

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency of the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency, and**  
**Wasco Public Finance authority**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2015 – 6:00p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Council Member Wegman asked to dedicate the meeting to Richard Rivelas and Yvonne Greenfield.

3) **INVOCATION:** Bill Lewis Griffith Avenue Baptist offered the invocation

4) **ROLL CALL:**

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

Student Council Present: Aguilar, Altamirano, Castro, Thomas and Zamudio

Also Present: City Manager Paris, City Clerk Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk Juan, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Wren, and Sgt. Chandler

Student Directors: Alvarez, Cheatham, Ibarra, Jones, Saldago, and Valencia

Absent: Member Cortez

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Paul Ante, on behalf of Wasco High School, Mr. Tallon and himself wanted to thank Council and staff for their help with Student Government Day.

Council Member Martin thanked students for participating and getting hands-on experience.

Resident Enrique Ramirez reported trucks parking in the middle of Hwy 46, Poso Avenue, and behind La Canasta Market.

**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 February 3, 2015 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$84,045.44

c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY.

d) Report and Possible Approval RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ACCEPTING THE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

e) Report and Possible Approval, RE:

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2015-01 PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1913.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN ENGINEER'S REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2015-01, AND APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS.

f) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.

g) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Council Member Hively asked to pull item 7b for further discussion.

Mayor Espitia asked to pull item 7c for further discussion.

Mayor Espitia made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Hively, Martin and Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

Item 7b: Council Member Hively asked regarding the mirrors on street sweeper. Director Wren informed council that it was ordered so that the street sweeper operator can view the sides. There was some discussion on the water bill from Arrowhead, City Manager Paris informed council that this would be added to a future meeting and they would do an inventory of purchases.

Item 7c: Mayor Espitia reported that City Council was opposed to the High Speed Rail. Member Hively asked if an EIR was proved yet by the HSR. Mayor Espitia asked staff to invite students to the next HSR workshop.

Without any further discussion, Council Member Hively made a motion to approve items 7b and 7c, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Hively, Martin and Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

**8) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MID YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015. (Sanchez)**

Student Director Ibarra read staff report. Director Sanchez gave details on revenues and expenditures and recommended Council to approve the resolution.

Mayor Espitia asked staff to add to the next agenda an item regarding City Councils health benefits.

Member Hively asked if the General Fund was okay for the adjustments or would we need to borrow from other funds. Director Sanchez stated that the General Fund is in good shape.

Council Member Hively made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Hively, Martin and Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez

**9) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Sgt. Chandler gave his activity report.

Director Mobley reported that the Planning Department has received a formal application on the vacant property in front of the Best Western for an Arco gas station. Sentosa informed staff that Starbucks is interested in coming once Walmart gets here.

Director Sanchez reported that he has the draft financial statements completed and has a meeting with the auditors on February 18<sup>th</sup> and hopes by the next meeting he will have it ready to present to Council.

Director Wren reported that the dog area at the animal shelter has been completed, the bathrooms at Barker Park are coming along, and the city entrance sign on Hwy 46, by the prison, was damaged and he is waiting to get a report from Highway Patrol.

**10) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Paris reported that he has a meeting with the Sheriff's Department and the council Ad Hoc committee. He also thanked Mr. Ante and Mr. Tallon for their help with the students.

**11) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Member Martin asked if the dog run was done with City labor, if the swimming pool at Barker Park was prefab. He also reported that the rain gutters at City Hall were falling down. Member Martin asked staff if we could put restroom signs in the courthouse.

Member Hively reported a yard sale happening every weekend on 5<sup>th</sup> and D Street. Director Mobley will have code compliance look into it. Member Hively also reported that the water tower would cost \$150,000 just to touch it up and \$300,000 to fix it completely. He is waiting on a report from the engineer on the structure and would like the City to put an article in the newspaper and city website, to receive input from the residents on what they think should be done in regards to the water tower.

Member Wegman thanked the students for participating. She also reported on the water tower and reminded those present about the 100 year celebration the high school is having this year.

Mayor Espitia thanked the students and hopes they will come to more meeting and give more input.

Reports from Student Staff/Council:

Student Planning Director Valencia reported that she would will to see an ER treatment center on Hwy 46.

Student Finance Director Ibarra believes the water tower should be fixed.

Student Public Works Director Alvarez reported that the City should have more bus stops around town, Westside Park restrooms are dirty and the restrooms at the Amtrak need to be open more often.

Student City Manager Cheatham reported that she believes it's a good idea to repair the water tower. She thanked Council and Staff for the Student Government Day.

Student Attorney Jones reported that the water tower is good in theory but in reality will it give a profit. Why expand the city, we should fix what we have. Why are we building more buildings when we have empty buildings, we should use the current buildings for recreational use. We don't need more burgers places the city needs a variety. He also thanked everyone for the experience.

Student Council Member Altamirano thanked staff and council for the experience.

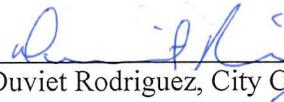
Student Council Member Zamudio reported he thinks it's worth fixing the water tower and thanked everyone.

Student Council Member Thomas reported that in the back parking lot at the High School (5<sup>th</sup> /Poplar) cars are always speeding.

Student Mayor Castro reported chickens on Palm and 1<sup>st</sup>, the community is not clean, why do we have so many smoke shops and employees driving around and going home more than one time.

12) **CLOSED SESSION:** None

13) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:37p.m.

  
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Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
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Danny Espitia, Mayor