

**MINUTES**  
**Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – 6:00p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cortez called the meeting to order at 6:0 p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Cortez led the flag salute.
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Matthew Maldonado offered the Invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez Members: Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

Absent: Members: Espitia

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Paris, Deputy City Clerk Martinez, Finance Director Ruiz, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Bowman, and Sergeant Moreno

- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None
- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

**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. Receive and file department payments totaling \$890,427.03.
  - b. Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE DEFERRAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2018/19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FAIR SHARE PROJECT FUNDS TO FISCAL YEAR 2019/20.
  - c. Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO MODIFYING MILEAGE COSTS AS PER THE CITY OF WASCO EXPENSE AND USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES POLICY.
  - d. Report and Possible Approval RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip.
  - e. Report and Possible Approval, RE: Emergency Expenditure for Repairs to Well #10.
  - f. Report and Possible Approval, Re: Award of the Roadway Safety Signs Upgrade Project.
  - g. Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
  - h. Approve the Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances in Summary Form.

Member Garcia made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia

- 8) Report and Possible Approval, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY (BOTH MEDICAL AND ADULT-USE), PROHIBITING OUTDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION, AND ALLOWING INDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW, AND MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.  
City Manager Paris gave the report  
Resident Rafael Castro spoke against the proposed Ordinance and asked to reconsider allowing Cannabis activity in the City.

Member Reyna made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 3-1-0-1. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Reyna, Wegman  
NOES: Garcia  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Espitia

- 9) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval, RE: Conducting a public hearing to consider possible expenditures of Fiscal Year 2018/19 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, estimated to be \$95,332, and seeking community assistance to identify eligible and qualifying projects for the funding.

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:09p.m.

Director Wren gave the report and asked for public input on how to utilize funds.

Sgt. Moreno suggested more lighting in Cormack Park.

Resident Luis Valdez suggested a lighted stop sign on Broadway and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 6:26p.m.

Member Reyna made a motion to approve possible expenditures of Fiscal Year 2018/19 Community Development Block Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia

- 10) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Minute Action, RE: The City Council of the City of Wasco to Conduct Public Hearing #3 regarding the transition from At-Large to District-Based Elections.

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

Attorney Aziz gave the report.

Demographer Dr. Levitt explained to those present how the maps were created.

City Manager Paris read correspondence received from Chris Ballard to Council. Mr. Ballard is requesting to postpone the transition from At-Large to District-Based Elections.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 7:02p.m.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> public hearing was conducted and City Attorney reported that no action was needed.

- 11) Report, and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING FEBRUARY 2018 STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAYS WHERE STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT LEARN FROM EACH OTHER TO CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY.

City Manager Paris gave a report.

Member Garcia made a motion to approve the Resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia

- 12) Report, and Possible Minute Action, RE: Authorization and approval of the City Council of the City of Wasco to allow the City Manager or the Finance Director to re-invest funds in Union Bank Investments in order to continue interest income receipts.

Finance Director Ruiz gave a report.

Member Reyna made a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager or the Finance Director to re-invest funds in Union Bank Investments in order to continue interest income receipts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Garcia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. Deputy City Clerk Martinez announced the vote:

AYES: Cortez, Garcia, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Espitia

- 13) **REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:**

Deputy City Clerk Martinez informed Council of two expiring seats for the Recreation and Parks Board and needed approval from Council for a two-week publication. Mayor Cortez approved for publication.

Sgt. Moreno gave an activity report and informed Council of upcoming events.

Planning Director Mobley informed Council of an awarded grant and information regarding the three art submittals for the City Mural.

Finance Director Ruiz gave an informational presentation regarding where your property tax payments go.

**14) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Paris notified Council regarding the Downtown Business Association Christmas Parade scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. and their first annual Christmas tree lighting. He also reminded Council of the Employee Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. He also reported on the annual report of the use of Measure X Funds for 2017. He informed Council that Finance Director Ruiz, City Clerk Rodriguez, and himself will be attending a conference in Monterey and will not be in the office for the rest of the week.

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

Mayor Cortez adjourned to closed session at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Cortez reconvened from closed session at 7:58 p.m.

**16) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes held on November 17, 2017.

City Attorney Schroeter reported that Member Wegman made a motion to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Garcia. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Espitia absent).

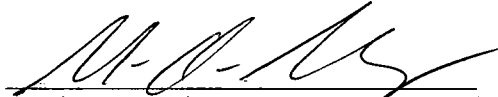
- b. Conference with legal counsel regarding claim filed by Ronald Phillips per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

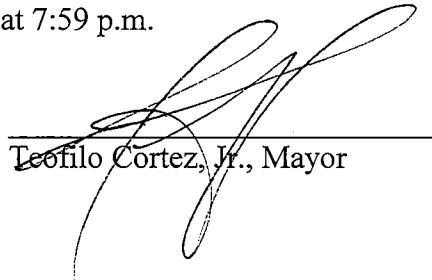
City Attorney Schroeter reported no action was taken.

- c. Conference with legal counsel regarding written threat of litigation from SunnyGem, LLC per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), (e)(2),(3), which contends that City violated the Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.) and various RDA dissolution statutes.

City Attorney Schroeter reported no action was taken.

**17) ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Maria O Martinez, Deputy City Clerk

  
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Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor