

MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, July 15, 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:** Mike White offered the invocation.
- 4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Member: Espitia, Martin, Wegman, West
Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Rodriguez, Interim City Manager Paris, Interim Finance Director Blazenski, Planning Director Mobley, and Sgt. Chandler

- 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 following minutes:
 - July 1, 2014 City Council Workshop meeting minutes.
 - July 1, 2014 Regular City Council, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency, and Wasco Public Finance Authority meeting minutes.
 - b) Approval of Bill Paying List total amount of \$178,837.58
 - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: An Agreement with Collins and Schoettler Consulting for a CDBG PTA grant funded Historic Downtown Wasco Overlay District Update.
 - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: An Agreement with PMC Consulting for a CDBG PTA grant funded Housing Element Update.
 - e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DESIGNATING THE POSITIONS IN THE CITY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWALS FROM THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND ACCOUNT.
 - f) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
 - g) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member West made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Mayor Cortez announced the vote was unanimous.

- 8) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DENYING THE APPEAL FILED FOR ZONE VARIANCE 14-02, AND UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION. (Mobley)

Mayor Cortez recused himself because he's done business in the past with the developer and would like to remain neutral. Mayor Cortez left the council chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Espitia opened the public hearing at 6:03p.m.
Director Mobley gave the staff report. Evergreen Communities was informed that the four off-site signs placed without City approval are not allowed by our Sign Ordinance and must be removed.

There was some discussion on the signs that are and are not permitted per the city ordinance.

Mr. Ken Topper, representing Evergreen Communities, was present and asked council for reconsideration of denial. He informed council that the property owners where the signs are have agreed to permit them, they have an agreement with Evergreen Communities and property owners have been compensated.

Mayor Pro Tem Espitia closed the public hearing at 6:44p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Espitia would like to uphold the Planning Commission decision and take back to staff and sign ordinance committee.

Member West made a motion to continue the public hearing to September 2nd and refer to staff to meet with sign ordinance committee, review other cities ordinances and come back with a recommendation, 2nd by Member Martin. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. (Mayor Cortez absent). Mayor Pro Tem Espitia announced the vote.

Mayor Cortez returned to the council chambers.

9) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval, RE:

- a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15.
- b) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 01-01 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15.
- c) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 01-02 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15.
- d) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 06-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15. (Paris)

Mayor Cortez opened the public hearing at 7:00p.m.

Interim City Manager gave report.

Mayor Cortez closed the public hearing at 7:05p.m.

Without any further discussion, Member Martin made a motion to approve the four resolutions, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Mayor Cortez announced the vote was unanimous.

10) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Recommendations and Actions to Improve Finances of the City by the Finance Department. (Blazenski)

Interim Director Blazenski reported that the city prepaid its employer share of PERS for the entire fiscal year and by doing so the city is saving approximately \$21,000. Finance would like to pay utilities and city credit cards when the bill is received to avoid late charges, since the payments are due before the city council meets. These charges are justified and have been incurred by the city and properly budgeted.

Member West appreciates the suggestions and approves recommendations.

Member Martin made a motion to approve the recommendations, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Mayor Cortez announced the vote was unanimous.

11) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WASCO URBAN GREENING PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN AND THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT A. (Mobley)

Director Mobley gave report. He introduced consultants Mark and Ron. The consultants discussed and went over the power point regarding the urban greening parks and open space master plan.

Member Wegman made a motion to approve the resolution and the master plan, 2nd by Member Espitia. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. Mayor Cortez announced the vote was unanimous.

12) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Clerk Rodriguez announced that the nomination period opened on July 14th and ends August 8th.

Sgt. Chandler reported that the traffic on July 3rd at Westside Park was bad and next year would like to have a plan to help with traffic control. This year he worked July 4th and there were a lot of aerial fireworks throughout the city, he would like to get more patrol for that day.

Director Mobley reported that the Housing Element and Historic Downtown Overlay project is moving forward.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

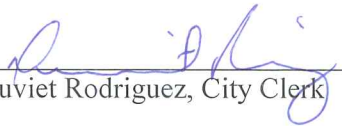
Interim City Manager Paris reported that he is looking into replacing comcate. He also reported that they have replaced the GIS system in the vehicles for better monitoring.

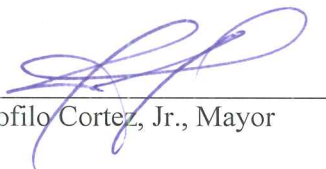
14) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Member Martin reported that a sign was down at J Street.

15) CLOSED SESSION: None

16) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cortez adjourned to the Special Meeting Closed Session at 8:14p.m.


Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk


Teofilo Cortez, Jr., Mayor