

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, December 16, 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 6:00p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Cortez led the flag salute.
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Johnny Martinez with Westside Fellowship offered the invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Members: Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West  
Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Paris, Clerk Rodriguez, Deputy City Clerk Juan, Public Works Director Wren, Planning Director Mobley, Finance Director Sanchez, and Sgt. Chandler
- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None
- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Resident Bob Reeves thanked the Sheriff's Office for their quick response when his home alarm went off. He also informed council that his Christmas display won't be the same this year due to the past storm. He asked if residents who have palm trees could take care of their trees so there won't be a rodent issue.
- 7) **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**
  - a) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF WASCO ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW. (Clerk Rodriguez)

Member Wegman made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote was unanimous.  
AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West  
ANOS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None
  - b) Administration of the Oath of Office to City Clerk (Deputy Clerk Juan)  
Deputy Clerk Juan administered the Oath of Office.
  - c) Administration of the Oath of Office to City Council and City Treasurer (Clerk Rodriguez)  
Clerk Rodriguez administered the Oath of Office.
  - d) **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS:**
    1. Nomination and Appointment of Chairman (Successor Agency)  
Member Cortez nominated Member Espitia as Chairman to the Successor Agency.
    2. Nomination and Appointment of Vice Chairman (Successor Agency)  
Member Cortez nominated Member Wegman as Vice Chairman to the Successor Agency.
  - e) **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS:**
    1. Nomination and Appointment of Mayor  
Member Cortez nominated Member Espitia as Mayor.
    2. Nomination and Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore  
Member Cortez nominated Member Wegman as Mayor Pro-Tempore
    3. Presentation of Plaque Signifying Appreciation to Outgoing Mayor  
Mayor Espitia presented a plaque to Outgoing Mayor Cortez for serving as the 2014 Mayor. Member Cortez thanked council and staff for their help throughout this year.
    4. Remarks by New Officers  
Member Hively and Wegman are pleased to be serving once again.
  - f) Presentation in Appreciation for Years of Service to Outgoing Council Member West.  
Mayor Espitia presented a plaque to Outgoing Council Member West for his years of service to the City and Community.
  - g) Presentation in Appreciation for Years of Service to Outgoing City Clerk Hight.  
Mayor Espitia presented a plaque to Outgoing City Clerk Hight for hers years of service to the City and Community.

- h) Presentation in Appreciation for Years of Service to Outgoing City Treasurer Mosqueda.  
Outgoing City Treasurer Mosqueda was not present due to another meeting but City Clerk Rodriguez read a note Ms. Mosqueda sent to council.

Mayor Espitia called for a recess at 6:19p.m.  
Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 6:30p.m.

#### 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 December 2, 2014 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.
  - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$68,064.40
  - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING FEBRUARY 2015 STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAYS WHERE STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT LEARN FROM EACH OTHER TO EFFECTUALLY CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY.
  - d) Report and Possible Adoption 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, ADDING SECTION 17.61.105, SAID ADDITION DEFINING PROVISIONS FOR OFF-SITE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION DIRECTIONAL SIGNS.
  - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Acceptance of the Sidewalk Improvement, Electronic Radar Speed Signs & Bike Lane Project and Authorize the Payment of the Retention Thirty Days after the Notice has been recorded and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion.
  - f) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
  - g) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

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

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West  
ANOS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

- 9) Report and Possible Approval, RE: City Council Appointment of a Voting Delegate and an Alternate to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's City Selection Committee.

City Clerk Rodriguez gave the report.  
Member Cortez made a motion to appoint Member Martin as the Primary Voting Delegate and Member Wegman as the Alternate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Hively.

- 10) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Planning Commission Appointments. (Mayor Cortez and Member Wegman)  
Members Cortez and Wegman reported that only 2 letters of interest were received.  
Member Wegman made a motion to appoint John Pallares and Jenny Holtermann to a 4 year term on the Planning Commission Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote was unanimous.

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West  
ANOS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

#### 11) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

City Clerk Rodriguez reminded council that the employee appreciation luncheon would be Friday at noon in the courthouse.

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report and also informed council that they were ordering the body worn cameras. Director Mobley reported on the Bethlehem Construction project and that they were purchasing more property because they are expanding their business.

Director Sanchez informed council that he had nothing to report and was getting acquainted.

Director Wren reported that Animal Control did a dog roundup and it will be done quarterly. The Valley Rose Tract is moving forward. Phase II is starting on Tract 6334, which is located behind McDonalds.

#### 12) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Paris reported on the WalMart agreement and that it was being deposited into the escrow account, construction should begin the ends of February 2015.

He asked direction from council if they wanted to allow staff to have the afternoon off after they employee appreciation luncheon. After some discussion the vote was as follows:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Wegman

NOES: Martin

Mayor Espitia asked staff to bring an agenda item regarding the employee appreciation day to council before December 2015 so that council can set a policy.

City Manager Paris also reported that he is meeting with the High School Principal regarding the 2015 Student Government Day.

### 13) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Member Martin reported that he would like to have city offices opened every Friday. He asked if the Sheriff's Office could create a log/map for the newspaper showing activities around the city so that residents are aware. Director Wren was asked regarding the stripping on Poso Avenue, Director Wren informed council that the weather hasn't allowed for stripping but as soon as they are able to they would move forward. Member Martin informed council that Channel 23 was using the Wasco Web Camera on their website and liked the idea. He also reported that he and his son Jeff, as a donation, tore down the swimming pool at Baker Park. He reported that his home was burglarized once again.

Member Cortez thanked everyone for their help.

Member Wegman asked if a tire company was coming in east of the underpass on Hwy. 46. Director Mobley confirmed that it will be a tire company.

Member Hively is happy to be back on the council and asked staff to look into fixing Griffith Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Espitia mentioned that the High School 100year anniversary is coming soon and the city needs to be clean. He also asked staff to look into the house on the corner of Rosewood and 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

14) CLOSED SESSION: None

15) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:06p.m.

  
Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
Danny Espitia, Mayor