

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, December 15, 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:** Mayor Espitia asked for a moment of silence.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

a) Wasco High School Tennis Team Recognition

City Council gave each Tennis Team player a commendation.

b) Christmas Window Display Contest Presentation

Member Wegman presented Gemma Garcia with Chacharas a certificate for winning the contest.

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

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:**

7) **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS:**

1. Nomination and Appointment of Chairman

Member Cortez made a motion to nominate and appoint Member Wegman as Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Nomination and Appointment of Vice Chairman

Member Cortez made a motion to nominate and appoint Member Hively as Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8) Receive and file department payments totaling \$141.75

Member Espitia made a motion to approve the department payments totaling \$141.75, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

9) **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS:**

1. Nomination and Appointment of Mayor

Member Cortez made a motion to nominate and appoint Member Wegman as Mayor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Nomination and Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore

Member Cortez made a motion to nominate and appoint Member Hively as Mayor Pro Tem, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. Presentation of Plaque Signifying Appreciation to Outgoing Mayor

Mayor Wegman presented Outgoing Mayor Espitia with a plaque of appreciation for his term as Mayor for the calendar year 2015.

4. Remarks by New Officers

Member Espitia thanked staff for their help in 2015.

**10) 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 \$1,153,761.17
- b) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Acceptance of the D St. Road Reconstruction Project and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with Kern County Recorder
- c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Approval of an agreement extension with Holloway Environmental, LLC to continue to allow the City to continue to deliver biosolids material to their facility through January 6, 2021.
- d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Authorizing the purchase of one Caterpillar Model 259D Compact Track Loader from Quinn Cat in Bakersfield.
- e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ACCEPTING THE 2015 SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE AND REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD.
- f) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
- g) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Hively made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING FEBRUARY 2016 STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAYS WHERE STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT LEARN FROM EACH OTHER TO EFFECTUALLY CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY. (Paris) City Manager Paris gave report. Students will be present on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Staff will notify the school and coordinate the event.

Member Espitia made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

12) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: Animal Control Incident of November 7, 2015. (Wren)

Public Works Director gave report and discussed timeline of incident.

Resident Muriel McGuire addressed Council regarding the incident.

Resident Wanda Eskew addressed Council regarding the incident.

Resident Patty Mehlberg addressed Council regarding the incident.

City Manager Paris informed Council that two incidents need to be reported before Animal Control can take the dog.

There was some discussion on a prior call made to the Sheriff's office regarding the incident.

Sgt. Chandler asked if Council would like for him to get more information from his office.

Mayor Wegman tabled the item, at 6:41pm, until Sgt. Chandler returned from his office.

13) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTION 17.51.020, SAID AMENDMENT REVISING LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARK-STRIPS. (Mobley)

Director Mobley gave report.

Member Reyna made a motion to introduce the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 14) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADOPTING PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED WATER SERVICE CHARGE INCREASE. (Paris)  
City Manager Paris gave report.  
Member Reyna asked what constitutes majority. City Manager Paris informed Council that 50% is majority.  
Member Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.  
AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None
- 15) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO MAKING FINDINGS INCLUDING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND ADDING CHAPTER 9.36 TO THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, COOPERATIVES, AND COLLECTIVES, INCLUDING THE MOBILE DELIVERY OF MARIJUANA, AND THE CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA. (Paris)  
City Manager Paris gave report.  
Member Hively made a motion to introduce the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.  
AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None
- 16) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: A Cooperative Agreement between California High Speed Rail Authority and the City of Wasco.  
City Manager Paris gave report.  
No motion required, this was informational only, Council gave City Manager authority to sign back in February.

**Mayor Wegman reconvened to item 12.**

- 12) Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: Animal Control Incident of November 7, 2015  
Sgt. Chandler found the information regarding the call for service at the 1000 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Place. Sgt. will follow-up with Director Wren.  
Mayor Wegman asked to bring item back to a future meeting so staff can gather more information.
- 17) **REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:**  
Clerk Rodriguez reported on the recent City Clerk's Conference she attended. She also reminded Council about the Planning Commissioner appointment.  
Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report.  
Battalion Chief Brashear reported that on Saturday they would be giving out sandbags to residents.  
Director Mobley reported that planning has been in contact with Starbucks and there has been a 4<sup>th</sup> extension of Tentative Tract Maps by State Legislation.  
Director Sanchez reported on the recent Conference he attended.  
Director Wren reported on the drought progress.

**18) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

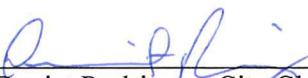
City Manager Paris notified Council that at the next meeting they would present a plaque to Deputy Venable for his years of service. He reported that he would be going to Sacramento for a High Speed Rail Meeting on Friday and that he would be off for the next two weeks for the holiday season.

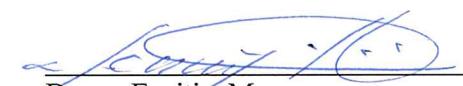
**19) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**

Member Reyna reported that a house on Beckes and Poso sells items on the weekend.  
Member Hively reported that there are vendors on Kimberlina and Hwy. 43 and he wanted to recognize Sarina for creating and printing city Christmas cards.

**20) CLOSED SESSION: None**

**21) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:23p.m.**

  
Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
Danny Espitia, Mayor