

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, February 3, 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:** Bill Lewis with Griffith Avenue Baptist offered the invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez, Hively, Martin and Wegman

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

- 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) Approval of the January 20, 2015 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.
 - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$310,321.47
 - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Payment of \$278.25 toward the City Attorney's registration fee and one night's lodging at the 2015 City Attorney's Spring Conference sponsored by the League of California Cities.
 - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A 1% INTEREST LOAN TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES.
 - e) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
 - f) 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, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman

ANOS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 8) **Report and Possible Minute Action, RE: The City of Wasco Water Tower Paint Restoration and Aesthetics Improvement (Paris)**
City Manager Paris reported that the cost to paint the water tower would be between \$100,000 - \$250,000. Resident Gary Steward addressed council and informed them that he is in favor of getting the water tower painted. He played a video located on his website (WascoTimes.com) showing the water tower and other areas of the city. He thanked council, City Manager and staff for what they've done.

Council Member Hively would like to have a committee formed to discuss this.

There was some discussion on the current condition of the water tower, possible advertisement, and rental agreements with cell companies.

Without any further discussion, Council Member Cortez made a motion to appoint Member Wegman and Member Hively to the committee, 2nd by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin, Wegman

ANOS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The committee will meet and report back to council.

- 9) Review and Update, RE: Status of the Wal-Mart Project. (Attorney Schroeter)
Attorney Schroeter informed council that he will not be present at the next council meeting but wanted to inform them that there would be a resolution regarding Wal-Mart and forming an assessment district at the next council meeting needing their approval.

Council took no action on this item.

- 10) Report regarding Status of the Sweetwater Tech Resources, LLC Project located at 591 J Street, Wasco, CA. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report.

Dundee Kelbel with Sweetwater was present and addressed council.

Joe Barker with Wasco Commercial Group was present and addressed council.

Supervisor David Couch was present and offered his help and the county's help to the council regarding this project.

John Kular with John Kular Consulting was present and addressed council.

Representatives with Canon Corp were present and addressed council.

Council took no action on this item.

11) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Sgt. Chandler informed council that he couldn't give much information on the officer involved shooting until the investigation was complete. He reported on the car accident on Filburn and Hwy. 43. Deputy Rojas met with school officials regarding traffic issues and citations have been given and will continue to monitor around the schools.

Director Mobley reported on the High Speed Rail meeting they had this afternoon prior to the council meeting.

Director Wren reported on the Barker Park restrooms project and the tree removal on the Wal-Mart project.

12) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Paris informed council that the Grand Jury will be visiting the city on Thursday. He also invited council to the Student Government Day next Tuesday during lunch. The students will also be present at the next council meeting.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Martin reported that a few lights are out on 7th Street. He asked for an update on the street painting on Poso Ave.

Council Member Hively on Prop. 47 and how the City of Lancaster made a change to their ordinance regarding fees. He asked if the city could look into something similar. Attorney Schroeter will look at the ordinance from the City of Lancaster.

Council Member Wegman thanked and congratulated Amando Garza with Canon Corp for his success.

Mayor Espitia reported on possible loitering in front of smoke shops. Sgt. Chandler will look into this.

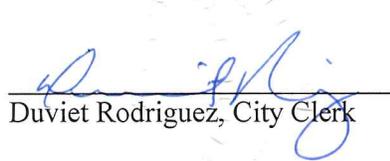
Mayor Espitia adjourned to closed session at 8:03p.m.

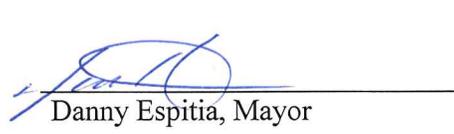
Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 8:22p.m.

14) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Approval of Closed Session minutes held on January 20, 2015
Mayor Espitia approved the closed session minutes from January 20, 2015, 2nd by Member Wegman.
All in favor motion carried 4-0-1-0 (Member Cortez abstained)
- b) Conference with legal counsel re possible litigation per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2),(e)(1)
City Attorney Schroeter reported there was no reportable action.

15) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 8:22p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Danny Espitia, Mayor