

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – 5:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Reyna called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Reyna led the flag salute.

3) **ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: City Manager Paris, City Clerk Rodriguez, Finance Director Ruiz, Chief Deputy McCurtain, Commander Morrison, Lieutenant Ellison, Sergeant Moreno, and Sheriff Youngblood

4) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Kevin Tallon, High School Principal, thanked staff for having Student Government Day once again.

5) Discussion with Kern County Sheriff's Department regarding services and the manner in which they are provided.

City Manager Paris reported that some community members have asked why the City of Wasco doesn't have its own Police Department and what the cost would be.

Sheriff Youngblood informed Council that he is happy with the Sheriff's in Wasco and values the contract.

Member Cortez reported that complaints have been made in regards to dispatch and phone issues after hours.

Sergeant Moreno informed Council that he directed his clerks not to direct residents to the red phone but to take their information and forward to appropriate person during normal working hours.

There was some discussion on the frustration of calling and having to go through a tree menu or directed to call another phone number.

Resident David Abernathy reported the response time is quick but there are problems with loud music at night time.

Resident John Pallares reported some officers are helpful and there are others that are not, would like to see compassion for residents.

Sheriff Youngblood informed those present that if there are any issues they need to report it to the Sergeant.

Member Garcia asked for input on personalizing uniforms and deputy vehicles.

Sheriff Youngblood informed Council he could consider the vehicles but not the uniforms.

Resident Julie Houser requested the City continue with the Sheriff's.

6) Discussion with Kern County Sheriff's Department regarding service changes requested by the City of Wasco.

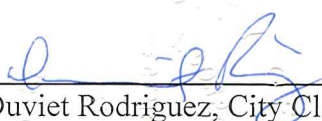
There was discussion on changing the uniforms and the logo on the deputy vehicles. Sheriff Youngblood informed Council that at this time he did not want to change the uniforms and would discuss with his staff regarding the deputy vehicles.

Member Garcia would like to continue having meetings with the Sheriff once or twice a year.

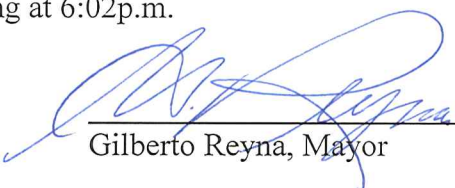
Resident Juan Torres mentioned that he did not see deputies at all around his area, the phone number is misleading, would like a direct number to dispatch and for the deputies to be more visible.

7) **CLOSED SESSION:** None

8) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Reyna adjourned the meeting at 6:02p.m.



Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk



Gilberto Reyna, Mayor