

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
**Wasco City Council and
Charter Advisory Committee**
February 4, 2014 - 4:30p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cortez called the meeting to order at 4:40p.m.

2) **ROLL CALL**

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

Present: Chairman Garcia, Commissioners: Cortez, Hively, Martin, Martinez, Steward, Stout

Absent: Member West

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Allen, City Clerk Rodriguez, Charter Attorney Klima, Finance Director Foltz, Public Works Director Paris, Planning Director Mobley

3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Garcia led the flag salute

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

John Spaulding of Bakersfield asked if those present in the audience could have a copy of the draft charter.

Russell Johnson of Bakersfield handed out a copy of a PowerPoint.

5) **Report and Discussion, RE:** Charter Advisory Committee's proposed Charter to the City Council. Chairman Garcia recommended that the city move forward with the charter. The committee submitted a draft charter and kept some flexibility.

City Manager Allen informed those present that the attorney looked up the issue regarding the City Clerk and City Treasurer and the City Council at a previous council meeting voted to include this in the charter. The draft charter needs to be amended to include the City Clerk and City Treasurer.

Chairman Garcia read and discussed the sections in the draft charter and informed those present that prevailing wage was left out.

Member Wegman left at 4:53pm

Member Wegman returned at 4:58pm

Commissioner Hively reported that a lot of residents still do not know what a charter is and they need to be educated. He also mentioned that the word "services" added on Article V, Section 100 was not a unanimous vote but everything else on the draft charter was and it is not too restrictive.

Mayor Cortez and Member Espitia thanked the Charter Advisory Committee for all their help.

6) **City Council receives and files Charter Advisory Committee's proposed Charter** (Note: the charter language is subject to change by the City Council).

Chairman Garcia asked for a vote from the City Council regarding the proposed charter. Member Martin made a motion to receive and file the Charter Advisory Committee proposed charter with the amendments of the City Clerk and City Treasurer, 2nd by Member Espitia. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote, motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSENT: West

ABSTAIN: None

7) **Staff presents tentative schedule for charter election; City Council provides staff with direction regarding how to proceed on chartering issue.**

Charter Attorney Klima discussed the tentative schedule and informed those present that by mid-April the charter needs to be certified, two public hearings will need to be scheduled, in August need to move forward with the ballot and November 4th will be the election.

8) **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Chairman Garcia suggested that in September/October they hold a town hall meeting and the Charter Advisory Committee is willing to attend and help if the City Council would like them to.

City Manager Allen gave copies of the budget to date/expenditures to Council Members.

9) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Cortez adjourned the joint meeting at 5:12p.m.



Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk



Tilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor