

**MINUTES**  
**City Council, Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency, and**  
**Wasco Public Finance Authority**  
**Tuesday, July 5, 2016 – 6:00p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280**

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wegman called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Wegman led the flag salute.

3) **INVOCATION:** Pastor Bill Lewis offered the Invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Wegman, Members: Cortez, Espitia, Hively and Reyna

Also Present: Attorney Mark Bateman, City Clerk Rodriguez, City Manager Paris, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Wren, and Sgt. Chandler.

Absent: City Attorney Schroeter

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

a) Presentation by CASA of Kern County Community Outreach Coordinator Nancy Garcia.

Nancy Garcia gave information on CASA and informed council that they need advocates. Mayor Wegman invited her to the Business Breakfast so that she can provide information to those attending.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Resident Bob Reeves reported that property owners with fruit trees and palm trees need to maintain them to avoid rodents, bugs and possible fire hazards.

Resident Joe Martinez brought up a few concerns he had. There are trash bins in the alleys with no or open lids, need to give PG&E a deadline to move the poles on Griffith Avenue, political signs should be picked up after the election and concerns with code enforcement. He also suggested that the council chambers need a maximum occupancy rating, there's a broken outlet, and there's no exit sign on the door.

Pastor Bill Lewis asked Council for a revision on Municipal Code Section 17.79.030.

**WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS:**

7) Receive and file department payments totaling \$7,594.00

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the WPFA department payments totaling \$7,594.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: 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 June 21, 2016 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.

b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$184,247.40

c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (CALPELRA).

d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (League of Cities).

e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A Change to the Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy Statement Reflecting New Per Diem Costs for Meal Expenses and Associated Gratuities.

f) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.

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

Resident Joe Martinez asked if item 8e was an increase or decrease. City Manager Paris replied that it was an increase on the meal expenses because they haven't been updated.

Member Reyna made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.

AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 9) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A Right of Way Contract between the City of Wasco and California High-Speed Rail Authority where California High-Speed Rail requests to acquire the City of Wasco Well Site #9 located at the southeast corner of G Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. (Paris)  
City Manager Paris gave report and informed Council the money would be used for a new well. He introduced Ms. Ava Jourdain, a right of way consultant for the High Speed Rail Authority.  
There was some discussion on the cost of the well and who would pay the increase if there was one, time constraints, if money would stay in escrow and who would pay for the piping if it goes east of the tracks. Ms. Jourdain indicated the money received by the City could be used in full to purchase property.  
Member Cortez made a motion to approve the contract subject to City Attorney and City Manager approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.  
AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

- 10) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WASCO AND ALBERT & ASSOCIATES, LLP TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL CITY AUDIT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016; AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE ENGAGEMENT. (Sanchez)  
Director Sanchez gave report.  
Member Reyna asked regarding the additional cost. Director Sanchez replied that it was due to GASB.  
Member Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.  
AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

- 11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REVIEW THE IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR WASCO MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO.1, WASCO LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS NO. 01-01, NO. 01-02, AND NO. 06-1 FOR TAX YEAR 2016-17 AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING. (Wren)  
Director Wren gave report.  
There was some discussion on increases and surplus.  
Member Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.  
AYES: Wegman, Cortez, Espitia, Hively, Reyna  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

- 12) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO RELATING TO HEALTH BENEFITS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. (Paris)  
City Manager Paris gave report and handed out information from other cities and the benefits they provide their elected officials.  
There was some discussion on why this was added back on the agenda.  
City Manager Paris explained that this is needed for city records. Need a clear understanding as to how to proceed since there is no ordinance or resolution in place regarding elected official benefits.  
Member Hively asked if the cell phone and internet stipend should be continued.  
Member Cortez asked to add to the resolution the elimination of cell phone, internet and \$300 monthly stipends.  
Member Espitia made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-2-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote.  
AYES: Wegman, Espitia, Hively  
NOES: Cortez, Reyna  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None  
City Manager informed Council that this would not take effect until the end of each Council Members term. He will write the ordinance and bring back on the July 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**13) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:**

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report.

Clerk Rodriguez informed Council that the nomination period is July 18<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>. The notice was published in this week's Tribune and at the next meeting the resolutions regarding holding the election and consolidating the election will placed on the agenda for approval.

**14) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Paris reported on the fireworks and informed Council that he would be in Bakersfield tomorrow in meetings.

**15) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**

Member Reyna reported graffiti on the alley between D and F Street, north of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. He asked how many citations were given for illegal fireworks and if the Sheriffs could patrol the parks because there are people sleeping at the parks.

Member Hivley asked the Sergeant to look into people riding bikes and see what the City of Shafter has in place. Member Cortez asked if the City could present a commendation to the Orange Heart Foundation and Downtown Business Association.

Member Espitia asked for an update on Buxton at the next Council meeting.

Member Espitia and Member Hively reported on the League Conference they attended in Monterrey.

Mayor Wegman adjourned to closed session at 7:04p.m.

Mayor Wegman reconvened from closed session at 7:34p.m.

**16) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a) Conference with real property negotiator (City Manager) regarding price and terms of payment for real property described as APN 030-081-01, 030-081-02, 072-240-04, 072-240-05, 072-240-06, and 072-240-07.

Attorney Mark Bateman reported no reportable action on item 16a.

**17) ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Wegman adjourned the meeting at 7:35p.m.

  
Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
Cherylee Wegman, Mayor