed and that there were 5 candidates for Council, 3 for City Treasurer, and 1 for City Clerk.

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report.

Director Mobley reported that he was contact by CalPoly, there are some students that can help with the General Plan Update.

Director Wren reported that there have been some issues with dial-a-ride buses and they are working on them.

**11) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

Interim City Manager reported that staff is collecting data on surplus items.

**12) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Member West asked about the new street sweeper.

Member Wegman said there are drug houses and it affects public safety. She also reported that other cities were upset that Wasco received so many grants.

Mayor Cortez asked about thefts posted on Facebook.

Mayor Cortez adjourned to closed session at 7:07p.m.

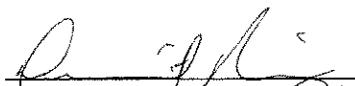
Mayor Cortez reconvened from closed session at 7:10p.m.

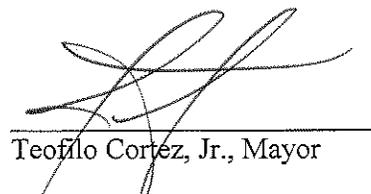
**13) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a) Approval of Closed Session minutes held on August 5, 2014.

Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Wegman made a motion to approve the closed session minutes from August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member West. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Martin absent)

**14) ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:10p.m.

  
Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor