

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 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: Martin and West

Absent: Members Espitia, Wegman and City Attorney Schroeter

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

- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**
- 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 7, 2014 Regular City Council, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency & Wasco Public Finance Authority meeting minutes.
  - b) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$2,316,408.11
  - c) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
  - d) 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. All in favor motion carried 3-0-2 (Members Espitia and Wegman absent).

- 8) Report, Public Hearing and Continued Public Hearing, RE: Title 5, Chapter 5.60, Tobacco Retailer's Permit Ordinance Amendment. (Mobley)  
Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 6:01p.m.  
Director Mobley asked council to continue the public hearing due to legal issues not resolved and staff needs more time to complete the ordinance.  
Member West informed staff that he did not want to see restrictions on the limit of stores.  
Director Mobley informed council that at a prior meeting council had concerns on what the stores attract and their signs. Staff looked at other cities and using a population ration will help minimize them but not eliminate them. After some discussion, Member West made a motion not to amend Title 5, Chapter 5.60, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried with the following vote:  
AYES: Cortez, Martin, West  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Espitia, Wegman  
ABSTAIN: None

Council directed staff not to continue doing research on this and leave as is.

- 9) Report, Public Hearing and Adoption 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 report.  
With no further discussion Member Martin made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member West. All in favor motion carried with the following vote:  
AYES: Cortez, Martin, West  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Espitia, Wegman  
ABSTAIN: None
- 10) Report, Discussion and Possible Approval, RE: The Audited Financial Statements for the City of Wasco for the period ending June 30, 2013. (Foltz)  
Director Foltz gave report and presentation.

Accountant Mark Albert was present, addressed council and informed them that the city had no findings. There was some discussion on the CAFR.

Member West asked staff to do some research on paying off bonds.

With no further discussion Member Martin made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member West. All in favor motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Cortez, Martin, West

NOES: None

ABSENT: Espitia, Wegman

ABSTAIN: None

**11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AUTHORIZING THE DEFERRAL OF TRAFFIC, WATER, SANITATION AND SEWER IMPACT FEES FOR THE REMAINING 17 LOTS WITHIN TRACT 6473, AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER TITLE 13 OF THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE. (Mobley)**

Director Mobley gave report and informed council that to allow the deferral they need to make two findings which included: 1) current state of the city is such that the deferment of the impact fees required by Chapter 13.24 will stimulate the economy and enhance the provision of jobs and 2) deferment of the impact fees required by Chapter 13.24 will not materially affect the ability of the city to deliver its capital improvement program. A partner with Premier Management was present to answer questions the council had.

After some discussion Member Martin made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member West. All in favor motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Cortez, Martin, West

NOES: None

ABSENT: Espitia, Wegman

ABSTAIN: None

**12) Report and Reconfirmation, RE: Authorizing execution of a Reimbursement Agreement with the High Speed Rail Authority by the City Manager. (Mobley)**

Director Mobley gave the report and informed council that time has passed since the resolution was adopted authorizing the City Manager to sign this agreement, this item has been brought back before Council for reconfirmation of authorization to sign the agreement.

Council reconfirmed authorization to sign the agreement.

AYES: Cortez, Martin, West

NOES: None

ABSENT: Espitia, Wegman

ABSTAIN: None

**13) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

Clerk Rodriguez reminded council of the Special Joint Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm and of the State of the County Dinner on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Sgt. Chandler reported that two cameras at the annex building were stolen and they are working on helping staff mounting two more cameras.

Director Mobley informed council that Code Enforcement has been active and the neon lights have been removed from the smoke shop. Code Enforcement will be sending reminder notices to business about blinking lights/signs and reminding homeowners about water wasting.

Director Paris reported that Animal Control did animal roundups and they found 20 dogs. Public Works Department will be providing water conservation flyers to residents and businesses and will also be putting signs around town informing residents of the drought.

**14) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Allen reported that on Thursday he will be in Bakersfield attending a mediation meeting with Kern County regarding property tax agreement.

He will also be attending a High Speed Rail meeting in Bakersfield on Friday at 9am.

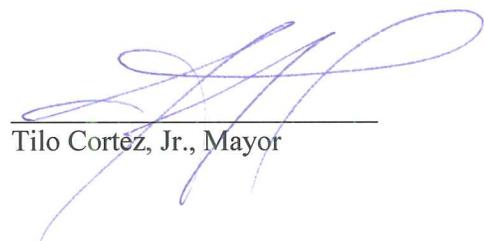
**15) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Member Martin reported that there is a lot of soliciting around town and would like staff to look into that.

**16) CLOSED SESSION: None**

**17) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:32p.m.**

  
Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
Tilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor