

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 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.

3) **INVOCATION:** West Fellowship offered the invocation

Member Wegman dedicated the meeting to Herbert Holtermann

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

Absent: Member Hively

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

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:**

7) Receive and file department payments totaling \$738.80

Member Wegman made a motion to approve the Successor Agency department payments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

8) **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 November 17, 2015 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Minutes.

b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$207,665.84

c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (League of Cities).

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

e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Acceptance of off-site improvements constructed for Subdivision tract 6451, authorize the start of the 12-month warranty period on all improvements, 6-month warranty on Landscape Improvements and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Awarding of the Margalo Street and Iris Street Potable Water Service Installations.

g) Report and Possible Approval RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' FY 2013-2014 CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

h) Report and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 5, BUSINESS TAXES, LICENSES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.40, BUSINESS USE OF SIDEWALKS.

i) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.

j) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Reyna pulled item 8h for further discussion.

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

Member Cortez made a motion to approve item 8h, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 3-1-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Wegman

NOES: Reyna

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 9) Report, Public Hearing, and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO SUMMARILY VACATING PUBLIC SERVICE EASEMENTS WITHIN TRACT 6451, WITHIN THE VALLEY ROSE ESTATES AREA.

Mayor Espitia opened the Public Hearing at 6:06pm

Planning Director Mobley provided Council a report on the resolution.

Mayor Espitia closed the Public Hearing at 6:10pm

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 10) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: Discussion and consideration of the effect of new state legislation on local regulations regarding medical marijuana and direct staff as appropriate. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report. Council stated their concerns and recommended that City Manager create an ordinance for discussion and to provide it at the next Council meeting. City Manager stated he would have the ordinance drafted for the meeting.

- 11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO OPPOSING THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROJECT AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED AND REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF LESS-DAMAGING ALTERNATIVES.

City Manager Paris gave report.

Buck Moore with Sunny Gem is opposed to the High Speed, was heard.

Holly King with Wasco/Shafter Ag Group, the Rep for local framers, stated her concerns.

Dan Waterhouse asked council to really look at the wording of the Resolution before passing it.

Keith Gardner with Pacific Ag Management was heard.

Lauren Kidsmoore with Sunny Gem was heard.

Lisa Landmoore who is opposed to the High Speed, was heard.

Todd Surly with South Valley was heard.

Ivan Sameson Rep for Sunny Gem was heard.

Jim Hardice was heard.

Jim Nuefuld, farmer in Wasco, was heard.

Council recommended that item 11 be continued to a special meeting that will be held on Tuesday, 12/8/2015 at 5:00p.m. Member Cortez made a motion to continue item 11 to Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy Clerk Juan announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 12) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: Planning Commission Board Appointment. (Clerk Rodriguez)

City Manager Paris reported that a seat on the Planning Commission Board is up for appointment. Council recommended it be advertised in the newspaper for two weeks. City Manager Paris indicated it would also be placed on the City website.

- 13) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADOPTING A HEALTHY CITIES, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS THAT PROMOTE AND SUPPORT HEALTH, WELLBEING AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION FOR OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

City Manager Paris gave report. Council recommended the item be postponed and brought back when resources allow for staff to help with this project.

- 14) **REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report.

Planning Director reported staff have met with the Wonderful Community Grant Rep as a finalist.

**15) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager reported he will be out of the office December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for High Speed Rail meetings in Sacramento.

**16) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL: None**

**17) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a) Approval of Closed Session minutes held on November 17, 2015.

City Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Cortez made a motion to approved item 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- b) Conference with legal counsel re claim filed by John Martin per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

City Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Wegman made a motion to reject item 17b, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

**18) ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



Sarina Juan, Deputy City Clerk



Danny Espitia, Mayor