

**MINUTES**  
**City Council and Successor Agency to the**  
**Former Redevelopment Agency**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 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 6:00p.m.
- 2) **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Espitia led the flag salute.
- 3) **INVOCATION:** Danny Scott with Free Will Baptist Church offered the invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Member Hively

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

5) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

6) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Bob Reeves addressed council regarding palm trees not being kept up by residents, which leads to a rat problem, and would like the alleys and vacant homes yards cleaned up.

**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 July 7, 2015 Regular City Council, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency and Wasco Public Finance Authority Minutes.
  - b) Receive and file department payments totaling \$676,796.13
  - c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (ACCAPS).
  - d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per trip (ICSC and League of California Cities)
  - e) 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 GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FOR THE CYCLE 7 HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.
  - f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY IN THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (CMFA) PACE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CMFA TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS.
  - g) Report and Possible Approval, RE: 3rd Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement for a 2 Acre Former Redevelopment Agency Owned Industrial Lot on North F Street, APN 487-250-27, subject to City Manager and City Attorney finalization of purchase agreement terms.
  - h) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.
  - i) Approve the Reading of All Ordinances by Title Only and Approve Publication of All Ordinances.

Member Wegman made a motion to approve the consent calendar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

- 8) Report, Discussion, and Possible Direction, RE: Drought conditions and its effect on trees within City owned parks and other properties. (Paris)  
City Manager Paris gave report.  
District Manager Hight was present and addressed council.

There were suggestions on how to water and keep trees from dying, due to the water issue. When using city water to water parks, the district should follow the watering schedule. The city can't ask the district to comply with the water schedule when using SWID water.

- 9) Report and Possible Direction, RE: A Solar Power Panel Presentation by Siemens to demonstrate potential electric cost savings by the City of Wasco. (Sanchez)  
City Manager Paris gave report and introduced Ernest Kim and Sirisha Nerella with Siemens. Mr. Kim did a presentation and answered council's questions. There was discussion on leasing vs purchasing, life expectancy, and grants available.  
City Manager Paris asked council to allow staff to continue the evaluation and bring back at a future meeting.
  
- 10) Report, Public Hearing, and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING SECTIONS 13.22.050 OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE. (Paris)  
Mayor Espitia opened the public hearing at 6:56pm  
City Manager Paris gave report.  
Mayor Espitia closed the public hearing at 6:57pm  
Without any discussion Member Reyna made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:  
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hively
  
- 11) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 143 AND 633 AND WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 8.12.1301, 8.12.1302, AND 13.08.030 RELATING TO SOLID WASTE AND WATER SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS. (Paris)  
Mayor Espitia opened the public hearing at 6:58pm  
City Manager Paris gave report.  
Mayor Espitia closed the public hearing at 6:59pm  
Without any discussion Member Cortez made a motion to adopt the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:  
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hively
  
- 12) Report, Public Hearing, and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO SUMMARILY VACATING ROAD EASEMENTS FOR PORTIONS OF VALLEY ROSE PARKWAY AND AUGUSTA MANOR DRIVE. (Mobley)  
Mayor Espitia opened the public hearing at 7:00pm  
Director Mobley gave report.  
Mayor Espitia closed the public hearing at 7:05pm  
Without any discussion Member Cortez made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:  
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hively
  
- 13) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO MODIFYING AND RE-ADOPTING THE CITY OF WASCO INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY. (Paris)  
City Manager gave report.  
Without any discussion Member Cortez made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:  
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hively
  
- 14) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING A TRANSFER OF \$10,000,000 FROM THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF) ACCOUNT INTO INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS WHICH ARE FEDERALLY INSURED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INTEREST INCOME ANNUALLY. (Sanchez)  
Director Sanchez gave report.  
There was some discussion regarding penalties for early withdrawal. Director Sanchez explained there would be loss to the interest but not the principal.  
Without any further discussion Member Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:  
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Hively

**15) Report and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance, RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 255 AND 273 AND CHAPTER 9.12 OF THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR SITUATIONS WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE CONSUMED IN CITY FACILITIES. (Paris)**

City Manager Paris gave report.

City Attorney informed council that the prior ordinance had no specific definition of non-profit within the ordinance.

There was some discussion on the liability. Anyone wanting to have alcoholic beverages would have to apply for a permit and it would be up to the city to approve it or not.

Without any further discussion Member Cortez made a motion to introduce the ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Wegman. All in favor motion carried 4-0-0-1. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hively

**16) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:**

Clerk Rodriguez reminded council of the CalPERS Retirement Seminar.

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report

Director Mobley informed council that staff working on a city beautification project.

Director Wren reported on two projects beginning this week.

**17) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Paris reported that the new odd/even watering schedule is helping the well pressure and residents are following the new schedule.

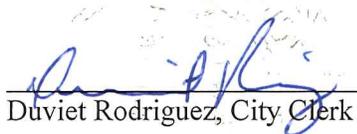
**18) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**

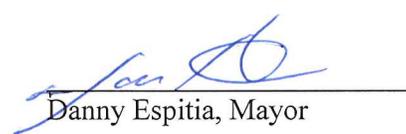
Member Cortez informed council about a presentation in September by the Wonderful Company and they will also be at the park this Thursday.

Member Wegman reported on the damages happening around town, clock tower and light poles.

**19) CLOSED SESSION: None**

**20) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:50p.m.**

  
Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

  
Danny Espitia, Mayor