

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Espitia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Espitia led the flag salute.
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Danny Scott with Free Will Baptist Church offered the invocation.
Member Wegman dedicated the meeting to Isabel Sanchez.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez, Hively, Martin and Wegman
Also Present: City Manager Paris, City Clerk Rodriguez, Public Works Director Wren, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Sgt. Chandler, and Fire Captain Kennison

- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None
- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

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 January 6, 2015 Regular City Council, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency and Wasco Public Finance Authority meeting minutes.
 - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$299,073.72
 - c) Report and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 10 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTION 10.36.040, AND ADDING SECTIONS 10.36.190 AND 10.36.200, SAID AMENDMENTS DEFINING PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL USES AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT FOR PROHIBITING PARKING ON UNPAVED SURFACES AND DISPLAYING VEHICLES FOR SALE.
 - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND, WESTSIDE PARK SOLAR LIGHTING, AND OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT PROJECT.
 - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS).
 - f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN ALLOCATION REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION, IMPROVEMENT, AND SERVICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT.
 - g) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Acceptance of the Scofield Avenue Reconstruction (Hwy. 46 to McCombs Rd.).
 - h) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
 - i) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin and Wegman

ANOS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 8) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A Purchase and Sale Agreement for a 2 Acre Former Redevelopment Agency Owned Industrial Lot on North F Street, APN # 487-250-27. (Mobley)
Director Mobley gave report and introduced Mr. Curtis Latje with U.S. Irrigation.

Council Member Martin asked what type of business would be conducted at the location. Mr. Latje addressed council and informed them that the first couple of years they would be using the property for storage and their billing will be done in town initially.

Without any further discussion, Member Martin made a motion to approve the purchase and sale agreement, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin and Wegman

ANOS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9) Report and Possible Approval, RE: An Employment Agreement for Michael Flud for Services Relating to the City of Wasco's Shop.

Director Wren informed council that Mr. Flud would be coming for a few hours only to train employees in the shop on reports/paperwork. Mr. Flud would be here for possibly 6 hours a week and only for a couple of months.

Member Martin asked if he would be contracted and who is responsible if he gets injured. City Manager Paris indicated the contract used for Mr. Flud was the same as drafted for the previous payroll employee. After some discussion, Member Cortez made a motion to approve the agreement once it's been vetted by the City Attorney on the liability/worker's compensation issues and ability to modify contract as needed, 2nd by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Martin and Wegman

ANOS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

10) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report and informed council at the next meeting he'll have the traffic statistics and crime report.

Captain Kennison invited council to an open house they will be having on April 11th from 10am-2pm. A flyer with more information will be mailed out within the next couple of weeks.

Director Mobley informed council that there will be a High Speed Rail Workshop on February 3rd at 5pm in the courthouse and they are hoping to get community input. He would also like for council to appoint a 2 member subcommittee to meet with staff regarding the General Plan Process.

Director Sanchez informed council that Angelica Vargas has resigned from her position and staff is looking into a temp agency and internal help. They are also looking at agencies to possibly help with payroll.

Director Wren reported that city staff is pulling out the trees at the Wal-Mart location because it's cheaper than going with a bid. The trees will be knocked down and roots removed which should take less than 2 weeks.

11) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Paris reported that staff met with members of Wal-Mart and they have given a completion date of October 23rd and the bid is out for improvements. He also reported that staff is looking for options in payroll.

12) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Member Cortez reminded council of the invitation from the school district for their office grand opening this Friday. He asked Sgt. Chandler if an arrest report would be published in the Tribune. Sgt. Chandler is currently working with the Tribune on this.

Member Hively thanked Sgt. Chandler and the deputies for all their work. He also asked if they could pass an ordinance to limit the number of deputy cars at restaurants. Sgt. Chandler has spoken with the deputies regarding this.

Member Wegman gave copies of handouts from KernCog to all Council Members.

Mayor Espitia would like to set up a meeting with the Sheriff and a committee of two Council Members. Mayor Espitia appointed Members Martin and Hively to this committee. He also asked staff to look into having a joint meeting with the Park & Recreation Board.

Mayor Espitia adjourned to closed session at 6:37p.m.

Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 6:42p.m.

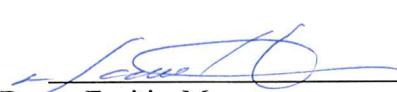
13) CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel Re Claim filed by Maria Benavidez per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).

Mayor Espitia reported there was no reportable action.

14) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 6:43p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Danny Espitia, Mayor