

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 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.

Member Wegman asked for prayers for Mary Schroeter and Roxy Craig.

Mayor Cortez asked that the meeting be dedicated in memory of Magdaleno Gutierrez.

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

4) **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Allen, City Clerk Rodriguez, Finance Director Foltz, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Paris, and Sgt. Chandler

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Bill Lewis with Griffith Avenue Baptist informed council that they are helping the hungry and needy. If anyone needs the church's help they are willing to help.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS:**

7) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$352,000.00

Member West made a motion to approve the Successor Agency bill paying list, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote was unanimous to approve the Successor Agency bill paying list. All in favor motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**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 January 21, 2014 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes and the January 23, 2014 Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Recreation and Parks District.

b) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$257,552.89

c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Memorandum of Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and the City of Wasco for reimbursement of funds spent for the development of the Wasco Bicycle Plan in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

d) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.

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

Member Martin made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member West. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote was unanimous to approve the consent calendar. All in favor motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

9) 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 2013-2014. (Foltz)

Director Foltz gave the report. After some discussion Member Espitia made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Martin. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote was unanimous to approve resolution. All in favor motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Cortez, Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West

NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

- 10)** Discussion and Possible Minutes Action, RE: Handbook for City Council Members. (Mayor Cortez)  
Mayor Cortez informed council that he and Member West are on the committee to review the handbook and he and Member West will meet to discuss this and bring forward to council at a later meeting.
- 11)** Discussion and Possible Minutes Action, RE: Local Appointment for the Wasco Planning Commission. (Mayor Cortez and Council Member Wegman)  
Mayor Cortez and Member Wegman asked that a notice be placed in the Tribune for one week to see if anyone in the community is interested in serving on the commission.

**12) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Sgt. Chandler gave a current activity report.  
Director Mobley informed council that someone call and seems interested in the Fresh & Easy building.  
Director Paris informed council that county roads agreed to help with the warrants on Scofield. The project on Hwy 43 is moving forward and so is the safe routes to school radar signs.

**13) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Allen reported that they had 2 meetings with the High Speed Rail yesterday.

**14) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Member Martin asked if the city had an ordinance in regards to growing corn in front yards. Council directed staff to add an agenda item regarding front yard gardening on the next agenda for discussion.

Member West asked staff if letters were send out to water wasters. Director Mobley will check with Code Enforcement. Council directed staff to add an agenda item regarding water wasting on the next agenda for discussion.

Member Wegman asked staff about ice cream vendor trucks being parked at residences. She asked staff to look on Filburn.

Mayor Cortez adjourned to close session at 6:55p.m.


Mayor Cortez reconvened the meeting at 7:30p.m.


**15) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding potential initiation of litigation per Government Code Section 65956.9(d)(4).  
Attorney Schroeter stated that there was no reportable action
- b) Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Claim Filed by Ellen Engle Per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Member Espitia made a motion to reject the claim filed by Ellen Engle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman.  
Unanimously adopted to reject claim filed by Ellen Engle.

**16) ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:21p.m.

  
Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
Tilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor