

MINUTES
City Council, Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency, and
Wasco Public Finance Authority
Tuesday, January 7, 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.
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Danny Scott with Free Will Baptist Church offered the invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Allen, City Attorney Schroeter, 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:**

Mr. Bob Reeves thanked those City Council members that visited his house and viewed his and his wife's Christmas display. They received very good comments for their display from many people visiting.

WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS:

- 7) **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS:**

a) Nomination and Appointment of Chair (WPFA)

b) Nomination and Appointment of Vice-Chair (WPFA)

Member Wegman made a motion to nominate Tilo Cortez, Jr. as Chair, 2nd by Member West. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0

Member Wegman made a motion to nominate Danny Espitia as Vice-Chair, 2nd by Member West. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0

- 8) **WPFA:**

a) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$3,155.51

Member West made a motion to approve the bill paying list, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- 9) **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 December 17, 2013 Regular City Council & Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

b) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$279,006.53

c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Award of Bar Screen Project contract to Frost Company for \$350,000.00 and approve the transfer of \$60,000 from the Wastewater reserve fund for purchase and installation of Bar Screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, subject to City Manager and City Attorney approval of contract.

d) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.

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

City Manager Allen pulled item 9a and informed council that the minutes needed to be amended and asked that item 9 of the December 17, 2013 minutes include "authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to pursue further negotiations to finalize the agreements". Member Espitia made a motion to approve the consent calendar with the amendment to the minutes, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0

- 10) Report and Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 15.32 OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION. (Paris)

Director Paris gave the staff report. Without any discussion Member Wegman made a motion to approve, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0

- 11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. (Mobley)**

Director Mobley gave the staff report. Without any discussion Member West made a motion to approve the resolution and approve the agreement after City Attorney reviews and approves the agreement, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0

- 12) Discussion and Possible Direction, RE: Hiring an additional Code Enforcement Officer (Allen)**
City Manager Allen gave staff report. Staff discussed the cost for an additional officer. Staff reported that they began utilizing a Clerk I to help the current CE Officer with administration help in the office. City Manager would like staff to further analyze the need of an additional CE Officer. Director Mobley would like to begin by streamlining the ordinances. There was some discussion regarding water wasting and businesses not being compliant. Mayor Cortez asked for research on possibly revoking a business license if the business is not being compliant and charge a reinstatement fee.

Mayor Cortez asked that a committee be created to work with staff regarding this. Direction was given to appoint Members Wegman and Espitia to the committee.

- 13) Discussion and Possible Direction, RE: Changing of speed limit on Scofield Road from Hwy 46 south to city limits. (Paris)**

Director Paris gave report and informed council that they had received a letter from the Warden of the prison asking to increase the speed limit. Warden Katavich was present and asked council to consider increasing the speed to 50mph. There was some discussion on what the speed should be increased to. Council gave direction to do warrants south of Hwy. 46 and look into possibly increasing the speed to either 50 or 55mph.

14) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Clerk Rodriguez reminded council of the Charter Town Hall Meeting and the Housing Authority Meeting on January 16th. Also informed council that the insurance cards were mailed out, discard the white pharmacy cards and make sure to submit 2013 claims to City Hall for processing/payment.

Sgt. Chandler introduced Lieutenant Tim Posey and gave a current activity report.

Director Mobley informed council that in a future meeting he will be bringing an agenda item regarding tobacco retailers permit. There was also some discussion regarding the CDBG grant, contracts were received and will be doing an RFP for the First Time Homebuyers Program and hiring a firm to handle this.

15) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER: None

16) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Member Martin mentioned there is a lot of door to door soliciting and asked about a property being liened.

Member West asked about the garbage collection.

Member Wegman shared information from a flyer she received from Delano regarding building color.

Member Espitia informed staff that a bill from Assemblymember Salas will be sent to the city requesting for a letter of support. He also asked about water conservation and the city should allow residents to only water on certain days. City Manager Allen informed council that there is an ordinance but council needs to enact the level.

Mayor Cortez asked council to contact Supervisor Couch and inform him of the need of a flashing red light at Palm Avenue and McCombs.

17) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Approval of Closed Session minutes held on November 19, 2013 and December 17, 2013.

Member Wegman made a motion to approve the November 19th and December 17th closed session minutes, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0

18) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:32p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Tilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor