MINUTES
City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency
Tuesday, June 16, 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:** Johnny Martinez with Westside Fellowship offered the invocation.

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Espitia, Members: Cortez, Hively, Reyna and Wegman
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:** None

City Attorney Schroeter asked to add a closed session item that he was made aware of right before the meeting. Member Cortez made a motion to add a closed session item regarding the Kern County Superintendent of Schools filing a petition, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: 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 June 2, 2015 Budget Workshop and Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Minutes.

b) Receive and file department payments totaling $260,450.81

c) 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 FROM THE COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES.

d) Report and Possible Approval, RE: An agreement with White Wolf Land Service, Inc., to identify mineral owners, operators, and land rights underlying City property identified as Assessor Parcel Nos. 487-250-17 and 487-250-28, and to negotiate surface waivers regarding same.

e) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Planning Director Employment Agreement.

f) Report and Possible Approval, RE: Travel Expenses Exceeding $500.00 per trip.

g) Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence.

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

Member Wegman asked to pull item 7e for further discussion.

Member Cortez made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent calendar, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

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

Item 7e: Member Wegman asked staff to not add employment contracts to the consent calendar. Without any further discussion, Member Wegman made a motion to approve item 7e, 2nd by Member Hively. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

8) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016. (Sanchez)
Director Sanchez gave report.
Member Cortez asked if the Fire Marshall cost for fireworks could be included in the contract. Member Cortez thanks Director Sanchez for the new budget format.
Member Hively made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Member Reyna. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9) Report and Possible Approval, RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS BY THE CITY MANAGER. (Paris)
City Manager Paris gave report.
Member Reyna asked if the out of pocket cost will exceed $10,000. City Manager Paris informed council that they do not expect for cost to exceed $10,000.
Member Reyna asked if approve as to form by City Attorney language could be added. Without any further discussion Member Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution and add the clause Subject to City Attorney Approval, 2nd by Member Cortez. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0-0. City Clerk Rodriguez announced the vote:
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10) **REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:**
Sgt. Chandler gave an activity report. He also reported on the bike rodeo, DUI training, bike patrol training and Deputy Vasquez bought a bike for a student at the bike rodeo.
Fire Chief gave an activity report.
Director Mobley reported on the bike rodeo, water restrictions on new development and the housing element final draft will be presented at the next council meeting for approval.
Mayor Espitia asked staff about the schools watering schedule. City Manager Paris informed council that the city has no authorization to have schools adopt our watering schedule.
Director Sanchez reported that he hopes to give quarterly Finance Department updates.
Director Wren informed council that there are Well issues, in case they hear from residents regarding the water pressure.
Member Reyna asked staff if there has been a decrease on the water use with the new schedule. Director Wren reported that there has been a decrease. Member Reyna asked staff to inform residents of the decrease so that it will encourage them.

11) **REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**
City Manager Paris informed council that staff is working on the MuniCode, renters deposits and water rate structure.

12) **REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**
Member Cortez suggested that staff should reduce the front yard setbacks to help with water.
Member Reyna reported that there is a new vendor on Kimberlina and the trashcan on the south of Westside Park has graffiti.
Member Hively thanked Director Sanchez for his work on the budget. He also asked that the front yard policy should be reviewed for updates.
Mayor Espitia thanked Director Sanchez for his work on the budget.

Mayor Espitia adjourned to closed session at 6:49p.m.
Mayor Espitia reconvened the meeting at 7:28p.m.

13) **CLOSED SESSION:**
Attorney Schroeter reported that there was no reportable action, on the item added at the beginning of the meeting regarding the Kern County Superintendent of Schools filing a petition.

14) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Espitia adjourned the meeting at 7:28p.m.

Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

Danny Espitia, Mayor