MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, June 2, 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:** Mayor Espitia asked for a moment of silence.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez, Hively and Wegman
Mayor Espitia announced one vacant council seat.
Also Present: City Attorney Schroeter, City Manager Paris, Finance Director Sanchez, Planning Director Mobley, Public Works Director Wren, and Sgt. Chandler

5) Interview of Applicants to Fill Vacancy on City Council and Selection of Applicant to Fill the Vacancy.
The following applicants were interviewed for the vacant seat on the City Council; Socorro Martinez, John Pallares, Larry Jennings, Alex Garcia, Gliberto Reyna, and Elizabeth Tapia.

After some discussion Member Cortez made a motion to allow only two members of the audience, for each applicant, to make comments. There was no second, motion failed 1-3-0-0.

AYES: Cortez
NOES: Espitia, Hively, Wegman
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Member Cortez made a motion to nominate Elizabeth Tapia for the vacant seat. There was no second, motion failed 1-3-0-0.

AYES: Cortez
NOES: Espitia, Hively, Wegman
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Member Cortez made a motion to nominate Larry Jennings for the vacant seat, 2nd by Member Hively. Motion failed 2-2-0-0.

AYES: Cortez, Hively
NOES: Espitia, Wegman
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Member Wegman made a motion to nominate Gilberto Reyna, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-1-0-0.

AYES: Espitia, Hively, Wegman
NOES: Cortez
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mayor Espitia requested a recess at 7:45p.m.
Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 7:50p.m.

6) Administration of the Oath of Office to City Council Member. (City Clerk)
City Clerk Rodriguez administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Council Member Gilberto Reyna.

7) **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** None

8) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
Resident John Martin asked if the center divider on J Street could be cleaned up, it has too many weeds. He also thanked City Council Members and staff for their help while he served on the Council.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

9) **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 May 19, 2015 Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Minutes.

b) Receive and file department payments totaling $1,188,081.84

c) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Purchase of two (2) 14-passenger Dial-A-Ride transit buses with wheelchair lifts and space for two wheelchairs.

d) 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, 2015; AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE ENGAGEMENT.

e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING THE FULL COST ALLOCATION PLAN AND OMB CIRCULAR A-87 COST ALLOCATION PLAN BASED UPON JUNE 30, 2014 EXPENDITURES.

f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SPECIAL TAX AREA ZONE 2005-1 WITHIN THE WASCO SPECIAL POLICE TAX AREA SUBDIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16.

g) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SPECIAL TAX AREA ZONE 2006-1 WITHIN THE WASCO SPECIAL POLICE TAX AREA SUBDIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16.

h) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SPECIAL TAX AREA ZONE 2006-2 WITHIN THE WASCO SPECIAL POLICE TAX AREA SUBDIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16.

i) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SPECIAL TAX AREA ZONE 2006-3 WITHIN THE WASCO SPECIAL POLICE TAX AREA SUBDIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16.

j) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SEWER LIFT STATION DISTRICT 2008-01 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.

k) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE CARD FOR REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR THE 13-CDBG-8963 GRANT.

l) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Acceptance of the Notice of Completion for the Barker Park Restroom Project and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

m) Report and Possible Approval, RE: 2nd 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.

n) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.

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

Resident John Martin asked to pull items 9c, 9e, and 9m for further discussion.

Member Hively asked to pull item 9d, his wife works for Albert and Associates. After some discussion, City Manager Paris asked to pull item 9d and bring back to the next council meeting so that City Attorney Schroeter can do some research on a possible conflict.

Member Wegman made a motion to pull item 9d and bring back to the next council meeting so that City Attorney Schroeter can do some research, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-1-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Reyna
ABSENT: None

Member Reyna abstained due to just being appointed and not having time to review the agenda packet.

Resident John Martin asked staff, regarding item 9c, if it was budgeted to purchase 2 transit buses. Director Wren informed Mr. Martin that the 2 transit buses were going to be purchased through a PTMSIA Grant the city received.

Resident John Martin asked staff for more clarification on item 9e. Director Sanchez explained and gave more information on the item.

Resident John Martin asked staff which property was being discussed in item 9m. City Manager Paris explained.

Without any further discussion, Member Wegman made a motion to approve items 9c, 9e, and 9m, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 4-0-1-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Reyna
ABSENT: None

Member Reyna abstained due to just being appointed and not having time to review the agenda packet.

10) Report and Possible Direction, RE: Utility Billing Issues and Possible Methodologies to Correct Failures to Remunerate Issues. (Paris)

City Manager Paris gave report and discussed four options.

Resident Joe Gonzalez would like option four implemented and raise the deposit for utilities. All utility services to be billed to user of services.

Resident John Martin would like the deposit for utilities increased and the user should be responsible for payment.

Council directed staff to implement option four. City Manager Paris informed council that this item will be placed on the next City Council Meeting.

11) REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report and informed council about the bike rodeo on June 16th.
Director Sanchez thanked council for the budget changes.
Director Wren informed council about a park grant they received for lights and exercise equipment at Westside Park.

12) REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Paris gave a report on the recent ICSC Conference that was attended by Director Mobley, Member Cortez and himself.

13) REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Member Cortez congratulated Member Reyna for his appointment and reported on his attendance at the ICSC Conference.
Member Wegman reported that she has the same concerns the applicants stated during their interviews.
Member Hively asked staff to look into the issue of people using spice and bath salts, Manager Paris informed council that he was looking into an ordinance from other cities. Member Hively would like to see more enforcement at the parks. He also mentioned that the selling of fruits on Kimberlina is creating traffic hazards. He would also like to see Code Enforcement work weekends.
Member Reyna would also like to see more enforcement at the parks. He thanked everyone on allowing him to serve on the council.
Member Cortez left at 8:43p.m.
Mayor Espitia thanked staff for attending the ICSC Conference and for all their help.

Mayor Espitia adjourned to closed session at 8:46p.m.
Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

14) CLOSED SESSION:

a) Approval of Closed Session minutes held on May 5, 2015

Attorney Schroeter reported that Mayor Espitia made a motion to approve the May 5th Closed Session Minutes, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 3-0-1-1.

AYES: Espitia, Hively, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Reyna
ABSENT: Cortez

15) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 8:49p.m.

Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

Danny Espitia, Mayor